



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021

Parish liturgical formation: A Walk Through the Mass: A Step-by-Step Explanation

In everything we do in life, it is essential to understand the goal or purpose, if we are to participate in a fruitful manner. The Second Vatican Council, in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, called for “active participation” on the part of the Faithful. It also called for a participation that would be full and conscious. In this episode we learn the importance of worshipping intelligently.

In the Catholic Mass, the goal of our worship is quite clearly directed at the praise of God and the sanctification of the world. The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy. The Catholic Mass is full of signs and symbols. Where do these signs come from? What do they mean? Starting in May, our Parish is going to present some liturgical formation sessions, explaining the parts of the Holy Mass for all Parishioners. Beginning the weekend of 22/23 May, the homily at weekend masses will include a short video which will show in detail, the parts of the Holy mass. Archbishop Mark Coleridge unpacks the elements of the Catholic Mass in this multi part series. This will continue weekly, until all the parts of the mass are covered.

On Thursday evening, **3 June, at 6.30pm** (following mass), an information session for all ministers will be held in the church. This will allow us to be brought up to date on matters relating to the roles of Sacristans, Readers, Communion Ministers and Junior Ministers. While this is especially important for those who take on those roles, it is essential for ALL ministers so we understand why things are done in a certain way and to ensure we are up to date with liturgical practices.

This will be something to look forward to, as it’s been many years since our Parish has had any formation training. As not everyone will be able to attend on 3 June, there will be a duplicate session on Saturday, **5 June, at 9.30am**. (Prospective Junior Ministers will have a separate session sometime after First Holy Communion on 19/20 June.)

Please remember that when you receive Holy Communion in the hand place the Host (the Body of Christ), into your mouth before you move away from the priest or Minister. Please come forward quietly and prepare yourself to receive Holy Communion. Please bow before receiving the Body or the Blood of Jesus as a sign of reverence. Receive the Body of Christ, saying over it, Amen. Never reach and grab the Host. But be careful that no particles of the Holy Host fall, and make sure the small particles of the Holy Host are not stick on to your hands. Then say a prayer of Thanksgiving after receiving Holy Communion when you are back in your place. All of this will help us to remember that Holy Mass and receiving Holy Communion are the source and summit of our Catholic Faith.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week’s Readings:

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31– He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

Psalm Response: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24 – His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8 – All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.



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.**

Next week’s Readings

First: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

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:

Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for
His people who should be one in faith?

We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the
Vine and the Branches One Again. How about you?

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Peter Hapuarachchi, 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 April: Raffaele Topatigh, Les Richards, Unis Eather, Mark Fallon, Jim Fagan, Peter Swart, Graham Smith, Toribia Reyes, Rosemary Marr, Maureen McCarthy, Johanna Jorna, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Andrews, Margaret Schleeauf, Catherine Chambers, Theresa Gormley, Pat Gormley, John Gormley, Malcolm Simpson, Catherine and John Gablonski, Pat McGowan, Neville Hume, David Foley, Ian Swann, Daphne Leighton, Maria Poloniato, Kevin Moore, James Maxwell, Sam Sciacca, Brian Lane, Mick & Livia Cencig, Daisy Johnson, Maurice Pye, Sidney Ahrens, Ian Stuart, Ralph Webster, Tony Morrissey, Vivian and Rodello Cabigquez, James Leonard, Aldo Bandiero, Ismael Padilla, John Henry, George Montgomery, Georgia Higgins, Eugenia De Monte, Fred Hudson, Ian Stuart, Ross Prove, Aurora Tan, Doug Risson, Irene Gall, Harry Elliott, Dennis Davey, Helen Sherrin, Jim Maclean, Patricia Stuart, Georgette Ferre, Alan McGrath, John Beers..

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>

Parish Office will be closed on Monday 3rd May for the Labour Day public holiday.

Small Coins for East Timor The NEW collection box for your SMALL COINS (Thank you Vern D) will be at the Welcome Desk each week. Total collected to date is **\$16,627.95**.

Columbarium We are now taking reservations for niches or plaques. If you would like to discuss your requirements or have any questions about the process, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

Australian National Census – Every 5 years the ACBC asks for data on Mass attendances. These numbers provide the Archdiocese locally, and the Bishops Conference nationally, with a sense of the trends in the Church in 2021. For the first 4 weeks of May our Parish will be recording the number of attendees at our weekend Masses and reporting the information to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: Our Parish is in need of volunteers at the weekend masses and other parish ministries. If you would like to help with the following duties please let the parish office know by registering at <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections. Full training will be given to all interested people. SACRISTAN DUTIES, READERS, MINISTERS OF COMMUNION, ALTAR SERVING, CD and POWER POINT SCREEN OPERATORS, HOSPITALITY, CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND BAPTISM PREPARATION TEAM. *Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

Parish Diary:

Monday 3rd May

Parish Office closed
Sts Philip and James
1:00pm Rosary Group and
Private Prayer

Tuesday 4th May

Wednesday 5th May

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

Thursday 6th May

10:30am Mass at Dutch Village
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 7th May

9:30am Mass
10:30am Mass at Regis Grange

Saturday 8th May

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 9th May

8:00am Mass
10:00am Golf at Howeston

**Bookings for
Weekend Masses are
essential**

Roster	Readers	Counting	Group 2
8 th & 9 th May	6:15pm (1st) Don F (2nd and POF) Mary S	8:00am (1st) Jane W (2 nd and POF) Loretta M	6:15pm Gp 3 6:15pm Emma M
		Music	8:00am Gp 2
		PowerPoint	8:00am Chris M

5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St John

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'