



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 24th January 2021

How do we respond to God's call?

A visitor was passing by the church as there were three men busily breaking stones and neatly polishing them. "What are you doing?" he asked the first. He replied that he was breaking stones. He asked the same question to the second and he responded that he was trying to earn a living to take care of his family. He asked the same question to the third worker breaking stones. He responded with a proud smile that he was building a Cathedral. Same work, similar profession but all three had different attitudes, so they responded to their call differently.

How Do I Respond to God's Call? God gave us certain talents and He wants us to do something for Him that nobody else can do. Realize also that it will make all the difference in the world how we respond to this plan. As members of the church, we are called to be disciples, followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. This has great implications as Jesus does not call us as nameless people rather He calls each one of us individually by name.

The response of the disciples in this weekend's Gospel was immediate, total and wholehearted, without hesitation. Jesus called them to be with Him and they simply said yes to Him and went with Him. Their future was uncertain but theirs was indeed a complete act of trust and a total surrender of themselves to Jesus. Actually, they may not have had any idea where they were going and for what purpose. This was the extent of their great trust in this man who came out of nowhere into their lives and challenged them to leave behind their security and follow Him.

The mission Jesus gave to His disciples is the same mission given to us every Sunday when we are dismissed, sent forth, from Mass. Jesus received His mission from the Father and set out to fulfil it after His baptism by John. At our sacramental baptism, each of us was anointed "priest, prophet, and king." By our baptism, we are summoned and given our mission to be bearers of the Good News - to preach repentance and mercy.

We may not be traveling to nearby towns or distant shores in missionary work. Perhaps our own mission area is our family, our workplace, our school, or our neighbourhood. But each of us has the opportunity to respond to our baptismal call, on a daily basis.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10* – The Ninevites renounces their evil ways.

Psalm Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you I lift my soul.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: *1 Cor 7:29-31* – The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near:

Believe the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mark 1:14-20* – Repent, and believe the Good News.



QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Be a reflection of what you'd like to receive.

If you want love, give love.

If you want truth, be truthful.

If you want respect, give respect.

What you give out

will return to you

Next week's Readings

First: Deut 18:15-20

Second: 1 Cor 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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:

Even a great person like Jonah turned away, at first, from what God called him to do.

It is never too late to hear the Lord say,

'Come, follow me.'

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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

Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 26th January for the Australia Day holiday.

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.

Virtual Retreat led by Fr Frank Jones, Vice-Rector at Holy Spirit Seminary, is wonderful opportunity to reflect on the impact COVID-19 is having on our lives, and to reconnect with that which is truly important. The retreat will take about one hour to complete - but can also be done in 'episodes' over a couple of days. [This virtual retreat](#)

Lent 2021 With Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed! Come on a 40 day journey with me and I know this will be a powerful and prayerful Lenten journey together. Receive a short inspiring video each day during Lent. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

Parish Diary:

Monday 25th January

The Conversion of St Paul

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 26th January

Australia Day

Wednesday 27th January

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas

6:00pm Mass

Friday 29th January

9:30am Mass

Saturday 30th January

3:30pm Baptism

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 31st 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	
30 th & 31 st January	6:15pm (1st) Paulina P (2nd) Tanina D (POF) Tanina D	8:00am	(1st) Lorraine K (2nd) Matthew K (POF) Matthew K

Music	
6:15pm CD	8:00am CD
Powerpoint	
6:15pm Emma M	8:00am Chris M

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

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

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.