



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## Sixth Sunday of Easter – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### **We only get out of Mass what we put into it....**

The Holy Mass is the holiest thing we have here on earth. Why? Because it is the action of Christ. The main thing in the Mass is not what the priest preaches in his homily nor what the people do or sing. The main thing is what Christ does. He offers Himself for us, as He offered Himself on the Cross. He sacrifices Himself for us. This is the great fact. In each Mass, Christ is really present and renews the Sacrifice of the Cross.

Here I would like to share with you some thoughts about the blessings we receive from our active participation in a Sunday Mass. The parish community gathers for the Sunday Eucharistic celebration or Holy Mass to "Keep the Lord's Day holy" as instructed by the fourth commandment. Holy Mass is a double remembrance. We remember, celebrate and make present Jesus' Last Supper as commanded by Him "Do this in memory of me." On the altar, we also re-present the death and remember the resurrection of Jesus as St. Paul reminds us: "Every time, then, you eat this bread and drink this cup; you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes". By using liturgical prayers, signs and symbols, we offer the one-time Calvary sacrifice of Jesus to our Heavenly Father for the remission of our sins.

We achieve these goals during the Holy Mass in seven steps. 1) We praise and worship God by singing and by responding to the prayers spoken by the priest. 2) We ask God's pardon and forgiveness for our sins. 3) We thank God for all the blessings received during the course of the past week. 4) We listen to God's Word in the three Scripture readings and in the homily preached by the priest. 5) We present before God on the altar our needs and petitions for the new week at the intercessory prayers, 6) We surrender and offer our lives and all our activities to God during the offertory, accepting Jesus as our personal Lord and Saviour and surrendering our lives to Him with repentant hearts. 7) We recharge our spiritual batteries for bearing witness to Jesus in our lives, gain spiritual nourishment and deepen our personal relationship with Jesus by sacramentally receiving His Resurrected Body and Blood in Holy Communion. The structure of the Eucharistic celebration or Holy Mass is organized to achieve all these seven goals.

People who feel that they don't get anything from the Holy Mass probably forget all these blessings they receive by their active participation in the Eucharistic celebration.

### **A walk through the mass: a step-by-step explanation by Archbishop Mark Coleridge**

As Catholics, we know that the Holy Mass is the centre of our faith and the source of Divine life. If we understand the value of the Mass, we would certainly participate in it actively and regularly. I feel that a simple explanation on each part of the Mass may help you to recognize the value of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Beginning the weekend of 22/23 May, the homily at weekend masses will include a short video which will explain in detail, the parts of the Holy mass.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

### **This Week's Readings:**

**First Reading:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 – *The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

**Psalm Response:** Let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord;  
let all the earth cry out with joy to the Lord.

**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Second Reading:** 1 John 3: 4:7-10 – *God is love.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,  
And my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 15:9-17 – *No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*



### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

**Imagine a running  
race between  
Relationship and  
Friendship...  
Who will win...? None.  
Because Friendship  
always  
Compromises...  
And Relationship  
always  
Sacrifices....!**

**Next week's Readings**

**First: Acts 1:1-11**

**Second: Eph 1:17-23**

**Gospel: Mark 16:15-20**

**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:**

God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you". The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What 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:** Chris Talty.

**Anniversaries & Remembrances May:** Josephine Romero, Babs Gilhooley, Amber Rose (birthday) daughter of Celina and David McGovern, Michael Czapkowski (birthday), Anastacia Wieland, Bill Cluck, Matha Cluck, Flo Conway, Aristeo Avenia, Denis Glanville, Edward Bartlett, Barbara McGhee, Denise Hodgson, Alma Maclean, Jessie Maclean, Kerry Powell, Norma Cowsell, Simon Bromley, Giovanni Ragagnin, Betty Avenia, Sr Anne Pulling RSH, Dr Salolatore Vitali, Laureen Smith, Maureen McNab, Nell Elliott, Bede Ryan, Aldo Bandiera, James Harrison, Ann Hockings, Nellie Modral, Saul David, Alberto Bandiera, Patricia Watson, Noel & Role Gablonski, Luigi Basso, Irma Moroney, Moira Peterson, Margaret Knights, Jessie Maclean, James King.

**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>

**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.*

**CARITAS APPEAL** Caritas Australia, in partnership with Caritas India, is providing support to vulnerable communities as the nation is devastated by massive increases in COVID-19 infection rates. The communities which Caritas works with are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, with poor access to clean water and Personal Protective Equipment. We are accepting donations through our Asia Emergency Appeal which can be found here: <https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/>. Please consider giving generously towards this as we support these vulnerable communities now, and assist them as they start to rebuild their lives in the future.

<b>Parish Diary:</b>	
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
1:00pm	Rosary Group and Private Prayer
2:00pm	Activities Group
2:00pm	Conversation Group
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
7:00pm	SVdP Meeting
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
7:30am	HEARTfit
11:00am	Rosary Group and Private Prayer
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> at Sylvan Woods
5:30pm	Reconciliation
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
6:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<i>St Matthias</i>	
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	
<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> followed by Sacramental Parent Information session
<b>Bookings for Weekend Masses are essential</b>	

<b>Roster</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Counting</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> May	8:00am (1st) Lorraine K (2 <sup>nd</sup> and POF) Matthew K	Group 3 6:15pm Gp 1 6:15pm Emma M
6:15pm (1st) Vern D (2 <sup>nd</sup> and POF) Tanina D	8:00am (1st) Lorraine K (2 <sup>nd</sup> and POF) Matthew K	8:00am Gp 3 8:00am Clinton T

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'