



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th June 2021

What should I do to prepare myself for Mass?

Dear Parishioners, we have been reflecting on the Holy Mass for the last couple of weekends through the explanation given by the Archbishop. When we actively participate in the Mass we receive God in two primary ways: we receive Him through His Word and through the Eucharist. One of the most important things to do in order to prepare for Mass is to plan your schedule around Mass, and not Mass around your schedule. By planning your day around spending time worshipping God, you automatically put God in the place of highest priority. Instead of trying to find a Mass time that fits your schedule, you are able to worship with your local parish community each week. As we enter into His presence in our churches, do we recognise and acknowledge that the Lord of Lords and King of kings is there waiting for us to come before Him? Do we look around at who else is there in the church and ignore God? Do we stroll in and up to our friends, start talking to them, and ignore God? Do we enter and wander to our seats, where we wait for things to start happening, and ignore God? Whom have we really come to see, to speak to, to listen to, to adore? Where is our reverence for God?

The second way to prepare for Mass is to look at the Scripture readings ahead of time. If you read the readings before you go to Church, when you hear them proclaimed, the Word of God will have more familiarity and God will be able to use the Scriptures to speak to you more easily. Spending quality time in prayer with the readings before Mass, whether ten minutes or a half hour depending on your schedule, will significantly improve your receptivity to God's Word as it is proclaimed.

Receiving the Sacrament of Penance, if necessary, is another form of preparation. It is important to be in a state of grace before receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. Many Churches conveniently offer reconciliation before at least one of the weekend or weekday Masses. And the priest is also available by calling the parish office to book a time.

Another form of preparation is fasting. Refraining from food and drink, except for water and medicine, for at least one hour before Communion helps remind us about what we are preparing to do. It is essential to unite our preparation spiritually. This can be done by saying a simple prayer such as, "Lord, may my physical desire for food increase in me the spiritual desire to receive the Eucharist".

Finally, it is important to arrive at Church a few minutes early to pray. Aside from avoiding the hassle of trying to search for a last minute parking space, it allows a few minutes to quiet ourselves both externally and internally.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Ezek 17:22-24 – *I have made the small tree great.*

Psalm Response: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:6-10 – *Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower: all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34 – *The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**Never stop
learning,
because
Life never stops
teaching....!**

Next week's Readings (1st Communion) First: Acts 2:42-47 Second: 1 Cor 11:23-26 Gospel: John 3:13

Roster	Readers	Counting	Group 3
19 th & 20 th June	6:15pm READINGS AND POF Sacramental Candidates 8:00am READINGS AND POF Sacramental Candidates	Music PowerPoint	6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3 6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Clinton T

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

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

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Andrew Hodgson, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, 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: Peter Hapuarachchi, 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, Lillian 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

Support Your Parish: Thank you so much to all the Parishioners who continue to support our Parish financially through the Planned Giving programme (Direct Debits, Credit Card and envelopes) and donations in the collection box outside the Church each week. Our planned giving bank account details for Electronic Funds Transfer deposits are as follows: **BSB: 064 786 Account No: 1000 17027 Account Name: Birkdale Parish Planned Giving** (this account number is NOT for over the counter deposits at the Bank). Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one. Please contact the parish office on 3822 2139 for further information.

Mass with Archbishop Mark Series This weekend we will view the final instalment of the series. The series is available to watch at any time on either the Archdiocese of Brisbane or St Mary MacKillop Parish website at the following link: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/the-mass-series/>

Mass Celebrations We are using the new Check In Qld app to help keep you COVID safe when 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 NEXT WEEKEND (**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 are available in the Church.

Parish Diary:

Monday 14th June

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

Tuesday 15th June

7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 16th June

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

Thursday 17th June

10:00am 1st Communion Rehearsals

Friday 18th June

9:30am Mass

Saturday 19th June

6:15pm Mass with 1st Eucharist celebration

Sunday 20th June

8:00am Mass with 1st Eucharist celebration

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Second Reading: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.