



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### The Institution narrative and Consecration

In the last weekend's newsletter, we were reflecting on the liturgy of the Word and the Creed. As the Mass progresses, the focus shifts from the table of the Word to the table of Eucharist. The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Up to this moment, what was on the altar is merely bread and wine. Giving praise and thanks to God; the priest, then, prays placing his hands over the gifts. The priest, standing at the altar is only a minister of God, who acts visibly in the person of Jesus Christ. He calls upon the Holy Spirit to come down and transform the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ by making the sign of the cross over the gifts. Following this, he recalls the events of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. From this moment, what is on the altar is the Body and Blood of Christ in the appearance of bread and wine. With this transformation, Jesus, the Son of God is truly, substantially and really present on the altar.

It is a great mystery, one that has been handed down to us from Jesus Christ at the Last Supper. The Eucharistic Prayers make clear that these prayers are offered, not to Christ, but to the Father. It is worship offered to the Father by Christ as it was at the moment of His passion, death and resurrection, but now it is offered through the priest acting in the person of Christ, and it is offered as well by all of the baptized, who are part of Christ's Body, the Church. This is the action of Christ's Body, the Church at Mass. The most solemn moment of the Holy Mass is the consecration.

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, it is customary during the Eucharistic prayer to elevate the consecrated Host, the Body of Christ as well as the chalice holding the precious Blood, lifting them up for the people to see. While this action of the priest is often brief, the faithful are encouraged to make a silent act of love to God. Many spiritual writers suggest using the words of St. Thomas the Apostle when he encountered the risen Christ, as the priest elevates the Body of Christ and Blood of Christ "*My Lord and my God!*" (John 20:28). It is traditional **to pray silently**, when the consecrated Host and Chalice is elevated. "*The Eucharistic Prayer requires that everybody listens to it with reverence and in silence*" (GIRM 78). Further on, after the priest has proclaimed the Institution Narrative, he announces "The mystery of faith." This is the time in response, the congregation either says or sings one of three Memorial Acclamations. The very last word belongs to the whole assembly. Once the priest prays the concluding section of the prayer, the *Doxology*.... "Through Him and with Him and in Him" .... everyone gives their assent with the great Amen.

**Dear Friends, on next Sunday, August 1, 2021, we as a parish will be holding a special 25th anniversary of the consecration of our church - Anniversary Mass at 8.00 am presided over by Auxiliary Bishop Ken Howell, followed by morning tea. All welcome.**

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 4:42-44 – They will eat and have some left over.

**Psalm Response:** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**Second Reading:** Eph 4:1-6 – There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 6:1-15 – He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Never Stop  
doing little things for  
others. Sometimes those  
little things occupy the  
biggest part of their  
Hearts.

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Roster	Readers	6:15pm	(1st)	Tanina D	8:00am	(1st)	Felix R	Counting	Group 1
31st July & 1st August			(2nd)	Mary S		(2nd)	Elaine H	<b>Music</b>	6:15pm Gp 3
			(Welcome & POF)	Matty M	(Welcome & POF)	Amal R	<b>PowerPoint</b>	6:15pm Emma M8:00am	School
	<b>Communion Ministers</b>	6:15pm		Lesley L	8:00am		Lena B		

**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:

Today we are reminded by St Paul that there is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. The challenge before us is to 'bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patients.

That is an essential part of our vocation: to lead  
a life worthy of these attributes.

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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, 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:** Jasmine Webb, Gwen Maloney, Maribel 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 until 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021. 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.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Feast Day** will be celebrated on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Peter's Pence Collection** In case you missed the retiring collection held on 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> July due to COVID restrictions, **a collection box for 'Peter's Pence' will be at the Church this weekend - 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> July.** Many of the Parishes in our Archdiocese chose to defer their Peters Pence collection until this weekend. 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.

**Parish Diary:**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

*Sts Joachim and Anne. Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

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

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

*St Martha*  
5:30pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm **Mass**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

9:30am **Mass**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

*St Ignatius of Loyola*  
3:00pm Baptism Celebration  
6:15pm **Mass**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

8:00am **Anniversary and Feast Day Mass** followed by morning tea



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**First Reading: A reading from the second book of the Kings**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some over." He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

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

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.