



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year B - 27th December 2020

I hope you've been enjoying a wonderful Christmas season with your friends and family. Each year on this Sunday after Christmas the Church celebrates **the Feast of the Holy Family**. Today we thank God for the feast of the Holy Family, a mystery of love and life. The Church encourages us to look to the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. It is a time when we look at the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as role models. They were a model family in which they faced hardships together. Both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human knowledge but also as a Child of God. Let us pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families, for each member of the parish family, and for all families of the universal Church.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and talent to preparing the church/liturgy and helping us all in our Christmas Masses, the choir and the organists, the sacristans, the readers and Eucharistic ministers and the marshals. I especially offer my thanks to you all in these uncertain times.

As we enter into a New Year 2021 **let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence and hope.** I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3 – Your own son shall be your heir.

Psalm Response:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 – The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 – The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.



QUOTE OF THE DAY:

**TO BE HAPPY
YOU MUST:
Let go of what's
gone, be grateful for
what remains, and look
forward to what is
Coming next.**

Next week's Readings

First: Isa 60:1-6

Second: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matt 2:1-12

Roster	Readers	Readers	Music
2 nd & 3 rd January	6:15pm (1st) Tom Mills (2nd) John Evans (POF) John Evans	8:00am (1st) Rob B (2nd) Megan B (POF) Megan B	6:15pm Gp 1 Powerpoint 6:15pm Allan B 8:00am Chris M
9 th & 10 th January	6:15pm (1st) Carolyn W (2nd) Don F (POF) Don F	8:00am (1st) Jane W (2nd) Loretta M (POF) Loretta M	6:15pm Gp 3 Powerpoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Gp 2 8:00am Chris M

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.

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 Old Law said that every first born male shall be dedicated to the Lord. Is there a priest, deacon, brother, or sister from your family?

Now is the time for families to encourage a vocation!

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Roma Piper, 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: Tony Boegheim, 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

A special THANK YOU to everyone who has generously given their time to help make our Christmas Mass celebration so special.

Especially thank you to Tania L and her daughters Isabelle and Bianca and Irene M, the musicians and the children and their families for continuing our tradition of presenting the Christmas Pageant at the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

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>

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the St Mary MacKillop Parish community for your support and generosity for their Christmas Appeal. Gifts of food and presents received from the parish and local schools enabled us to assemble and deliver 38 Christmas Hampers to families in our surrounding area. All funds donated for the annual Christmas envelope appeal are used within the Birkdale and surrounding areas.

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. **DRAWN ON SUNDAY 27TH DECEMBER**

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. Thank you for your generosity

Parish Office the Parish Office will be closed from 28th December and will reopen on Monday 4th January 2021 at 9:00am. There will be no Parish Newsletter on 2nd / 3rd January.

New Year Masses

6:00pm on Thursday 31st December

9:30am on Monday 1st January

Parish Office

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

Parish Diary:

Monday 28th December

The Holy Innocents

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 29th December

Wednesday 30th December

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 31st December

6:00pm Mass

Friday 1st January

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:30am Mass

Saturday 2nd January

Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 3rd January

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Mass

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless.' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.