



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B - 20th December 2020



Jesus Is the Reason for the Season...!

We are in the final days of our Advent journey! So it is a special time in the life of the Church as we journey from these four weeks of Advent, to the celebration of Christmas. Our readings today bring our attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. So during the Advent season every year, we reflect on Mary. She is the woman of Advent. And in a special way this Advent, we reflect on Mary as the woman of faith. And Mary, Our Blessed Mother, is the one who shows us what faith, obedience and humility are all about.

This is the beautiful meaning of this Advent season. Because of Jesus — who comes to us through Mary — through Him, we are children of God! Mary is the Mother of Jesus, and she is our Mother too, no one can help us to grow as children of God more than Mary. So that's the way during this Advent and this Christmas as we participate as children of God and be part of the family of God. So let's ask Mary, our Blessed Mother, to help us to always be like her. To live with Jesus in our hearts and to share Jesus with everyone we meet and in everything we do. Then we all can have a wonderful Christmas. A Christmas where the centre is Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. A joyful and peaceful Christmas that we share with our brothers and sisters, with our families, and with the whole world.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and always." With God there is no such thing as time for nothing is impossible to God. All of time is totally present to Him right now. In God's eyes, Christmas is an everyday event that involves Jesus knocking at the door of our heart, seeking admission. It is Jesus who wants to journey with us today. To those accepting Him this Christmas day, He gives power to be children of God. It is He, our Lord Jesus Christ, who brings us here at this Christmas. With the help of His grace we can make a new beginning in our life. I would like to thank you all for your support and wish you and your families every blessing for this Christmas Season.

May hope and peace be renewed
as we together celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 16 – *The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.*

Psalms Response: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Rom 16:25-27 – *The mystery kept secret for endless ages in now revealed.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the lord:
May his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 – *You will conceive and bear a son.*



QUOTE OF THE DAY:
Heart is the only machine that works without any rest for years. Keep it always happy whether it is yours or others....

Next week's Readings		First: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3	Second: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19	Gospel: Luke 2:22-40
Roster	6:15pm (1st) Martin M (2nd) Suzanne G (POF) Suzanne G	Readers	8:00am (1st) Peter L (2nd) Emilia G (POF) Emilia G	Music 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2 Powerpoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am David C

Christmas Mass Times:
NOTE the number of attendees at each Mass will be in accordance with the Government requirements at the time.
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
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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. Parish Council Members: Chris Mahoney, Therese Evans, Cathy McGrath, Lorraine Kumar, John Spillane	A VOCATION VIEW: Every person who has ever born a child, and every person who has freely vowed away this honour, helps in some mysterious way to bring Jesus Christ in to this world again. Can you say: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord"? <i>Vocation Brisbane. P: (07) 3336 9392 E: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au</i>
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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara 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.

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.

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

Fr Dantus, Fr Prem, the office staff and the Parish Pastoral Council members would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year and to thank all volunteers who have been involved in our many and varied ministry groups at St Mary MacKillop for their commitment and dedication over the year. Many hands make light work, and we look forward to your continued support in 2021.

May you have a happy and holy Christmas and many blessings for the coming year.

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>

Christmas Appeal The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be held THIS WEEKEND. Funds raised provides the community with a chance to help change lives by adding a little comfort, dignity, hope and warmth to the lives of those who are struggling. All money donated stays within the Birkdale Conference. Donation envelopes will be in the Church.

EAST TIMOR RAFFLE Tickets will be on sale at Masses \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Lots of great prizes!!!! Many thanks for your support.

Our Lady of Graces, Metinaro A retiring collection will be held at the Christmas Masses with all funds raised going towards building works at our sister parish in Metinaro.

Parish Office The Parish Office will be closed from 28th December and will reopen on Monday 2th January 2021 at 9:00am. There will be no Parish Newsletter on 2nd / 3rd January.

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will be closed from Monday 28th December to Friday 1st January (reopen on Monday 4th January)

Parish Diary:

Monday 21st December

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

3:30pm Pageant Rehearsal

Tuesday 22nd December

Wednesday 23rd December

9:30am Pageant Rehearsal
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 24th December

7:00pm Mass

11:30pm Mass

Friday 25th December

The Nativity of the Lord

8:00am Mass

Saturday 26th December

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 27th December

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00am Mass

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

Reconciliation is by appointment only.

Please contact the Parish office to make a booking.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: A reading from the second book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.