



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

### God's word has power to set us free and to transform our life...

How important is the Word of God to you? Pope Francis says "we need God's Word so that we can hear, amid the thousands of other words in our daily lives, that one word that speaks to us not about things, but about life. Make room in your lives for the Word of God".

All of us have heard God's word. It comes to us in many ways: through the reading of the Scriptures, preaching, inspirations in our heart and the encouragement of others. But how well do we listen? Just because we've heard it doesn't mean we always put it into practice. Christ's word, on the other hand, can enter the person and reach their minds and hearts.

Faith is both a free gift of God and the free assent of our will to the whole truth that God has revealed. To live, grow, and persevere in the faith to the end, we must nourish it with the word of God. The Lord gives us His Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds so that we may grow in His truth and in the knowledge of His great love for each of us. If we approach God's word with trust and openness, and with an eagerness to do what the Lord desires for us, then we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through His word.

Let us be formed by the Word of God we hear on this day: even if we were not present when Jesus proclaimed His Gospel, we can hear this same Word of God in the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts. The Word of God, which is living and active, calls each of us individually and all of us together for a response that affects our daily lives, leading us to engage fully in the task of making Christ known to the world by all that we do and say.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

**First Reading: Deut 18:15-20** – I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

**Psalm Response:** If today you hear God's voice harden not your hearts;  
if today you hear God's voice harden not your hearts

**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

**Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35** – The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light;  
A radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

**Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28** – This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.



### QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Always pray to have  
eyes that see the best,  
a heart that  
forgives the worst,  
a mind that  
forgets the bad, and  
a soul that  
never loses faith.

**Next week's Readings**

**First: Job 7:1-4, 6-7**

**Second: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23**

**Gospel: Mark 1:29-39**

**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:

Jesus speaks as one having authority. As we follow God's call we remember the same authority passed down to the Church that she might guide us closer to Christ and help us discern our 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, 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 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>

**Call for Volunteers** the Parish is in need of volunteers for the Baptism Preparation Team. If you would like to help with this Ministry or any other volunteer positions, please go to <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections. Full training will be given to all interested people. *Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

**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>

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION & PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT** ...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14. *Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded.* This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane *Code of Ethical Behaviour for employees and volunteers who work in service of the Church* as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State. Local Safeguarding Officer for Birkdale Parish is Lisa Knight: 3822 2139 [birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Parish Diary:**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

*The Presentation of the Lord*  
7:00pm SVdP Meeting

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

7:30am HEARTfit  
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

10:30am Mass at Dutch Village  
6:00pm Mass

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

*St Agatha*  
9:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass at Regis Grange

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

*St Paul Miki and companions*  
6:15pm Mass

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

8:00am Mass  
**Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential**  
*Reconciliation is by appointment only. Phone 3822 2139 to make a booking.*

<b>Roster</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Music</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> February	6:15pm (1st) John E (2nd) Therese E (POF) Therese E	8:00am (1st) Megan B (2nd) Rob B (POF) Rob B
		6:15pm Gp 1 <b>PowerPoint</b> 6:15pm Alan B <b>Counting</b> Group 1
		8:00am Gp 3 8:00am Chris M

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'"

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

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

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

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.