



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 14th February 2021

The power of petition prayer

The prayer of petition is at its heart an act of faith in that the one praying must believe first, in the existence of God; and second, that God is both willing and able to grant the petition. This weekend's Gospel passage is a perfect example of our Christian prayer, the prayer of petition. In its most usual form, it is a most spontaneous prayer where we express the awareness of our relationship with God and place our needs before Him. It is a prayer of humility, submission and the expression of dependence on Him the Almighty God. It is a prayer where we ask God for a favour and trust God will give it to us. We place our complete trust in God and accept His grace and divine response. Here the leper makes the prayer: If you want you can heal me and Jesus responds. Our Christian prayer, the Our Father is a prayer of petition where we ask God for bread, forgiveness and protection. The prayer of Jesus at Gethsemane was the beautiful account of the prayer of petition and the instance where God responded differently. The miracle of the healing of the leper shows how effective is the prayer of Petition and God in His wisdom, answers this prayer when we pray to Him with sincerity and open heart.

Ash Wednesday 2021: Vatican offers guidance on ash distribution amid COVID-19 pandemic

February 17 marks the beginning of Lent in 2021, and Ash Wednesday is the observance of the first day of Lent, a season of penitence and reflection. I wish to advise parishioners that Ash Wednesday mass will be taking place in our parishes 9.30 am at St. John Vianney, Manly and 6.00 pm at St. Mary Mackillop, Birkdale. Ash Wednesday invites us to meditate on the ways in which we can enter into a deeper relationship with God and in the fact of our own mortality. However please be aware that due to COVID19 the distribution of the ashes may have to be done in a different way this year, in order to prevent any possible transmission of COVID. The Congregation for Divine Worship recently published a note detailing how Catholic priests around the world are to distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday. These recommendations are in line with keeping our parishioners and volunteers COVID-safe. Therefore, this Ash Wednesday, parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane will sprinkle ashes on the heads of the faithful instead of the traditional marking on the forehead. The priest will bless the ashes and sprinkle them with holy water in silence. The ashes should be mostly dry, not wet. He will then address those present, reciting the formula found in the Roman Missal: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". I wish you all holy and prayerful season of Lent.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: *Lev 13:1-2, 44-46 – As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: *1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1 – Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mark 1:40-45 – The leprosy left him and he was cured.*



QUOTE OF THE DAY:

The fruit of Silence is Prayer.

The fruit of Prayer is Faith.

The fruit of Faith is Love.

The fruit of Love is Service.

And the fruit of Service is Peace.

St. Mother Teresa

Next week's Readings

First: Gen 9:8-15

Second: 1 Pet 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

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:

Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity, when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society?

Who will come forward to minister Christ 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: Leontia Markey, 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>

Sacramental Journey We welcome all the families commencing their Sacramental Journey for Penance and 1st Eucharist this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

ASH WEDNESDAY Please join us for Ash Wednesday Mass on 17th February at 6:00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS in the Church on Fridays at 9:00am for the Lent season.

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.

Sacramental Journey We welcome the families and children on the Sacramental journey for Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist.

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.

World Day of Prayer for 2021 ALL are invited to the ecumenical service held locally at the St George's Anglican church, Cnr Thorne Rd & Victor St, Birkdale on **Friday 5th March** at 10:30am. You are also ALL invited to stay and mingle afterwards while enjoying the supplied free lunch.

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.

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Parish Diary:

Monday 15th February

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 16th February

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 17th February

Ash Wednesday

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

6:00pm Mass

Thursday 18th February

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday 19th February

9:00am Stations of the Cross

9:30am Mass

Saturday 20th February

3:30pm Baptism Celebration

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 21st February

8:00am Mass

9:00am Sacramental Workshop

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

Roster	Readers	Counting	Music
20 th & 21 st February	6:15pm (1st) Vern D (2nd) Tanina D (POF) Tanina D	8:00am (1st) Matthew K (2nd) Lorraine K (POF) Lorraine K	Group 3
			6:15pm Gp 1 PowerPoint 6:15pm Alan B
			8:00am Gp 3 8:00am Clinton T

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.