

# Thank You!

Fr Regi, Fr Prem, Lisa, Catherine and the Parish Pastoral Council members would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful New Year and to thank all volunteers who have been involved in our many and varied ministry groups at St Mary MacKillop for their commitment and dedication over the year.

We look forward to your continued support in 2026.

A special thank you to the Parishioners who contribute to the finances of our Parish, your generosity is appreciated.

**Wishing you all of God's blessings for the coming year.**



## Summer Holiday Program For Primary Aged Children

Join us at one of 5 locations on the summer school holidays for 'Catch the Wave' a day of fun, faith and friends.

From Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan

Hosted at Birkdale, Redcliffe, Sunnybank, Petrie and Surfers Paradise.



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[WWW.ENCOUNTERCATHOLICKIDS.COM.AU/SUMMER-HOLIDAY-PROGRAM](http://WWW.ENCOUNTERCATHOLICKIDS.COM.AU/SUMMER-HOLIDAY-PROGRAM)



We are now taking reservations for niches or memorial plaques in our Columbarium. Please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 if you have any enquiries or to arrange a suitable time to discuss your requirements.

### Support Your Parish

Thank you so much to all who support our Parish financially. Our planned giving bank account details for Electronic Funds Transfer deposits are:

**BSB: 064 786 Account No: 1000 17027**

**Account Name: Birkdale Parish Planned Giving**

*(this account number is NOT for over the counter deposits at the Bank).*

Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number.



The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.



## St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish Birkdale

*"Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish is called to be a community of faith, hope and love centred on Christ, seeking to recognise the relevance of God in our lives, to live our Christian faith in a way that demonstrates and communicates the relevance of God in our lives, our Parish and the wider community"*

### Our Priests

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(Associate Parish Priest)  
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### Parish Office

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**Office Hours**  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:  
9am to 2pm  
Lisa Knight (Parish Secretary, WH&S  
and Safeguarding officer)  
Catherine Robinson (Pastoral Ministry  
Co-Ordinator)  
**Parish Finance Council**  
John Devine (Chair.)  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
Chris Mahoney (Chair)  
Therese Evans, Cathy McGrath, Kirsteen  
Devine, Rachael Chiang

### Education

**St Mary MacKillop Primary School**  
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[catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au](http://catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au)

### Welfare groups

**St Vincent De Paul Society**  
1800 846 643. Meets every  
second Tuesday at 7:00pm.  
**Next Meeting : 6th January**

### STOpline

To report 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy  
Phone: 1300 30 45 50 or email to:  
[bnecatholic.stoplينerreport.com](mailto:bnecatholic.stoplينerreport.com)

28th December 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

Like all godly Jewish parents, Joseph and Mary raised the child Jesus in the reverence and wisdom of the Lord. Joseph was given a unique task as the guardian and protector of Mary and of Jesus. What can we learn from the example and witness of Joseph? Joseph is a man of God, a man of unquestioning obedience and willing service. He is a man of prayer and a man of God's word. Through faith he recognized the hand of God in the mystery of the Incarnation - the Son of God taking on flesh as the son of the virgin Mary.



Joseph is a man of action, diligent in the care of his family and ready to do the Lord's bidding. Joseph fearlessly set aside his own plans when God called him to "take to the road" and to leave his familiar surroundings - his home, friends and relatives, and the security of his livelihood in order to pursue a hidden mission God entrusted to him as the guardian of the newborn King.

God has a plan for each one of us. With the plan God gives grace and the assurance of his guiding hand and care. Do you trust your heavenly Father for his plan for your life? Are you willing to sacrifice your own plans for the sake of God's plan? Are you willing to give God unquestioning service and to pursue whatever mission he gives you?

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**Thank you for being part our Parish family.**

**Let us continue our journey together, with Christ.**

**May your hearts be filled with joy, your homes with laughter, and the coming year bring you success, health and happiness.**

**Happy New Year!**



MASS TIMES			29th December 2025 - 4th January 2026		
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA			
TUESDAY	6:00PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE			
WEDNESDAY	5:00PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS			
THURSDAY	9:00AM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS			
FRIDAY	9:30AM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE (Anointing Mass on 2nd Friday of each month)			
SATURDAY	4.30 PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS			
	6.15 PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE			
SUNDAY	7.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA			
	8.00 AM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE			
	9.00 AM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS			

The Sacrament of Reconciliation	Eucharistic Adoration	Anointing Mass
<b>MONDAY</b> 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba <b>TUESDAY</b> 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale <b>SATURDAY</b> 4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills. OR by appointment (phone 3822 2139 or 3820 0100)	<i>First Friday of the Month,            (10.00 am to 11.00 am) at            St Mary Mackillop Church,            BIRKDALE.</i> <b>NEXT ADORATION:            FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY</b>	Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on <b>Friday 9th January</b>

We remember and pray	We pray for the sick
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**For recently died:** Lew Harris, Evelyn Mawn, Gerard Gilhooley, Mike Quilty, Ron Watson, Kaylene White.

