



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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Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9am to 2pm

Lisa Knight (Parish Secretary, WH&S
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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:

bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

1st February 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

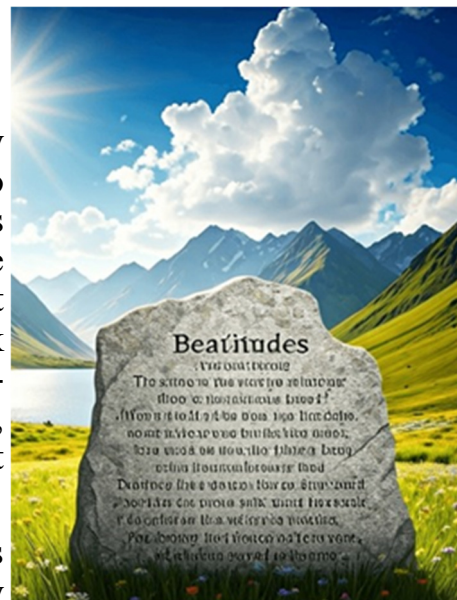
On the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to listen closely to a message that is both gentle and demanding. The Word of God reminds us that holiness does not always look impressive by the world's standards. Instead, it often appears quiet, humble, and deeply rooted in trust in God.

In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims blessings that turn ordinary expectations upside down. The poor, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers are named as "blessed." This is not because their lives are easy, but because their hearts are open. Jesus teaches with an authority that does not dominate or frighten; it heals, restores, and sets people free. His words reveal a God who draws near, especially to those who feel overlooked, weary, or burdened.

Other readings for this Sunday echo the same truth. God's wisdom is not the loud wisdom of power or status, but the quiet strength of faithfulness. The prophets remind us that speaking God's truth may not always be popular, yet it is always life-giving. To follow the Lord is to trust that His ways, though sometimes challenging, lead us toward real freedom.

For us today, this message lands close to home. Ordinary Time is where most of our lives are lived — in routines, responsibilities, and relationships. The challenge is not to wait for extraordinary moments, but to live the Gospel right where we are. We are called to be people of compassion in a harsh world, people of integrity when shortcuts are tempting, and people of hope when discouragement creeps in.

This Sunday invites us to ask: where do I see God's blessing in my life right now? How can I live with the quiet courage of the Beatitudes this week? As we continue our journey, may we trust that God is powerfully at work in the ordinary moments of our lives, shaping us into a people who reflect God's love to the world.



Lord's blessings, *Fr Regi*

MASS TIMES

2nd - 8th 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	9.00 AM	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

<i>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	<i>Anointing Mass</i>
<p>MONDAY 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba</p> <p>TUESDAY 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale</p> <p>SATURDAY 4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills. OR by appointment (phone 3822 2139 or 3820 0100)</p>	<p><i>First Friday of the Month, (10.00 am to 11.00 am) at St Mary Mackillop Church, BIRKDALE.</i></p> <p>NEXT ADORATION: FRIDAY 6th February</p>	<p>Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on</p> <p>Friday 20th February</p>

<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.

Anniversaries for Remembrances February: Gladys Wicks, Maria Otilia Patelesio, Helen Meade, Kelly Delaney, Pearl Montgomery, Clare Salisbury, Elva Park, Gaetano Cameli, Thelma Rubach, Giovanni Patti, Monica Evans, Ian Jackson, Br Kevin McGhee MSC, William Davies, Sheila Evans, Ned Matic, Patrick Conroy, Gil Poloni, Jackie Watkins, Celeste Quinn, Jos Peters, Vicente Reyes Sr, Mildred Ball-Wilson, Christine Leane, Alan Wyatt, Harry Ball-Wilson, Bob Lough, John McIntyre, John Jorna, Jill Martin, Bill Kelly, Ida Garbuio, Tony Alcock, Robert Montgomery, Daphne Weeks, Gina Biscontin, John Stangret, Paul McMahon, Adrian Delacour, Alan Wyatt, Joseph McNamee, Peter Sherry, Migueli Gutierrez, Luigi Zanatta, Doreen Bergin, Nadia Sklyarova, Geoffrey Scandrett, Warren Smith, Margaret Silveira, Evelyn Holmes, Trevor Copas, Greg Lawler, Beryl McNulty, Vincent Webster.

Glenda Pokarier, 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 7th & 8th February</i>	<i>Scripture Readings</i>
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Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Therese E	Volunteer needed
Second Reading	Suzanne G	Louise W
Welcome & POF	John E	Therese T
Communion Ministers	Barb M, Tom M, Vern D	David M, April M, Kerry B
Music	Group 1	Group 4
PowerPoint	Jed T	Chris M
Counting	-----	Group 2

This Sunday, 4th Sunday Ordinary Time
First Reading: Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13
Psalm: Ps 145:7-10
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday Ordinary Time
First Reading: Isa 58:7-10
Psalm: Ps 111:4-9
Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Parish Diary

Monday 2nd February

1:00pm Rosary Group

2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 3rd February

7:00pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

Wednesday 4th February

10:00am Rosary

Friday 6th February

9:00am Eucharistic Adoration

10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers

Feast Days for this week

Sun 1st Feb: Brigid of Kildare - Co-Patron of Ireland;

Mon 2nd Feb: Presentation of the Lord;

Tue 3rd Feb: Blaise - Bishop/Martyr;
Ansgar - Bishop;

Thu 5th Feb : Agatha - Martyr;

Fri 6 Feb: Paul Miki & Companions - Martyrs;

Welcome RCIA



At Mass this Sunday we welcome our candidates on the journey to Christian Initiation (RCIA). Please make them welcome and join us for morning tea after Mass. ***Please keep our candidates in your prayers.***

Candlemas

A special Mass for blessing of candles will be celebrated at St Luke's Church, Capalaba on **Monday 2nd February**. The blessing of candles commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. This day is significant as it symbolises the light of Christ entering the world.
All Welcome



2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY

of each month during
the 8:00am Mass.

Sessions for February

**SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
AND
SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY**

✿ 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**. 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! ❤️

Anointing Mass

Anointing Mass will be celebrated on the 2nd Friday of every month. Next Anointing Mass will be on **Friday 20th February (changed to 3rd Friday for this month only)**



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

Mass
Intentions

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

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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: _____

Sacramental Programme for children 2026
St Mary MacKillop Parish, Birkdale

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: *For Children who received Confirmation in 2025 or before.*

Parent Information Night – WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL 2026 at 6.30 pm, St Mary MacKillop Parish Centre

First Holy Communion- SATURDAY, 13 JUNE 2026 at 6.15 pm, St Mary MacKillop Church

SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2026 at 8.00 am, St Mary MacKillop Church



CONFIRMATION: *For Students in Year 3 or above*

Parent Information Night – WEDNESDAY, 15 JULY 2026 at 6.30 pm, St Mary MacKillop Parish Centre

Date of Confirmation - THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 6.30 pm, St Mary MacKillop Church

PENANCE (Reconciliation): *For Children who received Holy Communion in 2026 or before.*

Parent Information Night–WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2026 at 6.30pm, St Mary MacKillop Parish Centre

Date of Reconciliation - WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2026 at 6.30pm, St Mary MacKillop Church



***For more information, please Contact the Parish Office. Phone: 07 3822 2139 OR Email: pmc.birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au

Happy Birthday

*We thank God for the gift of life.
We wish all the blessings
to those who are
celebrating their
birthdays in the month of
February.*



LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/>
Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.



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.