



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

### 25th Anniversary Celebration and Happy Feast Day....

It is a great honour for me to be here with you and to celebrate this milestone; the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of the Birkdale church. Today is a celebration of God's providential care and an expression of deep gratitude. Let us thank God for continuing to bless our parish and parish community, for His presence in the sacraments, and to all the priests and people who have given themselves in His service here in our parish over the years. May God continue to keep us in His protection and grant us His grace.

*We welcome Auxiliary Bishop Kenneth Howell to our Parish Community to be our main celebrant of this special occasion. In the name of the parish I offer a warm welcome to Bishop Ken.*

### To continue the instruction about the Mass: Why is a piece of the host placed into the chalice?

In the Eucharistic prayer, bread and wine are consecrated and become the Body and Blood of Christ. According to the ancient tradition of the Church, the bread used for the Eucharist is unleavened. It is generally baked into small round forms called 'hosts'. The word 'host' is taken from the Latin word 'hostia' which means 'victim'. We are reminded that Jesus Christ is the paschal victim, the Lamb of God slain for us whose sacrifice is re-presented in our Eucharistic celebration.

After consecration, the Host now the Body of Christ is broken. The breaking of the bread also called the 'fraction' rite is very important since it is described in the Gospels. In the accounts of the Last Supper, Jesus "took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to the apostles." (Luke 22:19). Later, the risen Christ was recognized "in the breaking of the bread" by the disciples whom He encountered on the road to Emmaus. (Luke 24:25). The Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist, was often referred to as "the Breaking of the Bread" in the early Church because of the prominent descriptions of the rite in the New Testament (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1329).

During Mass in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, you may have noticed that the priest will break a small part of the consecrated host and drop it into the chalice of Precious Blood. It is a silent ritual, one that is easily missed as it happens so quickly. The priest or bishop breaks off a fraction of the larger Host used at that particular Mass and places it into the chalice saying quietly as he does so: "May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." Just as the fraction of the Host, the paschal Lamb of God symbolizes the death of the Lord, so the commingling rite symbolizes the Lord's resurrection. In death, body and blood are often separated, in life they are united. "The Priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation, namely, of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious" (GIRM 83). It is a reminder that each action of the priest at Mass is rooted in nearly 2,000 years of history and tradition and is very deliberate, meant to teach us many profound spiritual truths.

Blessings,

*Fr. Dantus Thottathil.*

### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading:** *Exod 16:2-4, 12-15* – I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

**Psalm Response:** O God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; your love is finer than life.

**(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken):** The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

**Second Reading:** *Eph 4: 17, 20-24* – Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *John 6: 24-35* – Whoever comes to me will never be hungry: whoever believes in me will never thirst.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*Life itself is  
a journey after all,  
and what matters  
most  
is not what you are  
getting,  
but who you are  
becoming.*

### Next week's Readings

**First:** 1 Kings 17:8-16

**Second:** Coll 3:12-17

**Gospel:** Matt 6:25-34

<b>Roster</b>  7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Readers</b> 6:15pm (1st) John E (2nd) Therese E (Welcome & POF) Suzanne G	<b>8:00am</b> (1st) Loretta M (2nd) Jane W (Welcome & POF) Therese T	<b>Counting</b> Group 2 <b>Music</b> 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2 <b>PowerPoint</b> 6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Chris M
	<b>Communion Ministers</b> 6:15pm Mary D	<b>8:00am</b> 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:

"I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst". 'Lord, send us priest after you own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life – Your very Self in the Eucharist'.

Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus 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, 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, Maritel Abella, Peter Hapuarachchi, Martin Joseph.

**Anniversaries & Remembrances August:** Ernesto Zanatta, Peg Devlin, Maureen Garty, Joel Casley, Greg Dwyer, Steve Toon, Mitchell Montgomery, Martin Walsh, Neil Bryson, Helena Szwajczak, Patrick O'Connor, Giuseffina Garbuio, Valda Montgomery, Robert Peters, Lorenza Fenech, George Hayes, Ernie Mullan, Tom Power, Patricia Thomsen, Roxanne Allam, Peter Quinn, Christine McQuillan, Hugh Magee, Doreen Webb, Sr Kathleen Prise RSJ, Max Ferris, Ragagnin Antonio, Ellen Hume, Michael Wellington, Rosa Rominelli, Kathy MacLellan, Margaret Ansell-Vosti, Robert Squires, Mary Ward, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee, Modesta Santarossa, Raniero Citeroni, Angela Citeroni, Hazel Padget, Eileen Doherty, John Howard, Michael Czapkowski, Basilio Poloniato, Doris and Ray Sharp.

**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 for another week. 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.

**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.

**Small Coins for East Timor** The collection jar for your SMALL COINS will be at the Welcome Desk each week. Total collected to date is **\$17,029.95**.

**Columbarium** We are now taking reservations for niches or plaques. If you would like to discuss your requirements or have any questions about the process, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

**Parish Diary:**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

*St Dominic*

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

*St John Vianney*

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

5:30pm Reconciliation

**6:00pm Mass**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

**9:30am Mass**

10:30am Mass - Regis Grange

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

3:00pm Baptism Celebration

**6:15pm Mass**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

*St Mary of the Cross*

**8:00am Mass**

10:00am Golf at Howeston

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: A reading from the book of Exodus**

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

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

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'