

Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B - 21st March 2021

Come closer to God....

Lent is a time of prayer and renewal and an opportunity to refocus our relationship with God that leads us to the Easter Sunday celebration of our risen Christ. We are just one week away from Holy Week - celebrating God's love shown in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a time of special grace in which we experience the presence of a personal God who cares and loves us. Our response is to open ourselves and live according to His will. Turning back to God is what our Lenten journey is about, acknowledging our sins and returning to the joyful purpose of our lives. The call for repentance is one that is fundamental to our Catholic Christian tradition. And the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the greatest gifts offered as an opportunity for real conversion, healing, and happiness in our lives. In order to do so, we need the grace of God given to us in the sacrament.

As we approach Holy Week beginning next Sunday with Palm Sunday, let us recall the Passion of our Lord Jesus, who took up that cross and suffered for us, so that by gathering all of our sins to Himself, He might redeem all of us, His beloved people. Let us all keep away from our past sins and wickedness, all the things we have done in disobedience against God and walk from now on in His ways.

Let us also draw closer to God this Lent, by deepening our relationship with Him through prayer, that in everything we do, do it prayerfully, knowing that God is with us, and that we exist to be with God. Let us all show our commitment to Him by devoting our lives more wholeheartedly to Him through our active participation in the Holy Week liturgies.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34 – *The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

Psalm Response: Be merciful, O God, for we have sinned;
be merciful, O God, for we have sinned.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9 – *He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;

And where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 21:20-23 – *If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

If you don't
leave your past in
the past, it will
destroy your future.
Live for what today has
to
offer, not what
yesterday
has taken away.

EASTER MASS TIMES – Bookings are essential for all celebrations

Holy Thursday	6:00pm Mass - St John Vianney's Parish, Manly - https://www.trybooking.com/BPPLN
Good Friday	10:00am - Stations of the Cross - St John Vianney's Parish, Manly - https://www.trybooking.com/BPPLX 3:00pm – Passion Celebration - St Mary MacKillop Parish, Birkdale - https://www.trybooking.com/BPTBL
Holy Saturday	5:00pm Easter Vigil Mass- St John Vianney's Parish - https://www.trybooking.com/BPPLZ 7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass - St Mary MacKillop Parish - https://www.trybooking.com/BPTBO
Easter Sunday	7:00am Easter Sunday Mass - St Jude's Church, Gumdale 8:00am Easter Sunday Mass - St Mary MacKillop Parish - https://www.trybooking.com/BPTBT 9.30am Easter Sunday Mass - St John Vianney's Parish - https://www.trybooking.com/BPPMB

Next week's Readings

First: Isa 50:4-7

Second: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

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:

Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.'

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Colleen Van den Bosch, 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: Roma Piper, 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 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

Roster	Readers	Counting	Music
27th & 28th March	6:15pm (1st) Martin M (2nd) Suzanne G (POF) Suzanne G	8:00am (1st) Hilda A (2nd) Peter L (POF) Peter L	6:15pm Gp 3 PowerPoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Gp 2 David C

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.

Chrism Mass There will be **NO PARISH MASS** on Thursday 25th March as all priests will attend the Chrism Mass.

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.

Iona College (Year 5 in 2023) Enrolment Applications close on **Friday 4 June 2021** (boys who are currently in Year 3). Year 5 2023 Parent Information Evening for Prospective Families will be held on Tuesday 11 May at 7.00pm in IPAC (Iona Performing Arts Centre). To complete an enrolment application form, book at College tour or find out more about Iona College please visit our website: <http://iona.qld.edu.au/enrol/>

Congratulations to our Sacramental candidates who received 1st Reconciliation this week
Aston Begley, Kyden Britt, Charli Bromiley, Lincoln Cahill, Alice Chadburn, Riley Chapman, Chloe Chuter, Hunter Cullen, Chelsea Ellison, Olivia Feher, Aoife Flanagan, Jacob Francis, Eva Gallagher, Tarlia Harris, Timothy Hayward, Poppy Lawlor, Madelein Ledesma, Tahlia Losinski, Sienna McKennariey, Regan McNicholl, Daisy Moore, Lara Mudnic, Addison Newman, Maddison O'Brien, Archer Olsen, Chloe Page, Amelie Phelps, Billy Randall, Blake Roberts, Joshua Robinson, Samuel Stewart, Seb Stone, Jack Thomas, Isaiah Thrupp and Samuel Tutt

Parish Diary:
Monday 22nd March
1:00pm Rosary Group and Prayer
2:00pm Activities Group
Tuesday 23rd March
Wednesday 24th March
7:30am HEARTfit
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer
Thursday 25th March
Annunciation of the Lord
NO RECONCILIATION
NO MASS
Friday 26th March
9:00am Stations of the Cross
9:30am Mass
Saturday 27th March
6:15pm Mass
Sunday 28th March
Palm Sunday
8:00am Mass
Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.