

Rosies is coming to the Redlands!

In 2026, **Rosies - Friends on the Street** is launching a new branch in the Redlands. Thanks to Sheldon College, Rosies will now have a base in the Redlands, which will enable us to extend our mission of friendship and community into this beautiful part of Brisbane. We hope to begin outreaching from February 2026, every Tuesday night from 7-9pm outside the Cleveland Magistrates' Court in Middle St, Cleveland.



For more information about Rosies and our mission head to www.rosies.org.au If you are interesting in joining Rosies as a volunteer in the Redlands, feel free to put in an application online at <https://bit.ly/4aDHZLY> More information will come around the official launch, our first outreach and potential growth into other parts of the Redlands. Thank you for your support!

Mass Intentions

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

Ladies Group—Alexandra Hills

LADIES' GROUP INVITES YOU TO A Bring and Share Parish Luncheon

in the Parish Hall at St. Anthony's



Wednesday,
28th January, 2026
12.00 noon

Join us for lunch and a chat
Catch up with friends and meet new ones
Try your luck with our raffle
Please bring a plate to share
EVERYONE (including children) **WELCOME**

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION & PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

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. This means that every one in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane Code of Ethical Behaviour for employees and volunteers who work in service of the Church as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State.



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.



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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

Fr Regimon Gervasis Mcbs
(Parish Priest)
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Fr Prem Rethnamony
(Associate Parish Priest)
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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

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Welfare groups

St Vincent De Paul Society
1800 846 643. Meets every
second Tuesday at 7:00pm.
Next Meeting : 20th January

STOpline

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

11th January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

Why did Jesus, the Sinless One, submit himself to John's baptism at the River Jordan? John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). In this humble submission of Jesus we see a foreshadowing of the "baptism" of his bloody death upon the cross. Jesus' baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of his mission as God's suffering Servant (Isaiah 42:1-4). He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners. Jesus submitted himself entirely to his Father's will. Out of love he consented to this baptism of death for the remission of our sins. Do you know the joy of trust and submission to God?



The Father proclaimed his entire delight in his Son and spoke audibly for all to hear. The Holy Spirit, too, was present as he anointed Jesus for his ministry which began that day as he rose from the waters of the Jordan river. Jesus will be the source of the Spirit for all who come to believe in him. At his baptism the heavens were opened and the waters were sanctified by the descent of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, signifying the beginning of a new creation.

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus (329-389 AD), an early church father tells us: "Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him."

Do you want to see your life transformed in the likeness of Christ? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well.

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to renew and refashion us in his likeness through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit - and he anoints us for mission as ambassadors of his kingdom of righteousness (moral goodness), peace, and joy (Romans 14:17). We are called to be the "light" and salt" of his kingdom that radiate the beauty and aroma of his mercy and goodness to those around us (Matthew 5:13,15-16). The Lord Jesus wants his love and truth to shine through us that many others may find new life, freedom, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

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MASS TIMES 12th—18th 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		NO MASS
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

<i>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	<i>Anointing Mass</i>
MONDAY 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba TUESDAY 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale SATURDAY 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> NEXT ADORATION: FRIDAY 6th February	Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on Friday 13th February

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
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For recently died: Steve Knight, Joan Thorpe, Lew Harris, Evelyn Mawn, Gerard Gilhooley, Mike Quilty.

Anniversaries for Remembrances January: Ray Tiernan, Lionel Browning, Nancy Greco, Alberto Bandiera, Joan Bevan, Pastor Calunod Obligado, Tom Curran, Philip Pitts, Alaister Pitts, Nicola Pasqualini, Serena Ragagnin, William Peterson, Brian Cannon, Stefanie Boyd, Melinda Simo-Swer, Tina Toomey, Katerina Grudina, Maree Kearney, Margaret Campbell, Reina Irmer, Ellen Martin, Else Peters, David Stark, William Maclean, Harry Copas, John Harrison, Br Pat Doolin, Barry Logan, Bette Risson, Garth Brown, Nancy Greco, Frank Shearif, Lionel Browning, John Pearce, Aleida Wishey, Mario Vitali, Charles Brown, Josepha Malaniuk, Liam Maher, John Boon, Doris McInroth, Baby Samuel, Fre Caterina, Margaret Duncan, Ray Stephenson, Theresa & Laurence Gormley, Irene Harrison, Peter Knights, John Bergin, Gianna Santarossa, Winnie D'Souza, Frances Nell, Billie Riley, Jenni McPhee, John Gormley, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee.

Maria Schembri, Gilbert Briscoe, Lena Bandiera, Antoinette Lucy Lo Presti, Jack Maitland, Christine Dickinson, Tina Ryan, 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, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, Bade Family, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Page Brosnan, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee., Paulina Pitts.

<i>Roster 17th & 18th January</i>			<i>Scripture Readings</i>
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Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Vern D	Brian H
Second Reading	Tanina D	Tony M
Welcome & POF	Roisin B	Margaret M
Communion Ministers	Barb M, John E, Therese E	Elaine H, Volunteer, Christine M,
Music	Group 1	Group 2
PowerPoint	Alan B	Clinton T
Counting	-----	Group 3

This Sunday, The Baptism of the Lord
 First Reading: Isa 42:1-4, 6-7
 Psalm: Ps 28:1-4, 9-10
 Second Reading: Acts 10:24-38
 Gospel: Matt 3:13-17
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
 First Reading: Isa 49:3, 5-6
 Psalm: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-13
 Gospel: John 1:29-34

Parish Diary

Monday 12th January
 1:00pm Rosary Group
 2:00pm Activities Group
 7:00pm Baptism Preparation Session

Wednesday 14th January
 9:00am **Encounter Kids Day**
 10:00am Rosary

Friday 16th January
 9:00am Rosary
 10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers

Feast Days for this week

Tue 13 Jan: St Hilary - Bishop/Dr of the Church;
Thu 15 Jan: St Ita (Ire.);
Sat 17 Jan: St Anthony - Abbot

Weekday Masses

There will be no THURSDAY MASSES at St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills on **8TH, 15TH, 22ND and 29TH JANUARY.**

Masses will recommence on 5th February.



2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY of each month during the 8:00am Mass.
Sessions for January
SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY AND SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY

Volunteering 2026

Dear volunteers

Thank you for your continued support to our Parish. It's time to check your Volunteer information is correct and make sure you are up to date with Compliance and training. Please visit our Volunteer website to ensure all your information is correct and complete any required training as some new modules have been added.

If you need any assistance, please contact the Parish Office and our friendly staff will be happy to assist you:-
<https://welcome.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

COMING TO ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY!!

BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 12TH JANUARY



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 14th to Thursday 22nd Jan
 Hosted at Birkdale, Redcliffe, Sunnybank, Petrie and Surfers Paradise.

WWW.ENCOUNTERCATHOLICKIDS.COM.AU/SUMMER-HOLIDAY-PROGRAM



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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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