



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th June 2021

The Liturgy should be a school of Prayer, where we learn to speak to God.

"Silence is not limited to the absence of words; rather, we open ourselves to hearing other voices: that of our heart, and above all, that of the Holy Spirit," said Pope Francis. "It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus," he said, adding that "silence is so important." Prayer is, "first and foremost dialogue, personal relationship with God." And in prayer, just like in any dialogue, it needs moments of silence "together with Jesus." This is because it is only in the "mysterious silence of God" that His Word can resound in our heart.

The General Instructions of the Roman Missal advise us to get to church early so we can settle down and be silent and prepare for what is about to happen. Silence has a very important role to play in the celebration as indicated by the **General Instruction of the Roman Missal, No. 45**. "Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration". Thus silence at Mass is an active, not a passive disposition. So the silences of the Mass help us to participate more fully in the mysteries we are celebrating by teaching us the ways of recollection, meditation, and praise of Almighty God.

For some individuals, the best time to have a period of silence and quiet is at the beginning of Mass as a time of preparation and prayer. But don't be discouraged parents of young children about noisy children—it's a sign of a healthy parish! Some may think that the practice of maintaining a spirit of silence before Mass is stuffy or unwelcoming. Yes, fellowship is important, catching up with our friends is a valued part of any human relationship. But, when we come to Mass and enter into the church, our primary concern is to enter into dialogue and communion with Christ. As Catholics, this relationship reaches its highest level in our reception of the Eucharist. Allowing time for silent prayer, however, is a clear indication that we primarily come to Mass to both hear God's voice and for Him to hear us. At the same time, a vibrant parish is also one in which fellowship and community is encouraged.

Beginning from the first weekend of July, five minutes before the Mass begins one of the reader will say the words of welcome- inviting everyone to the parish family and then invite the congregation to prepare in silence for the Mass using the formula "*Let us now settle ourselves with reverence to prepare for our Holy Mass*".

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24 – *It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.*

Psalm Response: I will praise you God for you have rescued me.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 – *Your abundance should supply their want.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his Gospel. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43 – *Young girl, I say to you, arise.*



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*Be
a little drop
of Love
in someone's
Ocean of pain.*

Next week's Readings

First: Ezek 2:2-5

Second: 2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Roster	Readers	6:15pm	(1st)	Suzanne G
3 rd & 4 th July	8:00am		(2nd)	John E
			(Welcome and POF)	Therese E
			(1st)	Amal R
			(2nd)	Felix R
			(Welcome and POF)	Elaine H

Communion Ministers	6:15pm	Mary D	8:00am	Lena B
Counting	Group 1			
Music	6:15pm	Gp 1	8:00am	Gp 3
PowerPoint	6:15pm	Alan B	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

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A VOCATION VIEW:

Jesus said, "Do not fear, only believe." Do we believe that God will answer our prayers for more priests and consecrated religious for our Church?

Pray, believing that your prayers will be answered.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Liana Lo Presti, 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, Amedeo 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

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.

Peter's Pence Collection Each year a special charitable collection, 'Peter's Pence,' is taken up from the worldwide Catholic Church. **A retiring collection for 'Peter's Pence' will be held on the weekend of 3rd & 4th July.** The funds raised go to the Holy Father who distributes them for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need. Victims from natural disasters, wars, diseases and other catastrophic events receive assistance from 'Peter's Pence.' Economically strapped dioceses, hospitals and Catholic education programs are also among recipients of these funds.

Mass with Archbishop Mark 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/>

Vitae Greetings All, with a heavy heart, I wish to inform you that, from the end of this financial year, Vitae will cease operations. I turned 75 in March (retirement age for priests) and do not feel that I have the energy to continue. Also Kate who has given so much of her time and skills to the smooth running of the office and keeping the requirements of government agencies fulfilled also wishes to step down. The work of Vitae has been conducted by a Board of remarkable volunteers, but they feel that collectively they would fall short of continuing the work at its present pace; and rather than see Vitae slowly reduce in effectiveness, decided it was better to cease on a high. Last Sunday we graduated the final group of lads to take part in the Vitae Challenge and they made the number of lads, who have been influenced by the programs of Vitae, a total of **366**. I wish to, once again, thank you for your generosity in the various support you have given to the work of Vitae. We close with some funds in the bank which in accordance with our Constitution, will be dispersed to charitable organisations who similarly work with disadvantaged youth. So, the influence of Vitae will continue after its closure. God Bless, John Butler AM (Monsignor)

Parish Diary:

Monday 28th June

St Irenaeus

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

Tuesday 29th June

Sts Peter and Paul

Wednesday 30th June

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

Thursday 1st July

9:45am Mass at Dutch Village
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 2nd July

9:30am Mass

Saturday 3rd July

St Thomas

3:00pm Baptism Celebration
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 4th July

8:00am Mass



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First Reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be - for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

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

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.