



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Third Sunday of Lent Year B - 7th March 2021

God makes us temples of the Holy Spirit....

Lent is a wonderful time to reflect on our own responses to God's love. We are all the church, and therefore have our part to play in ensuring that the church is what the Lord intends it to be. Lent in particular is a time when we try to listen to what the Spirit may be saying to us about our lives; it is a time when as individuals and as a community we are called to allow the Spirit to renew our lives so that we conform more fully to the image and likeness of Christ.

There will be no 40-hour adoration this year, it will be replaced by 12 hours of adoration. This year this will be taking place at Birkdale in the Chapel on *Saturday 20 March*, beginning at 6:00 am and finishing prior to the 6:15pm Mass. This beautiful time of silent prayer where we fulfil the call of Jesus "to spend one hour with me." Please consider offering one hour or more during this one day adoration. There are rosters in the foyers of both our Churches for you to place your name. Also, a priest will be available for individual confession from 10. 00 am to 11. 00 am and in the afternoon from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites four or five parishioners from each parish to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held on Thursday 25 March at 7 pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen—this is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese. As this Mass will be ticketed, those interested will also need to book online through the Cathedral website.

This year our Holy week liturgies will be shared between Birkdale and Manly Parishes. The Liturgy of the Holy Thursday will be celebrated at St. John Vianney's Church, Manly at 6.00 pm. On Good Friday we will have the Stations of the Cross at 10 am, St. John Vianney's, Manly, and the Liturgy of the passion of the Lord at 3.00 pm at St. Mary Mackillop, Birkdale. The Great Vigil of Easter Masses will be held in St. John Vianney's Church, Manly at 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm at Birkdale. Then on Easter Sunday there will be normal mass at Gumdale at 7.00 am Birkdale at 8.00 am and 9.30 at Manly.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: *Exo 20:1-17 – The Law was given to Moses.*

Psalm Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading: *1 Cor 1:22-25 – We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
That all who believed in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: *John 2:13-25 – Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Pause and Remember
Every situation in life is temporary.

So, when life is good,
make sure
you enjoy and receive it fully.

And when life is not so good, remember
that it will not last forever
and better
days are on the way.

Roster	Readers	Counting	Music
13 th & 14 th March	6:15pm (1st) Mary S (2nd) Carolyn W (POF) Carolyn W	8:00am (1st) Jane W (2nd) Loretta M (POF) Loretta M	Group 2
			6:15pm Gp 3 PowerPoint 8:00am Gp 2 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Chris M

Next week's Readings

First: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Second: Eph 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Holy Thursday 1st April	6:00pm Mass - St John Vianney's Paris	
Good Friday 2nd April	10:00am - Stations of the Cross - St John Vianney's Parish, Manly 3:00pm – Passion Celebration - St Mary MacKillop Parish, Birkdale	
Holy Saturday 3rd April	5:00pm Easter Vigil Mass- St John Vianney's Parish 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass - St Mary MacKillop Parish	
Easter Sunday 4th April	7:00am Easter Sunday Mass - St Jude's Church, Gumdale 8:00am Easter Sunday Mass - St Mary MacKillop Parish 9.30am Easter Sunday Mass - St John Vianney's Parish	

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:

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He was authoritative. He was doing what He had to do, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a vocation.
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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 March Sasha Thomsen, Francis Thomsen, Annie Geale, Bob Paino, Jo Donnellan, Kathleen Howard, Dorothy Copas, Tullio Tonini, John Schoites, Molly Hudson, Gerard Copas, Angelo Sparti, John Beers, Augustina Searson, Pacencia Marcelo, Eileen Margaret Gilhooly, Martha & Bill Kluck, Paul Gauci, Jodie-Anne White, Adrian Hadley, Georgina Fleming, Thomas Miles, Reynaldo Cane, Adela McCullagh, Lionel Logan, Emily Eeles, Salvatore (Sam) Greco, Val Hume, Patrick Flynn, Assunta Lippi, Forina Bunin, Maria Bolton, David Cooper, Del Forsyth, Annie Quantock, Laszlo Lengyel, Ambrose Gorogo, Roy Kok, Roslyn Cairns, Ahlia Rafferty, Rosa Tucket, John Kelly, Mark Ramage, Cecchin Giovanni, Jack Maclean, Frank Sherry, Daniel Sherry, Johanna Ruygrosk, Tom Topatig, Santa Aquili, Doris Watson, Mary Linthwaite, Paul Moloney, John Turner, David Hume, Mervyn Cosgrove, Christine Leane, Malcolm Simpson, Luigi Cal, Martin Salvatierra.

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.

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.

Adoration for Easter As in previous years we will host this most precious devotion of grace by continuous silent prayer before Jesus. This year, Adoration will be in the Chapel at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale. Adoration begins **Saturday 20th March at 6:00am** and continues for 12 hours through until **6:15pm Mass**. Please consider spending one hour during this time in silent prayer before Jesus. A roster will be placed in the Church for you to record your preferred time.

EAST TIMOR RAFFLE - WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW...

We will be running an Easter raffle for some much needed funds to support our sister Parish in Metinaro and would love your support if you are able to donate prizes. In particular, we are looking for some Easter themed prizes. You can drop in your prize donation to the Parish Office or place in the basket when arriving at Mass. Many Thanks

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.

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery. 'You shall have no gods except me. 'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. 'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred. 'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you. 'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Parish Diary:

Monday 8th March

1:00pm Rosary Group and Prayer

2:00pm Activities Group

2:00pm Conversation Group

Tuesday 9th March

Wednesday 10th March

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 11th March

10:00am Mass at Sylvan Wood

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 12th March

9:00am Stations of the Cross

9:30am Anointing Mass

Saturday 13th March

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 14th March

8:00am Mass

9:00am Sacramental Workshop

10:00am Golf at Howeston

Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential