



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B - 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Dear friends

If we lived in Spain, this Sunday would be the traditional day of giving presents to our family as enacted today with the three wise kings offering their gifts to Jesus, the Prince of Peace. The Epiphany is the feast that ends the Christmas season and the word means "manifestation". The awakening to all the world that Jesus is born to be saviour of all peoples and every nation.

Jesus has given the gift of Himself to everyone. With Him comes peace and true consolation. In fact, Jesus inspires us to give of ourselves to all we live among and to be people of peace. Perhaps the greatest gift we can give of ourselves is to be patient. This is the most important aspect of love. To be patient. When we are patient with ourselves, we are more able to be patient with others. It is a sign of genuine love when a person forgets herself and gives time for others. Time is God's gift to us, to grow in patience and thereby deepen our awareness of the other and of God.

We all need patience, to practice prayer and real listening to others. Patience in order to heal and grow. Just reflect upon the patience of a mother and father toward their little child. The patience of nature and the silent growth that accompanies such a virtue. Any good achievement requires patience, especially in our spiritual lives.

Boniface Wimmer wrote in 1856 "one should be careful not to lose patience. Though one sows in tears, he shall reap in joy. Only let the seed be sown and the plant will not fail to appear, even if it is slow to sprout and slow to ripen".

The three king's travelled far distances following the star that led them to Bethlehem. Our lives are the same. We search for God, we have to overcome obstacles as the kings did, yet the light, the star, the presence of Jesus is strong and gives us the courage to keep going. We will attain what we search for, true happiness, true peace, found in Jesus, who lights up our heart, our home and gently, through patience, leads us to joy.

May this New Year help us to begin again, through patience, to find true meaning in our Christian life. Following the words of Teresa of Avila is a great start....

"Let nothing trouble you, Let nothing frighten you

All things are passing, God never changes

Patience obtains all things. He / She who possesses God lacks nothing  
God alone suffices"

God love you and a Happy New Year

Fr. Frank

### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading:** *Isa 60:1-6 – The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

**Psalms Response:** All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God;  
all the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Second Reading:** *Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 – The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East;  
And have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Matt 2:1-12 – We have come from the East to worship the King.*



**Next week's Readings**

**First:** 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19

**Second:** 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20

**Gospel:** John 1:35-42

**Mass Times:** Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 5:30pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am to 1pm.  
Wednesday Closed.

Any visitors at Mass are invited to come to the Welcome Desk after Mass to sign our visitors' book and receive a small candle as a reminder of your visit to our community.

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### Parish Diary:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

*The Baptism of the Lord*

7:00pm Rosary

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

10:00am Prayer Group

5:00pm Music Practice

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

9:30am Mass

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

6:15pm Mass

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

8:00am Mass

10:00am Golf at Howeston

*"A good beginning is half the work."*

– Irish Proverb



**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Celsa Obligado, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Jan Hurst, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Denise Hodgson, Patricia Haines, Kathy Stone, Christine Inch, Nicola Nociforo, Belinda Wheeler, Jim Gair, Cely Salisbury, Anne Delamere, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Dianne Charlton, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, John Schoites, Corrie Roser, Amelia Ramsay, Betty Reagan, Mary Chylewski, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Jeanette McNamee, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Hazel Webster, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather, Paul McKean, Marina Weightman.

**May God embrace all who have recently died:** William Johannes, Ray Murphy, Carmen Jagga.

**Anniversaries & 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, Stefanie Boyd, Melinda Simo-Swer, Tina Toomey, Katerina Grudina, Margaret Campbell, 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, 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, Bill Riley, Jenni McPhee, John Gormley, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee.

**Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk**

**Roster 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> January**

<b>Junior Ministers</b>		<b>Readers</b>		<b>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</b>		<b>Music</b>	
<b>6:15pm</b>	Anthony K Ivan K	<b>6:15pm</b>	(1st) Jim G (2nd) Genevieve G (POF) Mary Smith	<b>6:15pm</b>	Dcn Tom, John E, Therese E, Mary D, Tom M	<b>6:15pm</b>	Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
<b>8:00am</b>	Therese W William E	<b>8:00am</b>	(1st) Julie C (2nd) Jane W (POF) Loretta M	<b>8:00am</b>	Dcn Tom, Lena B, April M, Brian C, Walter G, Vita L, Anthony W	<b>Powerpoint</b>	
						<b>6:15pm</b>	Lisa K 8:00am Chris M
						<b>Counters:</b>	Gp 2 Maria S & Tania M
						<b>Cleaning:</b>	Volunteer needed

  

<b>Weekend Mass Times</b>		<b>Week Day Mass Times</b>		<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	Manly - 5:00pm Birkdale - 6:15pm	<b>St John Vianney Manly</b> Ph 3131 2610	Tuesday - 6:00pm and Wednesday - 9:30am	<b>St Mary MacKillop Birkdale</b>	Thursday 5.30pm to 6:00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Gumdale - 7:00am Birkdale - 8:00am Manly - 9:30am	<b>St Mary MacKillop Birkdale</b> Ph 3822 2139	Thursday - 6:00pm and Friday - 9:30am	<b>St John Vianney Manly</b>	Saturday 4.30pm to 5:00pm
		<b>Carmelite Monastery</b>	7:00am Monday to Saturday	<b>St Jude Gumdale</b>	Sunday following 7:00am Mass

**Gardens** once again, plants have been taken from our Garden of Reflection and Columbarium. The police have been notified and will be monitoring the area. If you see any suspicious activity around the Church and garden please report it to Policelink: 131 444 or Capalaba Police on 3433 3333.

**Small Coins for East Timor** The collection jar for your SMALL COINS will be at the Welcome Desk each week. Total collected to date is **\$10,446.45**.

**Volunteers for Sacristan Roster** we are in need of more volunteers to help set up for Weekend Masses. Your commitment of approximately one hour every 3 – 4 weeks would be so appreciated. Full training will be provided. Please contact Veronica on 0439 300 750 or [veronica1950@me.com](mailto:veronica1950@me.com) if you can help or if you would like more information. All volunteers need to complete an Archdiocese Volunteer Form and read and understand the Code of Ethical Behaviour. **Thank you to all parish volunteers who give of their time so generously.**

**St MMK Social Golf Club** will play their next game on Sunday **14th January** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

**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. Local Safeguarding Officer for Birkdale Parish is Lisa Knight: 3822 2139 [birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au)

**NEW PARISHIONER? WELCOME!** If you are new to our Parish, you are most welcome. Please fill out the form below and place on one of the collection plates.

NAME(S): Mr / Mrs / Miss \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_