



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## Second Sunday of Advent Year B - 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020



We are in the season of Advent, a time of waiting for the Lord who is coming to us. As much as we are waiting for Him and place our hope in Him we can imagine how much more God is waiting and hoping for each of us personally to come to Him. It is the time when we remember that God came to earth as a human person

and chose to live among us. It is the time when God shares His love with us as we should share our love with Him and among others. This weekend we are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas. Christmas is the time for reflection and personal renewal in preparation for the coming of Jesus into our lives in a deeper way. The Gospel of this weekend invites us to prepare the way of the Lord, just as John the Baptist did by proclaiming His coming to all. He called them to prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

John's preaching reminds us also of our important task of announcing Christ to others through our lives at home and in the community. When we show genuine love, kindness, mercy and a spirit of forgiveness, we are sharing the truth that Christ is with us. Thus, our lives become a kind of Bible which others can read. John the Baptist invites us to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual transformation by making the necessary preparations for the arrival of the Saviour and His entrance into our lives. Let us accept Jesus as our personal Saviour and Lord during this Christmas season and faithful Christians in our daily conduct.

We spent the month of November praying for the souls in purgatory. During this Advent let us prepare our hearts for Christ by turning away from sin and evil and giving ourselves completely to God so that when Christ comes, or when we are called from this life, we are ready and prepared. Let us use these days of preparation for Christmas to ready ourselves for Christ's daily coming and Second Coming of Christ.

Blessings,  
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

**First Reading:** *Isa 40:1-5, 9-11* – Prepare the way for the Lord.

**Psalm Response:** Lord, let us see your kindness; Lord let us see your kindness.

**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

**Second Reading:** *2 Pet 3:8-14* – We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.



**Gospel:** *Mark 1:1-8* – Make straight the paths of the Lord.

### **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

*In life, right things are not possible always.  
Possible things are not right always.  
Be true to your heart,  
You will be right always.*

### **Next week's Readings**

**First:** *Isa 61:1-2, 10-11*

**Second:** *1 Thess 5:16-24*

**Gospel:** *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

| Roster                                       | 6:15pm  | Readers | 8:00am  | Music   |
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| 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> December | (1st) Don F<br>(2nd) Carolyn W<br>(POF) Carolyn W |         | (1st) Loretta M<br>(2nd) Lorraine K<br>(POF) Lorraine K | 6:15pm Gp 1<br><b>Powerpoint</b><br>6:15pm Emma M |
|  |   |         |   | 8:00am Gp 2<br>8:00am Chris M                     |

**Christmas Mass Times:** NOTE the number of attendees at each Mass will be in accordance with the Government requirements at the time (currently 200 people inside the Church).

On-line bookings for Masses are required for ALL ATTENDEES.

### **Christmas Eve Mass Times**

7:00pm and 11:30pm

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNGHP>

### **Christmas Day Mass Times**

8:00am

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNGHQ>

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

**Reconciliation:** By appointment only

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
9:00am to 2:00pm.

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### **A VOCATION VIEW:**

The cry of the people: "Lord, let us see your kindness".  
Who will prepare the way of the Lord  
coming to us today?

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### **Parish Primary School**

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, yClara Elms, Jasmine Webb, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Peter Goodbun, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Kevin Kranz, Patricia Briscoe, Alicia Black, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

**May God embrace all who have recently died:** Ellen Montgomery, Sam Catavitello.

**Anniversaries & Remembrances December:** Les and Ruby Richards, Alberto & Vittorio Poloniato, John Jorna Snr, Antonio Cailotto, Amalia Bandiera, John Williams, Madeline Gauci, Eve Buckmaster, Peter Moores, Carmen Jagga, Hans Adam, Fayline Fraser, Alma Prove, Mary Boyle, Josefina Wilcox, Rita Fantov, Michael Newman, Maria Bosso, Mark Ciavarella, Ron Tamatea, Meg Griffiths, Mal Carlson, Luigi Santarossa, Arnold Splatt, Arthur McCarthy, Ray Murphy, David Kearney, Sr Dot Newberry, Jack and Mary Ward, Graeme & Sonia Giles, David Boyd, Irene Kearney, Llewellyn Mills, Clare Rubach, Ivan Randall, Jordan Smith, Vladga Smith, Franco Peressini, Dorothy McInroy, Annie Neale, Fr Tom Boland.

**Mass Celebrations** Please visit the following website to register for the Mass you wish to attend. If you are unable to utilise this online system, please call the parish office to register.

**Saturdays** at 6:15pm - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-saturday-tickets-109262537190>

**Sundays** at 8:00am - Your event URL is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parish-mass-sunday-tickets-109263853126>

**Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation:** Our Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation will take place on Thursday 17 December 2020 at 6.00pm. There will be no mass on this day.

**EAST TIMOR RAFFLE** We will be running a raffle for some much needed funds and would love your support if you are able to donate prizes. In particular, we are looking for some special prizes (perhaps supporting a local business). Some suggested prizes could include: Restaurant vouchers, tourist / leisure activities, beauty / pamper products, Gold Class Movie tickets, gourmet food items, a special bottle of something, air fryer, coffee maker etc. If you would like to discuss any prize or sponsorship, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. You can also drop in your prize donation to the Parish Office or place in the basket when arriving at Mass. Tickets will be on sale at Masses. Many Thanks for your support.

**Christmas Tree** Donations of food items for St Vincent de Paul to prepare hampers will be gratefully received. If donating presents, (wrapped with a tag indicating the age and gender of the recipient). Gifts suitable for secondary aged students and mums and dads are always sought after. Donation baskets will be in the Church from next weekend. *Thank you for your generosity.*

**Children's Christmas Pageant 2020** This year has seen lots of changes to how we do things at school, at Church and in our everyday lives. The good news is that this Christmas, we still plan to continue the Parish tradition of children presenting the story of the birth of Jesus. At this stage, we will be recording the presentation but if restrictions change over the coming weeks, we will consider the option of performing at Mass on Christmas Eve. There are a variety of speaking and non-speaking roles suitable for various ages. Costumes are available. Children will need to attend the following rehearsals at the church:

**Tuesday, 15 December 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Thursday, 17 December 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

**Monday, 21 December 3:30 – 4:30 pm (dress rehearsal), Wednesday, 23 December 9:30 – 11:30 am (final rehearsal and filming).** For more information, please contact Lisa Knight in the Parish Office or Tania Logan on 0407436643 or [britania@optusnet.com.au](mailto:britania@optusnet.com.au)

#### **Parish Office**

will be closed from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December for Staff Annual Leave. All urgent enquiries to Manly Parish, phone 3131 2610 or [manly@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:manly@bne.catholic.net.au)

#### **Parish Diary:**

##### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

*St Ambrose*

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

##### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

##### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

7:30am HeartFIT

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

##### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**6:00pm Mass**

##### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**9:30am Mass**

##### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

3:30pm Baptism

**6:15pm Mass**

##### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**8:00am Mass**

10:00am Golf at Howeston followed by BBQ

#### **Bookings for Weekend**

#### **Masses are essential**

*Reconciliation is by appointment only. Please contact the Parish office to make a booking.*

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

##### **First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

##### **Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Peter**

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

##### **Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'