



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Second Sunday of Lent Year B - 28th February 2021

Lent is a time to listen...

During the second week of Lent, we have the opportunity to reflect on the choices we make while listening. As we journey through Lent toward Easter, we can renew and refresh our lives. Jesus' invitation to "repent and believe in the Gospel" rings in our ears. We are reminded that He continually calls us to rejoice in the life that has been given us and to experience the fullness of that life. Repentance or turning back to God involves all aspects of life.

During the Lenten week ahead, we have the opportunity to reflect on our "listening. We sometimes forget to listen to God's voice, especially when we are distracted living our lives. Today we might consider our "listening". The ability to hear and listen are great gifts that we have received from God. Silence is a good place to listen not to music or news or sports stories, but to the voice of the Lord. The Lord speaks in the silence of our hearts and the only way we can listen is to enter into the quiet, the time spent in silence will enable us to "listen to him." We spend our lives listening to the Lord as He speaks to us in His word and in and through the circumstances of our lives; we listen to Him as a preparation for that wonderful moment when we see Him face to face in eternity and we can finally say, 'it is wonderful to be here'. As we do so, we can hear the words of the Father over and over: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." This weekend we are being called to listen in two directions: listen to one another; to God speaking in the world around us. Never doubt that God wants to speak to us – not only during this Lenten season but all the time. He loves to speak peace into our lives. So stop and listen today. Stop and listen and pray every day.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 – *The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.*

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of God, I will walk with you;
I will walk in the presence of God, in the land of the living.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Rom 8:31-34 – *God did not spare his own Son.*

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 – *This is my Son, the beloved, listen to him.*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**If you can see
the
positive sides of
everything,
you'll be able to
live a much
richer life than
others.**



Roster	Readers	Counting	Music
6 th & 7 th March	6:15pm (1st) Therese E (2nd) Tom M (POF) Tom M	8:00am (1st) Rob B (2nd) Megan B (POF) Megan B	6:15pm CD 8:00am Gp 3 PowerPoint 6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Chris M

Next week's Readings

First: Exo 20:1-17

Second: 1 Cor 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

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:

If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham – called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith!

Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God.

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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

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, Mildred Ball-Wilson, 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, Miqueli 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>

Change of Parish Bank Account Numbers on 1st March the bank account numbers for the Parish will be changing. If you have Direct Debits (bank account) or Credit Card payments set up there is no action required as these will be directed straight to the new accounts. However, if you currently make direct deposits / EFT payments to the Church bank accounts you will need to contact the Parish Office to obtain the correct account number details. Thank you to everyone for your continued financial support to our Parish.

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.

Mass of Anointing – will be celebrated at 9.30am in the church on Friday 12th March. All are welcome to give support to the sick, elderly and housebound of the parish.

Caritas - Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More". You will be assisting those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival. Those whose needs at this time are far beyond ours. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

SCAM WARNING – Parishioners in some parishes may have received scam text messages (phishing) on their mobile phone asking for donations of gift cards. This phishing scam is targeting church-goers and we are seeing a number of Parishes in the Archdiocese targeted currently. Parishioners are receiving SMS texts (and sometimes emails) claiming to be from their Parish Priest (sometimes using their correct name) - asking for contributions or donations through gift cards. These cards are like giving cash – and nearly untraceable. Please ignore and delete such messages – your Parish Priest would never request gifts in such a way.

Parish Diary:

Monday 1st March

1:00pm Rosary Group and Prayer
2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 2nd March

10:30am Finance Council Meeting
7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 3rd March

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

Thursday 4th March

9:45am Mass at Dutch Village
5:30pm Reconciliation

Friday 5th March

9:00am Stations of the Cross
9:30am Mass
10:30am Mass at Regis Grange

Saturday 6th March

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 7th March

8:00am Mass
9:00am Sacramental Workshop

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.