



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 7th February 2021

Signs of God's Healing....

Once upon a time some doctors discussed whether prayer helped their patients. "Does it do any good," they asked, "for people to pray for those who are sick?" One group said "Well, it helps those who pray to feel that they're doing something for the sick person. But it really doesn't help the sick person at all." The other group said that they had the impression that prayer really had a positive effect on sick people. The first group said "That's scientifically impossible!" So they decided to try an experiment on those who were recovering from heart problems. They would have prayers said for some and not for the others to see what happened. The doctors didn't know who was chosen to be prayed for and the subjects of the prayers didn't know either. However, a list of first names were given to those who were to do the praying. So neither of them knew who had been chosen to be the recipients of prayer. What happened? Those for whom prayers were said recovered more quickly. "See!" said those who had argued that prayer worked, "there's more things under heaven than science dreams of."

This weekend's readings tell us that we have different examples of how one can think spiritually as opposed to worldly thinking. We have learned that no matter how hard life is at times, by the power of the Holy Spirit and a spiritual approach we can overcome any obstacles in life. We can by the grace of God the Father, in the name of Jesus, face any suffering and pain. What Jesus presents us today is a life filled with meaning: A life where there is time for prayer, reflection and coming closer to God; for sharing with others in word and action; an opportunity for building and healing and reconciling. Jesus needed prayer to know the will of His Father and He shows us the way to pray in order to discover the will of God in our lives and discover the path He has chosen for us. Prayer is essential for everyone and helps us to overcome the darkness of life. Everyone can learn to live like this. During this week let us reflect on the typical day in the life of Jesus: a teacher, a preacher, a healer and a man of prayer. As the followers of Jesus let us all aim to be more like Him in our life and in our proclamation of His kingdom.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 - *I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

Psalm Response: I will praise your name, my king and my God;
I will praise your name, my king and my God.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 - *Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 - *He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.*



QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Expect more from yourself than from others.
Because expectations from others hurt a lot, while expectations from yourself inspire a lot. That's life.

Next week's Readings

First: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

Second: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

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 afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds?

How do you choose to respond?

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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 February: Gladys Wicks, Maria Otilia Patelesio, Kelly Delaney, Pearl Montgomery, Elva Park, Gaetano Cameli, Thelma Rubach, Giovanni Patti, Monica Evans, Ian Jackson, Br Kevin McGhee MSC, William Davies, Sheila Evans, Ned Matic, Patrick Conroy, Balbena Montgomery, Jackie Watkins, Celeste Quinn, Jos Peters, Vicente Reyes Sr, Christine Leane, Alan Wyatt, Harry Ball-Wilson, Bob Lough, John McIntyre, Jill Martin, Bill Kelly, Ida Garbuio, Tony Alcock, Robert Montgomery, Daphne Weeks, Gina Biscontin, John Stangret, Adrian Delacour, Alan Wyatt, Joseph McNamee, Peter Sherry, Migueli Gutierrez, Doreen Bergin, Nadia Sklyarova, Geoffrey Scandrett, Warren Smith, Margaret Silveira, Evelyn Holmes, Greg Lawler, Beryl McNulty, Vincent Webster.

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>

WELCOME BACK!!! Activities Group - resuming **Monday 15th January**, 2pm - 4pm weekly in the parish centre. We are not yet able to share plates of food but feel free to Bring Your Own.

Reconciliation will be available weekly at 5:30pm commencing **Thursday 18th February**. Bookings will NOT be required.

St MMK Social Golf Club will play their next game on Sunday **14th February** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

Little Black Books – are now available. The books cover the Lenten period and walk you through the Sunday Gospels of Lent with explanations and reflections along the way. The cost of each book is \$5.00.

Call to All Catholics Campaign In an advertising campaign in February and March featuring international cricketer, Matthew Hayden, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be baptised Catholic with. We're looking for your help to:

- Pray for the opening of hearts
- Accompany those who are seeking
- Welcome new faces

Fliers that you can give to family, friends, or colleagues who might be interested are available.

[Word of God Sunday homily with Archbishop Mark Coleridge - YouTube](#)

The Catholic Leader has returned as a monthly newspaper after a 10-month hiatus. Limited copies are available at this parish for \$4 each. Subscribe today to receive The Catholic Leader at your door. Visit [Subscribe | The Catholic Leader](#) to get started.

Parish Diary:

Monday 8th February

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 9th February

Wednesday 10th February

St Scholastica

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 11th February

6:00pm Mass

Friday 12th February

9:30am Mass

Saturday 13th February

3:30pm Baptism Celebration

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 14th February

8:00am Mass

10:00am Golf at Howeston

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

Reconciliation is by appointment only. Phone 3822 2139 to make a booking.

Roster	Readers	Counting	Music
13th & 14th February	6:15pm (1st) Don F (2nd) Mary S (POF) Mary S	8:00am (1st) Loretta M (2nd) Jane W (POF) Jane W	6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3 PowerPoint 6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Chris M

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Job

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.