



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

(This Parish is Child Safety Aware and also complies with Australian Privacy Laws)



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - 6th June 2021



O sacrament most holy, O sacrament divine. All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine” This weekend, we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Eucharist or the Body and Blood of Christ. Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during the Last Supper as a Sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist is an outward sign in and through which we meet Jesus who shares His life of grace with us. “In the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist the Body and Blood, together with the soul and Divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained” (CCC#1374). In this Sacrament of the Eucharist, we meet Jesus,

the Risen Lord who comes to us under signs of Bread and Wine to nourish and strengthen us for our journey through life. The Eucharistic Meal is a great mystery because during the Holy Mass the substance of bread and wine are converted into the substance of the risen Jesus' Body and Blood, while their appearances remain. What do we do at Mass? We basically do two things:

First, we remember and we give thanks. The word 'Eucharist' (Eucharistia) comes from a Greek word meaning thanksgiving. We remember, above all, everything that God has done for us in Jesus Christ through His life, teaching, suffering, death and resurrection. But we also remember and give thanks for all our own personal experiences of being touched by God's love in our lives. It is a time to count our blessings.

Secondly, we come together to celebrate being a community and a fellowship in Christ. The Mass, by itself, does not make a community. It presupposes a community already existing. It is the celebration and the strengthening of that community. We don't just "go to" Mass, or "hear" Mass, or "attend" Mass as individuals. We are not here simply to observe the third Commandment, "keep holy the Sabbath day." We don't come to the Eucharist as a spectator, the way we go to see a play or a movie. We don't come to be entertained. We don't come just to get something, but to give something – ourselves – to each other.

The Holy Mass is a sacrament. That means it is a sign pointing to something bigger than itself. Whenever we receive the Holy Eucharist, we say our Amen to the Lord. We are acknowledging Him as our bread of life. In that sense, celebrating Eucharist is not something we should take for granted. Our familiarity with the Mass makes us unaware of the full significance of what we are doing. Every time we gather for the Eucharist, it's like being in that upper room with the first disciples, and the Lord is present again to support and to challenge us. The more we become aware of Christ living and acting in and through us as His Body, the more meaningful will be our gathering around His table of the altar.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Exod 24:3-8* – This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Psalm Response: Our blessing cup is a communion with the Blood of the Lord.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Second Reading: *Heb 9:11-15* – The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mark 14:12-16, 22-26* – This is my body. This is my blood.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**The kite gives us
a wonderful message,
fly high but stay
connected to the
ground
to our roots or else
we are lost.**

Next week's Readings

First: Ezek 17:22-24

Second: 2 Cor 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

Roster	6:15pm	Readers	8:00am	Counting	Group 2
12th & 13th June	(1st) Mary S (2nd and POF) Carolyn W	(1st) Loretta M (2nd and POF) Jane W		Music	6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
				PowerPoint	6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Chris M

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.

Parish Council Members: Chris Mahoney, Therese Evans, Cathy McGrath, Lorraine Kumar, John Spillane

Pastor: Fr Dantus Thottathil thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au

Associate Pastor: Fr Prem Rethnamony

12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale Q 4159 ☎ 3822 2139 Fax 3822 4060.

birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au

Emergency Contact: 3207 4566

Safeguarding Officer: Lisa Knight ☎ 3822 2139

STOPLINE Contact: AOB@stoline.com.au

A VOCATION VIEW:

Through the ministry of our ordained priests, we receive Holy Communion. Through the Body and Blood of Christ, we are made one body: to become Christ-like... purified ... ready to serve.

Pray for Vocations

Vocation Brisbane. P: (07) 3336 9392 E: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Primary School

Principal: Mr John Spillane

10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale Q 4159

☎ 3822 5500 Fax 3822 5690

pbirkdale@bne.catholic.edu.au

www.marymackillop.qld.edu.au

Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Ed Moloney, 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: Martin Joseph.

Anniversaries & Remembrances June: Maria Topatig, Mary Lawes, Angelo Garbuio, Marjorie Tough, Tess Pellow, June Flynn, Veronika Wagner, Molly Kennedy, Tony Whitby, Rosalia Biscontin, Lilian Watts, Jack MacNamara, Des O'Connor, May Morrison, James Hume, Levina White, Luigina Basso, Trevor Bignell, Marguerita Freeman, Mona Quantock, Nellie Sheehan, Ray Bandiera, Peter Potts, Amedio Aquili, Billy Abrahams, Michael Hickey, Rita Freeman, Mary McCourt, William Webster, Evelyn Newman, Leslie Moroney, Waclaw Kupidura, Paul Sklyarov, Ayda Daboin, Charlie Barry, Margaret Crichton, Richard Ashton, Lenore Thompson, Ernie McCullagh, Dick Curran.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

Mass Celebrations Commencing this weekend we are using the new Check In Qld app to help keep you COVID safe the next time you come to celebrate Mass. If you already have the App on your phone, you just need to check in when you arrive. If you have not set up the app yet, all you need to do is: Download the app www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld and enter your details once. Open the app when you next come to Mass and select 'Check in Now' and hover your smartphone over our QR code Done! Using this digital check-in means your details are stored securely by the Queensland Government for fast COVID-19 contact tracing if needed. You NO LONGER need to book online to attend Mass. The paper sign in sheets will also still be in operation for those people who do not have a smartphone.

FIRST EUCHARIST The children on their Sacramental Journey will be celebrating their first Eucharist at Parish Masses on **Saturday 19th June and Sunday 20th June**. The families will be allocated seating in the Church to enable the children to use the centre aisle to receive Communion before the whole congregation. This may mean that the place that you usually sit may be allocated to a Sacramental family on this date. **Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.**

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal — **12th & 13th June** The cold winter months are particularly hard for the most disadvantaged people in our community. Vinnies Changes Lives Every Day. Be part of that change by donating to the Vinnies Winter Appeal through our Parish. Envelopes will be available in the Church.

'A Morning's Prayer' at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston on **Saturday 12th June**. The morning (9am-12pm) is facilitated with a time of input, prayer, morning tea, reflection and faith sharing, and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome. We encourage you to book early to avoid missing out, as spaces are limited. If you can't make it this time, or if you'd like to attend down the track, bookings are open for the Saturdays of **28 August, 18 September, and 4 December**. Cost - \$15 per person. For all bookings go to:

<https://santateresa.org.au/news-events/>

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE REUNION – All students who attended Lourdes hill College in 1966 – Year 8, 1967 – Year 9, 1968 – Year 10, 1969 – Year 11 and 1970 – Year 12 are invited to attend the Reunion of the 1966-1970 Cohort on Saturday 16 October at Lourdes Hill College. For enquiries please contact Maree Foley (Stanton) maree_foley@hotmail.com or events@lhc.qld.edu.au or phone Mary at LHC on 3399 0411.

Parish Diary:

Monday 7th June

1:00pm Rosary Group and
Private Prayer
2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 8th June

9:30am Finance Council Meeting
7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 9th June

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

Thursday 10th June

10:00am Mass at Sylvan Wood
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass
6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday 11th June

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:30am Mass

Saturday 12th June

*The Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

3:00pm Baptism Celebration
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 13th June

8:00am Mass followed by
Sacramental Workshop
10:00am Golf at Howeston

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.