

# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### LENT WITH ST. JOSEPH....

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* which means "With a Father's Heart", commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "**Year of St Joseph**", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. Throughout the year we strive to honour St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of the Church and to take his virtuous life as our model for fulfilling our personal vocation to holiness especially as the Church celebrates his feast day on 19<sup>th</sup> March. St. Joseph is a great example for us of Lenten virtues that we would do well to ponder in our everyday life during this Lent.

St. Joseph first teaches us about the silence needed in Lent. He is a man of silence, whose words are not found in Sacred Scripture. It is an active listening to the God who in silence speaks, and following His way we can hear God's voice. Second, St. Joseph teaches us about the obedience Lent cultivates. It's about learning to obey as Christ obeyed. St Joseph shows us the way. In each life circumstance, Joseph obeyed immediately. He teaches us how to have Christ's obedient mindset. Third, he was a man of faith. He believed in what God was telling him through the angel and therefore did what God was directing. During this season we are called to repent and believe in the Gospel, like St. Joseph. Fourth, he was a man of humility. Lent is a season in which we humble ourselves and learn to walk humbly with our God. Joseph learned humility not only through putting himself totally at the service of God's plans for Jesus and Mary, but even in the way he exercised his leadership in the Holy Family. Lastly, St. Joseph shows us how to protect and provide for others which is love. He protected Jesus and Mary, he provided for them through his hard work. Lent is a good opportunity to examine our closest relationships. May we learn to forgive, rekindle love and help others by giving alms. Let us pray and reflect on the life of St. Joseph throughout the coming months. Let us invite St. Joseph to accompany us during Lent as we embrace the spiritual and corporal acts of mercy.

I kindly remind everyone please consider spending one hour or more before the Blessed Sacrament on 20<sup>th</sup> March from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm at Birkdale chapel.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

**First Reading:** 2Chron 36:14-15, 19-23 – *The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.*

**Psalm Response:** Let my tongue be silenced if ever I forget you.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

**Second Reading:** Eph 2:4-10 – *Where we were dead through sin, he brought us to life.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21 – *God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.*



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Happy moments,  
praise God.

Difficult moments,  
seek God.

Quiet moments,  
worship God.

Painful moments,  
trust God.

Every moment, thank God.

<b>Roster</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>6:15pm</b> (1st) Tanina D (2nd) Paulina P (POF) Paulina P	<b>Readers</b> <b>8:00am</b> (1st) Lorraine K (2nd) Matthew K (POF) Matthew K	<b>Counting</b> Group 3	<b>Music</b> <b>6:15pm</b> Gp 1 <b>PowerPoint</b> <b>6:15pm</b> Alan B <b>8:00am</b> Clinton T
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**Next week's Readings**

**First: Jer 31:31-34**

**Second: Heb 5:7-9**

**Gospel: John 21:20-33**

**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:

When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction – heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.

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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 Scholtes, 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 Ruygrok, 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*

**EASTER MASS TIMES – BOOKINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE FROM 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**Holy Thursday 1st April** 6:00pm Mass - St John Vianney's Parish, Manly  
**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 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>

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

**Week Day Mass** There will be NO MASS OR RECONCILIATION on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March due to the celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for our Sacramental Group. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

**Adoration for Easter** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 6:00am until 6:00pm (for 1 hour intervals) in the Chapel at St Mary MacKillop Parish. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, **the maximum number of people allowed in the Chapel at any time is 16.**

Booking site: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPNMO>

If you have any trouble making a booking please phone the Parish Office or send an email with your preferred time. This beautiful time of silent prayer where we fulfil the call of Jesus "to spend one hour with me." A priest will be available on 20<sup>th</sup> March for individual confession from 10.00 am to 11.00 am and in the afternoon from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

**EAST TIMOR EASTER RAFFLE** Tickets will be on sale at Masses \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Lots of great prizes!!!! Many thanks for your support.

**Parish Diary:**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
 1:00pm Rosary Group and Prayer  
 2:00pm Activities Group  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March**  
 7:00pm SVdP  
 7:30pm Baptism Preparation  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
*St Patrick*  
 7:30am HEARTfit  
 11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

NO RECONCILIATION  
**NO MASS**  
 6:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation for Sacramental Candidates

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

*St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 9:00am Stations of the Cross

**9:30am Mass**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

6:00am 12 hours of Adoration

**6:15pm Mass**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**8:00am Mass**

**Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: A reading from the second book of Chronicles**

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

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

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'