



# 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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(Associate Parish Priest)

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### Parish Office

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#### Office Hours

Monday to 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

Principal: Gabrielle Jansen

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#### St Mary MacKillop OSHC

(Before - After School/Vacation Care)

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### Welfare groups

*St Vincent De Paul Society*

*1800 846 643. Meets every  
second Tuesday at 7:00pm.*

**Next Meeting : 17th February**

### STOpline

To report 'reportable conduct' under  
the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy

Phone: 1300 30 45 50 or email to:

[bneatholic.stoplينerport.com](mailto:bneatholic.stoplينerport.com)

8th February 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Dear Parishioners and visitors,*

Jesus used ordinary images, such as salt and light, to convey extraordinary truths that transform our minds, hearts, and lives. What does salt and light have to teach us about God and the transforming power of his kingdom? Salt was a valuable commodity in the ancient world. People traded with it, like we trade with valuable goods, such as gold and stock. Salt also served a very useful purpose, especially in warmer climates before the invention of electricity and refrigeration. Salt not only gave rich flavour to food, it also preserved food from going bad and being spoiled.

Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives - and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavour for our daily food, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are "salt" for the world of human society.

Jesus used the image of light and a lamp to further his illustration of God's transforming work in and through us. Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood "light" as symbol or expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. In his light we see light ( Psalm 36:9). His word is a lamp that guides our steps (Psalm 119:105). God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace.

Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. Our mission is to be light-bearers of Jesus Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and deception.

There is great freedom and joy for those who live in the light of God's truth and goodness. Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light?



**MASS TIMES**

**9th - 15th February 2026**

MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY		<b>NO MASS FOR THIS WEEK ONLY</b>
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><b>MONDAY</b> 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale</p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b> 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><b>NEXT ADORATION: FRIDAY 6th March</b></p>	<p>Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on</p> <p><b>Friday 20th February</b></p>

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
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**For recently died:** Violet Phillips, Steve Knight

**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 14th &amp; 15th February</i>	<i>Scripture Readings</i>
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Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Tom M	Tony M
Second Reading	Brigid B	Margaret M
Welcome & POF	Suzy P	Brian H
Communion Ministers	Anne Maree C, Betty A, Matty M	Elaine H, Volunteer Christine M
Music	Group 2	Volunteer needed
PowerPoint	Lisa K	David C
Counting	-----	Group 3

**This 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**

**Next Sunday: 6th Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**First Reading: Sir 15:15-20**  
**Psalm: Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34**  
**Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10**  
**Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37**

## Parish Diary

### Monday 9th February

1:00pm Rosary Group  
2:00pm Activities Group  
7:00pm Baptism Preparation

### Wednesday 11th February

10:00am Rosary

### Friday 13th February

No Rosary or Divine Mercy Prayers for this week only

9:30am Opening School Mass

## Feast Days for this week

Sun Feb 8: Jerome Emilian;

Tue 10th Feb: St Scholastica

Wed 11 Feb- Our Lady of Lourdes

Sat 14 Feb : St Cyril, monk and St Methodius, bishop



## 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY

of each month during  
the 8:00am Mass.

### Sessions for February

## SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY AND SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

## Congratulations!!!



# Baptism

We extend our congratulations to all the children who were baptised in our parish in the month of January.

We welcome them to the parish family.

Let us appreciate their parents for sharing the flame of faith with their children.

## Mass Times for Ash Wednesday

### 18th February — Mass Times

St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale – 9:00am

St Anthony's, Alexandra Hills – 5:00pm



## 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 housebound of the parish.

Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea following the Mass.



## Lenten Programme



A Lenten resource to guide you through daily reflections, Sunday Gospel readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions, all crafted to deepen your encounter with God's mercy.

Please order your book **this weekend** by placing your name and phone number on the order form in the Church

[Mondays at St Luke's, 45 Degen Rd, Capalaba.](#)

Weekly gatherings will be at 7:00pm commencing on Monday 16th February.

[Wednesdays at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale](#)

Weekly gatherings will be at 11:00am commencing on Wednesday 18th February.

**Please note on the order form if you would like to join one of our Lenten Groups.**

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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](mailto: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)

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**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](mailto:pmc.birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au)

**HELP WANTED**

**Volunteers needed.**

Would you like to read at Mass, or distribute

Communion? We'd love to hear from you. Your commitment may be just once a month. Contact Mary on 0404 460 251 or the Parish Office on 3822 2139. Training is given.

**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](http://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.