**Anniversaries for Remembrances December:** Joanna Versluis, Les and Ruby Richards, Alberto & Vittorio Poloniato, John Jorna Snr, Antonio Cailotto, Amalia Bandiera, John Williams, Madeline Gauci, Eve Buckmaster, Peter Moores, Carmen Jagga, Hans Adam, Fayline Fraser, Alma Prove, Mary Boyle, Josefina Wilcox, Rita Fantov, Michael Newman, Maria Bosso, Mark Ciavarella, Ron Tamatea, Meg Griffiths, Mal Carlson, Luigi Santarossa, Arnold Splatt, Arthur McCarthy, Ray Murphy, David Kearney, Sr Dot Newberry, Jack and Mary Ward, Graeme & Sonia Giles, David Boyd, Irene Kearney, Llewellyn Mills, Clare Rubach, Ivan Randall, Jordan Smith, Vladga Smith, Franco Peressini, Dorothy McInroy, Annie Neale, Fr Tom Boland, Departed members of Kakucska Family.

Gilbert Briscoe, Lena Bandiera, Antoinette Lucy Lo Presti, Jack Maitland, Christine Dickinson, Tina Ryan, Steve Knight, Frank Thompson, Terence Walsh, Peter Murphy, John Tucker, Dawn Montgomery, Cody-Lea Knight, Gwen and John Dillon, Raymond Davis, Ned Robinson, Ava Voorn, Finn Voorn, Heather Voigt, Maureen Phillips, Terry Coles, Rosita Ganac, Liana Lo Presti, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Clara Elms, Henk Hoonhout, Paul McKean, Kevin Harrop, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, Bade Family, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Page Brosnan, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee., Paulina Pitts.

Roster 3rd & 4th January	Scripture Readings
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Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	John E	Melissa R
Second Reading	Therese E	Margaret M
Welcome & POF	Suzanne G	Amal R
Communion	Barb M, Tom M,	Christine M,
Ministers	Vern D	Elaine H, Maria S
Music	Group 1	Volunteer needed
PowerPoint	Jed T	Chris M
Counting	-----	Group 1

**This Sunday.**  
**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
 Psalm: Ps 127:1-5  
 Second Reading: Col 3:12-21  
 Gospel: Matt 2:13-15, 19-23  
**Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 First Reading: Isa 60:1-6  
 Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8,10-13  
 Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6  
 Gospel: Matt 2:1-12

### Parish Diary

**Monday 30th December**  
 1:00pm Rosary Group  
**Wednesday 31st December**  
 10:00am Rosary  
**Friday 2nd January**  
 10:00am Eucharistic Adoration

### Feast Days for this week

**Mon 29 Dec:** Thomas Becket - Bishop/Martyr;  
**Wed 31st Dec:** Sylvester I - Pope;  
**Thu 1st Jan:** Mary the Holy Mother of God;  
**Sat 3rd Jan:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus;  
**Sun 4th Jan:** Epiphany of the Lord

### Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed for our Christmas break from **Tuesday 23rd December 2025** and will reopen on **Monday 5th January 2026**

**If you need a Priest in the event of an emergency please phone 3822 2139 and choose Option 3.**

### Happy New Year!

**New Years Eve Wednesday 31st December 2025**  
 5:00pm St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills

**New Years Day Thursday 1st January 2026**  
 9:00am St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills

### Ordination Anniversary

*We thank God for the gift of priests. We wish all the blessings to those who celebrate their Ordination anniversary in the month of December, especially Fr Regi Gervasis and Fr Prem Rethnamony.*



### Special Thanks

**THANK YOU!** A special thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so meaningful and special. Our Parish is very blessed to have such wonderful people who give of their time and talents.

### Anointing Mass

Anointing Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 9th January**

All are welcome to give support to the sick, elderly and housebound of the parish. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea following the Mass.

### Congratulations!!!



We extend our congratulations to Lucas Wilson and all the children who were baptised in our parish in the month of December. We welcome them to the parish family. Let us appreciate their parents for sharing the flame of faith with their children.

### Hospitality Volunteers

**HELP NEEDED**

If you would like to join our small group of volunteers who prepare & serve refreshments after Mass on the first weekend of the month, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 or Mary on 0404 460 251. Your commitment may be only 2 or 3 times a year.

**Mass Intentions** Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church. Please PRINT the NAME and DATE.

**Are you New to the Parish? ..... WELCOME!!**

You can register your family details at <https://stmarymackillop.flocknote.com/register> or by phone 3822 2139 or email birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au

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Tick this box to receive information about our Planned Giving Programme

(Place this completed form in the collection plate)

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