



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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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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Welfare groups

St Vincent De Paul Society
1800 846 643. Meets every
second Tuesday at 7:00pm.
Next Meeting : 3rd February

STOPline

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

25th January 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

Do you know the joy and freedom of the good news (Gospel) of the kingdom of God? John the Baptist's enemies had sought to silence him, but the good news of God's kingdom of salvation cannot be silenced. As soon as John had finished his testimony Jesus began his in Galilee. Galilee was at the crossroads of the world and much traffic passed through this little region. It had been assigned to the tribes of Asher, Naphtali and Zebulun when the Israelites first came into the land (see Joshua 9). For a long time it had been under Gentile occupation (non-Jewish nations).



The prophet Isaiah foretold that the good news of salvation would reach Jews and Gentiles in the "land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations" (Isaiah 9:1). Jesus begins the proclamation of the Gospel here to fulfill the word of God. The Old Testament prophets spoke of God's promise to send a Redeemer who would establish God's rule. That time is now fulfilled in Jesus who brings the light and truth of the Gospel to the world.

The "good news" brings peace, hope, truth, promise, immortality, and salvation Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls his hearers to believe in the good news he has come to deliver. What is the good news which Jesus brings? It is the good news of peace - the Lord comes to reconcile and restore us to friendship with God. The good news of hope - the Lord comes to dwell with us and to give us a home with him in his heavenly kingdom. The good news of truth - the Lord Jesus sets us free from the lies and deception of Satan and opens our mind to understand the truth and revelation of God's word (John 8:32). The good news of promise - Jesus fulfills the promise of God to reward those who seek him with the treasure of heaven. The good news of immortality - Jesus overcomes sin and death for us in order to raise our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body which will never die again. And the good news of salvation - the Lord Jesus delivers us from every fear, every sin, and every obstacle that would keep us from entering his everlasting kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy.

The Gospel is the power and the wisdom of God - both power to change and transform our lives and wisdom to show us how to live as sons and daughters of our Father in heaven. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit the Lord makes it possible for us to receive his word with faith and to act upon it with trust and obedience.

Faith or belief is an entirely free gift which God makes to us. Believing is only possible by grace and the help of the Holy Spirit who moves the heart and converts it to God. The Holy Spirit opens the eyes of the mind and makes it possible for us to accept and to grow in our understanding of the truth. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we can know God personally and the truth he reveals to us through his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you want to grow in the knowledge of God's love and truth? Ask the Holy Spirit to renew in you the gift of faith, the love of wisdom, and the heart of a disciple who desires to follow the Lord Jesus and his will for your life.
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MASS TIMES			26th January - 1st February 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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<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 31st January & 1st February</i>	<i>Scripture Readings</i>
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<i>Parish Diary</i>	
<u>Monday 26th January</u> <i>Parish office closed</i>	
1:00pm	Rosary Group
2:00pm	Activities Group
<u>Wednesday 28th January</u>	
10:00am	Rosary
<u>Friday 30th January</u>	
9:00am	Rosary
10:00am	Divine Mercy Prayers

Feast Days for this week

Mon 26th Jan: Australia Day;
Tues 27th Jan: Timothy & Titus, Angela Merici
Wed 28 Jan: Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor;
Sat 31 Jan: John Bosco, priest

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.

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



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.

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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

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:** _____



Welcome back to all our school staff, students and families, and a special welcome to all our young preps who are starting off on one of life's great adventures.

Prayer for the New School Year

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of learning and for the children of our parish as they return to school. Bless them with curious minds, open hearts, and the courage to do their best each day.

PRAYER OF THE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES

Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming.
You have spoken to us through our beliefs.
You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus.
We thank you for your care.
You own us.
You are our hope.
Make us strong as we face the problems of change.
We ask you to help the people of Australia
to listen to us and respect our culture.
Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people,
so that we can make a home
for everyone in our land.
Amen

Prayer composed for the meeting between Pope St John Paul II and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Peoples in November 1986. [Prayer and acknowledgment](#) from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council.

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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