



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4th July 2021

Parish liturgical formation follow-up

The most effective formation is participation in the celebration of the liturgy. In the liturgy, when celebrated meaningfully, Christ shapes us through word and sacrament, transforming us into the Body of Christ in the world today. Here we focus on the objects that we use at Mass. We begin with the altar, which represents the body of Christ. In the Catholic Church, the altar is the structure upon which the Eucharist is celebrated. The altar, centrally located in the sanctuary, is to be the focus of attention in the church. The white cloth that covers the altar represents Christ's burial garment. The altar is important because of the connection with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that is celebrated upon it. It has been set apart for this purpose and the bishop consecrates it when it is installed in a new church. Kissing the altar can then be viewed as honouring the special role it has in the liturgy and the consecration it was given by the bishop. In the Eastern Rite the altar also symbolises the tomb of Jesus and tombs of the Saints and martyrs.

The candles that we use at Mass represent Christ, who is the light of the world. So, we have candles on the altar where the bread and wine become His body and blood, soul and divinity. We have a light by the tabernacle where Christ is reposed. The ambo is a place reserved for the reading of the Sacred Scriptures. It is only from the ambo or from the chair that the priest is normally allowed to preach his homily. For certain pastoral situations, such as with small children, he is allowed to walk out into the congregation and speak to them. However, the normal place for the homily is at the ambo or the chair. He preaches from the ambo because this is where the word of God has just been proclaimed and the homily is an exposition of the word of God.

The reason why the chair is the other appropriate place from which to preach is that the chair is a symbol of authority. That is why kings have thrones. The Latin word for chair is *cathedra*. The cathedral is called such because it houses the bishop's *cathedra*, his chair, his symbol of authority. When a priest is preaching, he is exercising his authority as one ordained to carry out the three-fold work of the Church: to teach, to govern, and to sanctify.

The Roman Missal is the book that holds all the prayers for the celebration of the Eucharist. It comes from the Latin missalis, concerning the Missa, the Mass. The "Roman Missal" contains all of the prayers and rubrics (instructions) for the celebration of Eucharist. It articulates the doctrinal principles behind how Mass is celebrated and explains why we do the things we do. The **General Instruction of the Roman Missal** is a bit like a drivers' manual for a car. And though not the last in the rich symbolism present in our liturgy, the last for this discussion are the vestments of the priest. They tell us that something out of the ordinary, something extraordinary, is going to happen here. In fact, the liturgical vestments that the priest wears derive from clothing that was commonly worn, so, they began by having a practical purpose and then came to have symbolic meaning.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Ezek 2:2-5 – *The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

Psalms Response: Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10 – *I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6 – *A prophet is despised only in his own country.*



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

In Life,
you will realize there is a
role
for everyone you meet.
Some will test you,
some will use you,
some will love you and
some will teach you
lessons.

Next week's Readings

First: Amos 7:12-15

Second: Eph 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Roster	Readers 6:15pm	(1st) Don F	8:00am	(1st) Therese T	Counting Group 2
10 th & 11 th July		(2nd) Suzy P		(2nd) Loretta M	Music 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
		(Welcome & POF) Tom M		(Welcome & POF) Jane W	PowerPoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Chris M
	Communion Ministers 6:15pm	Anne Maree C	8:00am	Anthony W	

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:

For when I am weak that I am strong. Will you surrender your life to serve Christ His Church? Like St Paul, even when we doubt what we are capable of, His grace is enough. Will you boast in Christ?
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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 July: baby Belle Woolfe, Cliff Friswell, Kathleen Miles, Roy Longwill, Thomas Czapkowski, Kerry McPeake, Mary Baldacchino, Margaret Adkins, Alice Webster, Charles McCourt, Michael Mossop, Emilia Stephenson, Dulcie Perera, Nancy Hogan, Harry Elliott, Trevor Myatt, Norah Butler, Antonio Giavedoni, Peter Trevethan, Mick McErlain, George Amown, Fre Celestno, Marie Welsh, Marco Peressini, Sr Mary Robinson OSU, Nugget and Thelma Sweeney, Val Tranter, Alex Crimmins, Rose Mills, Anton Szwajczak, Ezilda Souza, Patricia Logan, Patricia Stevens, Francesca De Souza, Peggy Myatt, Noreen McGrath, Isabel Henry, Bart Szwajczak, Eileen Scanlan, Sydney Stone, Ranier Daboin, Fr Gerry Ronayne, Robert Bae, Gino Lippi, Kannika Bagster, Concetta Ragonesi, Doris Sharpe, Peg Knight, William Daley, Harry Kirkman, Jose Mangana.

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

Important Information for Weekend and Weekday Masses:

Masks will be mandatory from 1:00am on Tuesday 29 June 2021 for an initial period of two weeks. Face masks must be worn in indoor spaces where you can't physically distance. You must carry a face mask with you at all times whenever you leave your home, unless you have a lawful reason not to. Clergy and readers who are socially distanced from others may remove their masks while speaking and then put it back on.

A reminder that the Check In Qld App is mandatory for all gatherings (all Masses, adoration, baptisms, etc) at places of worship from the 9th July 2021 – this is a critical tool to assist Queensland Health with contact tracing. If a visitor is unable to use the Qld App, then the parish will use the business mode of the App to enter in details on their behalf. Alternatively, if an accompanying person has a smartphone, they can add them as a guest on check in.

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 this weekend - 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.

Thanksgiving Mass celebrating the centenary of the death of servant of God, Eileen O'Connor at 11.30am, Saturday 24 July at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane. Principal Celebrant: Most Rev. Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. If you are attending you will need to register on the Cathedral website <https://www.cathedralofstephen.org.au>

Parish Diary:

Monday 5th July

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

Tuesday 6th July

7:00pm SvDP Meeting

Wednesday 7th July

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

Thursday 8th July

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

Friday 9th July

9:30am Mass

Saturday 10th July

3:00pm Baptism Celebration
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 11th July

8:00am Mass
10:00am Golf at Howeston



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First Reading: A reading from prophet Ezekiel

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

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

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.