



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### The explanation of the Holy Mass: Concluding rites

The Mass draws quickly to a close with the priest's final words and prayer for God's blessing on all. Then he sends everyone forth to live what they have celebrated. Full participation comes about when people pray with all their heart and soul and mind and strength. The purpose of all the words and symbols and ritual action of the Mass is to engage the whole person at a deep level of faith. Attentive and receptive listening plays a key role in all this. Listening with an open mind and heart is not a passive act; it is a chosen attitude. Several times reference has been made to occasions of silence in the Mass. These are of the utmost importance. They allow us to absorb what has been said and done and to let it bear fruit in our hearts. Times of silence are not empty but full of promise.

Equally numerous have been references to singing. Music has an invaluable role to play in the celebration of Sunday Mass. As the General Instruction says, "Singing is the sign of the heart's joy. Thus St Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves,' and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'" (GIRM 39). In choosing what will be sung, the highest priority should be given to singing the dialogues and acclamations of the Mass, followed by the responsorial psalm and processional chants for the Entrance and Communion. This ensures that the parish community sings the Mass rather than sings at Mass.

The Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy established clear principles for specific forms of active participation. These are called liturgical ministries. There are diverse roles to be filled, reflecting the nature of the liturgy and the gifts given to the local community. The Mass is not a ceremony performed by the priest in front of a passive audience. Rather the priest presides over and coordinates a whole range of ministries. Thus, "Servers, lectors, commentators, and members of the choir also exercise a genuine liturgical function" (GIRM 29). In fact, no-one should serve in multiple roles. "In liturgical celebrations each person, minister or layman, who has an office to perform, should do all of, but only, those parts which pertain to his office" (GIRM 28).

It is fitting to close this exploration of the liturgy of Holy Mass with an excerpt from of St. Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter on the subject of the Lord's Day (Dies Domini, 31 May 1998). He makes the point that Mass does not end with the dismissal: "For the faithful who have understood the meaning of what they have done, the Eucharistic celebration does not stop at the church door. . . Once the assembly disperses, Christ's disciples return to their everyday surroundings with the commitment to make their whole life a gift, a spiritual sacrifice pleasing to God."

We leave the assembly and the church building but we carry it all with us. What happens in our lives during the week gives deeper meaning to the ritual actions we have celebrated at Mass. It is only in relation to our daily lives that the full meaning of the ritual actions of the Mass becomes clear to us. This concludes our reflection on the explanation of the Holy Mass and I hope and pray that these explanations help you to appreciate what we are celebrating and participate more actively in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading:** Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 – You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

**Psalm Response:** The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

**Second Reading:** James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 – Be doers of the word.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The Father gave us birth by his message of truth; that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

**Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**– You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**Smooth roads never make a good driver, clear sky never makes good pilots, Problem free life never make a good person. Life is a challenge face it**

### Next week's Readings

**First: Isa 35:4-7**

**Second: James 2:1-5**

**Gospel: Mark 7:31-37**

<b>Roster</b>	<b>Readers</b> 6:15pm (1st) Therese E (2nd) Suzanne G (Welcome & POF) John E	8:00am (1st) Elaine H (2nd) Amal R (Welcome & POF) Felix R	<b>Counting</b> Group 1
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Communion Ministers</b> 6:15pm Mary D	8:00am Lena B	<b>Music</b> 6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3 <b>PowerPoint</b> 6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Chris M

**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:

Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love.

'Do what the word tells you'. Be doers of the word.

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Agatha Ravaneschi, 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, 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:** Lorraine Lawler, Alicia Black, Jasmine Webb, Gwen Maloney, Maritel Abella, Peter Hapuarachchi.

**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**

### Important information for Masses

**The following restrictions will remain in place (to be reviewed in 2 weeks):**

- o **You must wear a mask in indoor spaces (including places of worship and workplaces, (but not your own home).** You must carry a face mask with you at all times when you leave home, unless you have a lawful reason not to. Parishioners may remove their masks if they are 1.5 metres apart from one another. (People living in the same household are not required to socially distance from each other).
- o Clergy and readers who are socially distanced from others may remove their masks while speaking, and only when 1.5 metres from others. Parishioners may remove their masks momentarily for reception of Holy Communion.

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

**The 2021 Annual Catholic Campaign** Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support. If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out after Mass. Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.

**For more information, please go to:** <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/catholic-campaign/>

**Deanery Function to Celebrate "The Year of St Joseph" Day:** Saturday 4th September. Time: 8:30am Check-in for 9:00am start to 12:00pm Venue: St Mary MacKillop Parish Hall Birkdale. It will be a special morning of reflection, prayer and friendship. Deanery Parishes will celebrate the Year of St Joseph at Parish Masses on the weekend of the 4th and 5th September. With a special blessing to all our Fathers. Eventbrite booking required for the Deanery Function on Saturday 4th September. <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebration-of-the-year-of-st-joseph-tickets-163314013611>

**We celebrate Social Justice Sunday** on the 29th of August. The Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

### Parish Diary:

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

#### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

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

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

*St Gregory the Great*  
**9:30am Mass**  
10:30am Mass at Regis Grange

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September

9:00am Year of St Joseph  
Deanery Gathering  
3:00pm Baptism Celebration  
**6:15pm Mass**

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**8:00am Mass**  
9:00am Sacramental Workshop

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

#### Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

#### Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'