



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 17th January 2021

The Call of Discipleship....

This weekend we commence the Ordinary Time in Year B and we reflect on God's call to discipleship. We are called to repentance, conversion, and renewal of commitment. Every one of us is chosen by God, both individually and collectively for the mission of preaching, teaching, and healing. What Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church. Our own unique vocation and our relationship with the risen Lord are the same as that of the universal Church. Be we religious, priests, married or single people, we are all called, and in this call we become what God wants us to be. The call, of course, begins with our Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation, is strengthened throughout the years with the Eucharist and Reconciliation, healed and consoled by Anointing, and for many made manifest in Matrimony, or Holy Orders.

The two greatest aspects of discipleship in the Gospel are being with Jesus and sharing in His mission. Disciples are invited to be with Jesus on a great spiritual journey and to share in Jesus' mission of proclaiming God's Kingdom in word and deed. In describing the call of Jesus' first disciples, today's Gospel also emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to Him with total commitment and life style to follow Him in thought, word, and deed.

St. Augustine reminds us that it is God, our Creator and Redeemer, who seeks us out, even when we are not looking for Him: "If you hadn't been called by God, what could you have done to turn back? Didn't the very One who called you when you were opposed to Him make it possible for you to turn back?" "It is God who initiates and who draws us to Himself. Without His mercy and help we could not find Him on our own".

What is God calling us to do, to be – now, today?

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19 – *Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.*

Psalm Response: Here am I, O God, I come to do your will;
Here am I, I come to do your will.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 – *Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:35-42 – *They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*



QUOTE OF THE DAY:

**A MASK is better than ventilator.
Home is better than ICU
Prevention is better than treatment.
It's not curfew.
It's CARE FOR YOU**

Next week's Readings

First: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Second: 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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:

A good Vocation prayer to say every day, from the time we are ten years old till we are ninety years old, is found in today's first Scripture Reading: 'Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.'
Just try it with sincerity starting today.

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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, 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: Konrad Wachtel

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, Brian Cannon, Stefanie Boyd, Melinda Simo-Swer, Tina Toomey, Katerina Grudina, Maree Kearney, 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, Billie Riley, Jenni McPhee, John Gormley, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee, Joseph Thottathil (Father of Fr. Dantus).

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

Mass Attendance Until 22 January the following Queensland Government restrictions are in effect for attendance at all Masses until 1:00am on 22nd January.

Churches may open for Masses but **face masks must be worn** by everyone in attendance (the priest is required to wear a mask upon entering and exiting the Church and may remove the mask as Mass begins). This includes during Holy Communion. Once you have received Holy Communion, please step to the side, ensuring you are 1.5 metres from other parishioners, and consume the Body of Christ without removing your mask. Parishioners who refuse to wear a mask **are not allowed to enter** unless they are a child under 12 years old or a person affected by a medical condition or disability. These measures are in place to protect all our parishioners and to ensure that we are able to keep our Church open for the celebration of Masses.

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>

Counting Roster Volunteers are needed to join the counting roster. Commitment is approximately one hour after Sunday Mass once per month. Please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 if you are able to help. If you are ready to help out with any of the volunteer positions in the Parish, please visit <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections. Thank you to all parish volunteers who give of their time so generously.

Parish Summer Lunch on Wednesday, 27th January, at 12.30pm at the Alexandra Hills Hotel (cnr McDonald & Finucane Rds). You can prepay for the \$9.95 roast lunch or order your choice off the menu on the day. R.S.V.P. to Matty by email (matty.mck@gmail.com) or phone (0402 284 289), or to Lisa at the Parish Office, by Monday, 25th January. If anyone needs transport, please let us know, and it can be arranged.

Parish Diary:

Monday 18th January

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 19th January

7:00pm SVdP Meeting
7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 20th January

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 21st January

St Agnes

6:00pm Mass

Friday 22nd January

9:30am Mass

Saturday 23rd January

11:00am Baptism

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 24th January

8:00am Mass

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

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

Roster		Readers	
23rd & 24th January	6:15pm (1st) Suzanne G (2nd) Matty M (POF) Matty M	8:00am (1st) Emilia G (2nd) Peter L (POF) Peter L	Music 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2 Powerpoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am David C

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

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

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.