



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## First Sunday of Lent Year B - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

### Lent 2021: Reflect, Repent and Restore....

On Ash Wednesday we began the season of Lent. We have six weeks preparation for Easter. Lent does not have quite the same practices it used to have. Yet, an important season is beginning. As a church we have set out on a journey which will end at the Easter Triduum, those three great days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This season of Lent is a time of special grace for us in which we want to do some cleansing in our lives and enjoy new life as a result. Lent is an opportunity for change and coming closer to Jesus.

Therefore, the Church refers to this season as a joyful time, because it is our preparation for the future joy of Easter that approaches us bringing His blessings, mercy and forgiveness. To practice sincere repentance, the Lord God tells us to change our hearts. We are called to examine our most inner self, those evil ways that we are to let go, once and for always. We must always remember that our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not punish us if we are sincere and turn away from our sins. God is not a God of punishment but a God of love for those who strive earnestly to walk in His righteous ways. As we enter the Lenten Season, remember these words every day that our God is a loving and merciful God.

The gospel reading for the first Sunday of Lent is always the gospel reading of the temptation of Jesus. Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did by prayer, penance, and drawing strength from the word of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us acknowledge our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us through the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to our evil tendencies, by participating in the Mass if possible, a few days in the week, setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer. It is a most appropriate time to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, therefore in our parishes, we will have many opportunities for this sacrament. Individual confession/reconciliation is available before Mass on every Thursday at Birkdale from 5.30 pm and every Saturday at Manly from 4.30 pm and after Sunday 7.00 am mass at Gumdale.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

**First Reading: Gen 9:8-15** – I will recall the covenant between myself and you....the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

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

**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

**Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:18-22** – The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15** – He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**Let go of those who stress you**  
**Embrace those who bless you**  
**Cherish those who you love**  
**Be kind to those around you**  
**Give to those who need you**  
**Pray for those who hurt you**  
**Have a faith God walks with you...!**

**Next week's Readings**

**First: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18**

**Second: Rom 8:31-34**

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-10**

**Mass Times:** Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

**Reconciliation:** Thursday 5:30pm

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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### A VOCATION VIEW:

Lent: the springtime of the soul. A time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover your calling

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Colleen Van den Bosch, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

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

**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.

**Caritas** - Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed “A Just Future”. You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

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**Parish Diary:**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

*The Chair of St Peter*

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

2:00pm Activities Group

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

10:00am Funeral

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

5:30pm Reconciliation

**6:00pm Mass**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

9:00am Stations of the Cross

**9:30am Mass**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**6:15pm Mass**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**8:00am Mass**

9:00am Sacramental Workshop

**Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential**

Roster	Readers	Counting	Music
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> February	6:15pm (1st) Jane W (2nd) Martin M (POF) Martin M	8:00am (1st) Peter L (2nd) Emilia G (POF) Emilia G	6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am David C

**First Sunday of Lent**

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

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

**Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him. The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. 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.'