



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

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## Solemnity St Mary of the Cross – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

### TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD OF THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN VIANNEY MANLY AND ST MARY MACKILLOP BIRKDALE



Fr Dantus Thottathil has served your parishes as Administrator for these past nineteen months. At my request, in early November he will take on a new mission as Parish Priest of Camp Hill, replacing Fr Christopher Obi who has completed his time in the Archdiocese and returns to Nigeria.

I thank Fr Dantus for his care of your parishes as Administrator, especially during the past sixteen months of COVID-19. I am also grateful to him for his willingness to take on this new role.

Fr Prem Kumar will remain in the parish as Associate Pastor and Chaplain to the Carmel, and in due course a replacement for Fr Dantus will be appointed.

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you as you move into the future.

Archbishop of Brisbane  
29 July 2021

#### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 17:8-16 – *The jar of meal shall not be spent.*

**Psalm Response:** My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

**Second Reading:** Col 3:12-17 – *Bear with one another, forgive each other.*

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 6:25-34 – *Do not worry about tomorrow.*



#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Every Phase In Our Life

Is Bound To Teach Us

Something Valuable....

And It Depends On Us

Whether We Understand

The Lessons Or Just

Turn The Page....

#### Next week's Readings

**First: Apoc 11:19, 12:1-6, 10**

**Second: 1 Cor 15:20-26**

**Gospel: Luke 1:39-56**

<b>Roster</b>	<b>Readers</b> 6:15pm (1st) Suzy P (2nd) Tom M (Welcome & POF) Don F	8:00am (1st) Matthew K (2nd) Lorraine K (Welcome & POF) Louise W	<b>Counting</b> Group 3
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Communion Ministers</b> 6:15pm Anne-Maree C	8:00am Elaine H	<b>Music</b> 6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3 <b>PowerPoint</b> 6:15pm Emma M8:00am Clinton T

**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

**Pastor:** Fr Dantus Thottathil [thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:thottathild@bne.catholic.net.au)

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#### A VOCATION VIEW:

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop says 'Never see a need without doing something about it.' The church needs Priests, Religious, Deacon's and lay leaders; is this you?

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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 Sz wajczak, 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*

**No Masses this weekend 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> August: COVID19 LOCKDOWN**

The Queensland government has extended lockdown in the 11 local government areas (LGAs) of Southeast Queensland through 4:00pm Sunday, 8 August. These LGAs include Noosa, Sunshine Coast, Ipswich, Logan, Redlands, Moreton Bay, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Scenic Rim, Lockyer Valley and Somerset. The following restrictions are in place during this time:

\* Places of worship will remain closed until 4:00pm Sunday 8 August

\* Livestream Mass: Cathedral Livestream <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

\* Funerals are restricted to 10 people.

**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.

**Going Deeper Online Formation Course** Going Deeper is a ten-session online series of pre-recorded discussions about the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. No matter your faith background or experience, Going Deeper is for you. To register or for further information for Going Deeper, visit [www.goingdeeper.org.au](http://www.goingdeeper.org.au). Please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 if you are interested in registering. If we get a group together we can get a group discount. (Cost is \$50 for individuals / \$200 for groups). We have a parishioner who is prepared to run group sessions.

**Parish Diary:**

**Subject to change due to COVID 19 Government restrictions**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

*St Lawrence*

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

*St Clare*

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

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

5:30pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm Mass

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

9:30am Mass

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

*St Maximilian Mary Kolbe*

3:00pm Baptism Celebration  
6:15pm Mass

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am Mass

**Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross**

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

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go ahead and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth"' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Jesus said to his disciples: That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'