



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18th July 2021

The Sacred Scriptures and the Creed: this is what we believe

The Mass consists of four main sections. They are: Introductory Rites; Liturgy of the Word; Liturgy of the Eucharist and; Concluding Rites. The Liturgy of the Word is one of the major parts of the Mass during which the Word of God is proclaimed, responded to, explained and accepted. The Scriptures are God's word spoken to us today. When we gather for the Mass, we hear our story – God's story of His love for us – through Sacred Scriptures. We tell these stories whenever we gather for Mass because these scriptures reinforce what we believe, to whom we belong, and our relationship with others and with God. Through the Liturgy of the Word, God speaks to us personally and is fully present to us. We must be open to God's presence by turning a listening ear and heart to the Sacred Scripture proclaimed during the Liturgy.

If we read the readings before we go to Church, when we hear them proclaimed, the Word of God will have more depth and God will be able to use the Scriptures to speak to us 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 our receptivity to God's Word as it is proclaimed.

"The Liturgy of the Word is to be celebrated in such a way as to favour meditation, and so any kind of haste such as hinders recollection is clearly to be avoided. In the course of it, brief periods of silence are also appropriate, accommodated to the assembled congregation; by means of these, under the action of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God may be grasped by the heart and a response through prayer may be prepared. It may be appropriate to observe such periods of silence, for example, before the Liturgy of the Word itself begins, after the First and Second Reading, and lastly at the conclusion of the Homily" (GIRM 56).

On Sundays and Solemnities, the Profession of Faith or Creed will follow. "Instead of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed (Nicene Creed), especially during Lent and Easter Time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used" (The Order of the Mass page 528). The word "creed" itself comes from the first word in Latin: "credo" means "I believe" (CCC 187). So we can certainly say that the Creed is something which we believe and hold to be true. Here's how the Catechism of the Catholic Church begins its explanation: "Whoever says 'I believe' says 'I pledge myself to what I believe.' Communion in faith needs a common language of faith, normative for all and uniting all in the same confession of faith." (CCC 185). In brief, the Creed is a concise summary of the principle truths that we agree to as a Church. Rooted in the Scriptures and written centuries ago, the Creed continues to hold meaning in our lives today. Spend time with it. Reflect on the words. Bring it to prayer because this is what we believe.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Jer 23:1-6 – *The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

Psalm Response: Crimmond

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Eph 2:13-18 – *Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34 – *They were as sheep without a shepherd.*



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Sometimes what looks like an obstacle in your path is actually a gift meant to move you in a different direction.

Next week's Readings

First: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second: Eph 4:1-6

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Roster	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Pamela J (2nd) Martin M (Welcome & POF) Matty M	8:00am (1st) Tim F (2nd) Volunteer (Welcome & POF) Hilda A	Counting Group 4
24 th & 25 th July	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Betty A	8:00am April M	Music 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2 PowerPoint 6:15pm Emma M8:00am David C

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:

When the apostles were trying to reflect on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place".

Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocational discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out-of-the-way place.

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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 Trevelan, Mick McLain, 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. 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.

o Clergy and readers who are socially distanced from others may remove their masks while speaking and then put it back on.

o Parishioners may remove their masks momentarily while receiving communion.

A reminder that the Check In Qld App is mandatory for all gatherings (all Masses, adoration, baptisms, etc) at places of worship – 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.

25th Anniversary and Feast Day will be celebrated on **Sunday 1st August 2021**. Holy Mass at 8:00am – main celebrant Bishop Ken Howell, followed by morning tea. All are welcome to join our celebrations!!

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.

Redlands Deanery Youth Night to be held in the John Vianney's School Hall, Cnr Kooralgin and Ernest Sts, Manly on **Friday 23rd July** from 6-8pm. There will be 2 streams Senior Youth which is grades 7-12 and Junior Youth which is grades 4-6. All are welcome to attend.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks! 'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

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

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Parish Diary:

Monday 19th July

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 20th July

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 21st July

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

6:30pm Sacramental Information Session

Thursday 22nd July

St Mary Magdalene

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Friday 23rd July

9:30am Mass

Saturday 24th July

3:00pm Baptism Celebration

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 25th July

8:00am Mass

9:00am Sacramental Workshop