



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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Parish Office

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
9am to 2pm
Lisa Knight (Parish Secretary, WH&S
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Catherine Robinson (Pastoral Ministry
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John Devine (Chair,)
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Chris Mahoney (Chair)
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Education

St Mary MacKillop Primary School
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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:
bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

18th January 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,



John calls Jesus the Lamb of God and thus signifies Jesus' mission as the One who redeems us from our sins. The blood of the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12) delivered the Israelites in Egypt from slavery and death. The Lord Jesus freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7). The blood which he poured out for us on the cross cleanses, heals, and frees us from our slavery to sin, and from the "wages of sin which is death" (Romans 6:23) and the "destruction of both body and soul in hell" (Matthew 10:28). It is significant that John was the son of Zachariah, a priest of Israel who participated in the daily sacrifice of a lamb in the temple for the sins of the people (Exodus 29). John recognised that Jesus was the perfect unblemished lamb offered by the Father in heaven as the one and only sacrifice that could cancel the debt of sin, and free us from death and the destruction of body and soul in hell.

When John says he did not know Jesus (John 1:31,33) he was referring to the hidden reality of Jesus' divinity. But the Holy Spirit in that hour revealed to John Jesus' true nature, such that John bore witness that this is the Son of God. How can we be certain that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God? The Holy Spirit makes the Lord Jesus Christ known to us through the gift of faith. God gives us his Spirit as our helper and guide who opens our hearts and minds to receive and comprehend the great mystery and plan of God - to unite all things in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

Do you want to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his Holy Spirit upon you to deepen your faith, hope, and love for God and for the plan he has for your life.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things.

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| MASS TIMES | | | 19th—25th January 2026 | | |
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| 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> |
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| 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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| <p>For recently died: Steve Knight, Joan Thorpe, Lew Harris, Evelyn Mawn, Gerard Gilhooley, Mike Quilty.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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| <i>Roster 24th & 25th January</i> | <i>Scripture Readings</i> |
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| Readers | 6:15pm | 8:00am | This 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 Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time First Reading: Isa 8:23-9:3 Psalm: Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Gospel: Matthew 4:12 - 23 |
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| First Reading | Martin M | Tim F | |
| Second Reading | Christine M | Volunteer | |
| Welcome & POF | Mary S | Louise W | |
| Communion Ministers | Elaine R, Gemma C, Catherine R | April M, Matty M, Michael K | |
| Music | Group 3 | Volunteer | |
| PowerPoint | Emma M | Clinton T | |
| Counting | ----- | Group 4 | |

| <i>Parish Diary</i> | |
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| <u>Monday 19th January</u> | |
| 1:00pm | Rosary Group |
| 2:00pm | Activities Group |
| <u>Tuesday 20th January</u> | |
| 7:00pm | St Vincent de Paul Meeting |
| <u>Wednesday 21st January</u> | |
| 10:00am | Rosary |
| <u>Friday 22nd January</u> | |
| 9:00am | Rosary |
| 10:00am | Divine Mercy Prayers |

Feast Days for this week

Tue 20 Jan: Fabian (Pope/Martyr), Sebastian Martyr;
Wed 21 Jan: Agnes - Martyr;
Sat 24 Jan: Francis de Sales - Bishop/Dr of the Church;
Sun 25 Jan: Conversion of Paul the Apostle.

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.

Prins Willem Dutch Village

Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at the Prins Willem Dutch Village for their residents on Thursday 29th January at 10:30am. All residents are welcome.



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

✿ Volunteers Needed – Children's Liturgy Ministry ✿

Do you enjoy welcoming children and helping them grow in their love of Mass? Our parish is excited to introduce the **Children's Liturgy Ministry**, and we're looking for friendly volunteers to be part of this meaningful new ministry. Children's Liturgy is held during **Sunday Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month**. During this time, children take part in their own age-appropriate liturgy where they pray together, hear and reflect on the Gospel, share discussion, and complete a simple colouring activity. This ministry is **not babysitting** and **not a catechesis class**. It is a beautiful opportunity to help children experience the Liturgy in a way they can understand, engage with, and look forward to—helping them grow in faith and in their love of coming to Mass. We are seeking **warm, welcoming volunteers** who can assist **once a month**. **Full training is provided**, and support is always available. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, please contact **Catherine** in the Parish Office:
☎ **07 3822 2139**
✉ pmc.birkdale@bne.catholic.net.au
Your presence can make a lasting difference in a child's faith journey—we would love to have you join us! ♥



A Special AUSTRALIA DAY MASS will be celebrated at 9 am at St Luke's Church, Degen Rd, Capalaba on **Monday 26th January**. All Welcome.

Parish Office

The parish office will be closed on **MONDAY 26TH JANUARY for Australia Day**. If you need to speak to a priest urgently, phone the Parish Office on 3822 2139 and choose option 3.

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

Tick this box to receive our weekly newsletter by email

Tick this box to receive information about our Planned Giving Programme

(Place this completed form in the collection plate)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____



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 everyone 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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