



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### **Blessings and congratulations on your First Holy Communion....**



Congratulations! What a special time this is. It is the moment you receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. What a blessing, and what a gift. Receiving your first holy Communion is a big deal. You are probably excited, nervous and joyful, all at once. You've been waiting and watching others receive Communion for so long, wondering what the host would taste like and wondering what it would feel like to be able to have Jesus so close to you. The date of your first holy Communion is one you'll want to remember always, too. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we repeat that desire with our "Amen!", which means "Yes! I believe!" We are saying we believe in Jesus Christ and that He is

truly present with us. We are saying we believe in the Catholic Church, which we know is Jesus' body. We are saying we believe everything that Christ has taught us.

Holy Communion, or Eucharist, is the last Sacrament of Initiation and often takes place following the Sacrament of Confirmation. The first time you receive Eucharist completes your initiation into the Church. The Eucharist is celebrated during Mass and is sometimes called the "source and summit" of the life of a Catholic. Unlike many other Sacraments, Holy Communion is not celebrated once. Each week, Catholics go to Mass to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, the ritual in which, by the power of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. We, who celebrate, are also transformed, becoming Christ's presence to others, and recognising the presence of Christ in others. For us Catholics, the Eucharist or Mass, is the most powerful way to encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ.

I would like to offer a special word of thanks to all those who helped prepare the children for this special day. Thank you again to all the parents and parishioners who have been an example and contributed to the growth and understanding of our children since beginning their Sacramental journey. In particular, thank you to Christine Montgomery, David White, Megan Burke, Lisa Knight and all our teachers for the great work and wonderful contribution in preparing the children for this significant step in their faith journey. Your efforts are much appreciated by the whole community of St. Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish.

### **Blessing for Non-Communicants**

As we celebrate First Holy Communion this weekend in our parish, we appreciate that there are those in our community who may not be in full communion with the Catholic Church or may choose not to take communion. As a sign of unity we invite you to come forward in the procession for a blessing, rather than receiving Holy Communion. Simply cross your arms over your chest so that the priest or the minister of Communion knows to give a blessing.

Blessings,  
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

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

**First Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

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

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 11:23-26

### **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:** John 3:13



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

*Some people come  
in your life as blessings,  
Some people in your life  
as lessons....*

**Next week's Readings**

**First: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24**

**Second: 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15**

**Gospel: Mark 5:21-43**

**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:**

Jesus says "Quiet now! Be Calm! To the strong winds in today's Gospel. How often do we allow Jesus to calm the distractions in our lives that makes it difficult for us to trust in Him who calls even the wind to be quiet?"

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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:** Maritel Abella, 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, Hazel Quilty, 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*

**Congratulations to the candidates receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this weekend**

*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, Mitch Graeme, 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, Samuel Tutt*

***Please keep these children and their families in your prayers***

**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.

**Considering becoming a Catholic?** Our Parish will be offering the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) journey for non-Catholics who would like to know more about the Catholic faith or how they can become a Catholic. Please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 if you would like to start this journey or if you have any enquiries.

**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/>

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** — SINCERE THANK YOU FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY for your generous response to our recent Winter Appeal. We can assure all our fellow Parishioners that every cent donated will find its way to someone in need in our local area. On their behalf we thank you. If you think you would like to help us in this important work of Christian Charity, we meet on Tuesday each fortnight in the Parish Centre at 7pm. Our next meeting will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.

**Parish Diary:**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

*St Aloysius Gonzaga*  
1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer  
2:00pm Activities Group

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

*Sts John Fisher & Thomas More*  
7:00pm SVdP Meeting

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

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

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

*The Nativity of St John the Baptist*  
5:30pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm Mass

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

9:30am Mass

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

3:00pm Baptism Celebration  
6:15pm Mass

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

8:00am Mass

<b>Roster</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Readers</b> 6:15pm (1st) Mary S (2nd and POF) Carolyn W 8:00am (1st) Loretta M (2 <sup>nd</sup> and POF) Jane W	<b>Communion Ministers</b> 6:15pm Paulina P <b>Counting</b> Group 4 <b>Music</b> 6:15pm Gp 3 <b>PowerPoint</b> 6:15pm Clinton T	8:00am Elaine H 8:00am Gp 2 8:00am David C
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**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (ALTERNATIVE READINGS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION CELEBRATION)**

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

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common: they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

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

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my Body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my Blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

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

Jesus said: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise them up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I live in them. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.'