



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021



### YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

*"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"*

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021

#### A daily Prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge....

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* which means "With a Father's Heart", commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, every day, for over forty years, following Lauds (Morning Prayer) he has recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph, on account of its closing words: "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

As we celebrate the year of St. Joseph in our Deanery parishes this weekend, we too, can acknowledge St Joseph's example and emulate his qualities of tenderness, faith, trust and courage described for us the Gospels. Wishing a Happy Father's Day to all our fathers.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

#### This Week's Readings: Readings for the Celebration of the Year of St. Joseph

**First Reading:** 2 Sam 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 - *The Lord will give to him the throne of his father, David.*

**Psalm Response:** The son of David will live for ever

**Second Reading:** Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 - *Against all hope he believed in hope.*

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord; continually they sing your praise! Alleluia!

**Gospel Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24** - *Joseph did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.*



#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**Be strong enough to walk away from what's hurting you, and be patient enough to wait for the blessings you deserve**

#### Next week's Readings

**First: Wis 2:12, 17-20**

**Second: James 2:16-4:3**

**Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

<b>Roster</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Readers</b> 6:15pm (1st) Tom M (2nd) Don F (Welcome & POF) Suzy P	8:00am (1st) Jane W (2nd) Louise W (Welcome & POF) Loretta M	<b>Counting</b> Group 2
	<b>Communion Ministers</b> 6:15pm Anne Maree C	8:00am Anthony W	<b>Music</b> 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2 <b>PowerPoint</b> 6:15pm Lisa K 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:

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So, take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

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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 Goodburn, 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 September:** Gino Bunin, Storgato Carmelo, Thelma Ferris, Grace Longwill, Agnes Sherry, Gianni Tocchetti, Emilia Santarosa, Joshua Baulch, Bertie Perera (father of Lorraine Kumar), Celsa Obligado, Arthur Pitts, Herbert Chiverall, Herbert Chiverall Snr, Patrick Maxwell, Todd Hayes, David Colman, Ann Walsh, James Knight, Tom Lanigan, Theresa Fitzgerald, Iris Morley, Gordon & Ruby Rixon, (baby) Leo Smith, Porferia Balito, Brian Burnheim, Neville O'Sullivan, Joshua Baulch, Val Fagan, Margaret Frost, Michael Hogan, Ursula Briggs, John Baldacchino, Dolly Kenny, Tony Waller, Patrick Crotty, Kath & Bill Buckpitt, Edith Splatt, Terry Britt, Brian Martin, Vince Mawn, Clarence Wilcox, Avis Moores, Joe & Kit Whittaker, Frances Reason, Leonardo Leotta, Teresa Myrda, Shirley Swann, Ron Reilly, Katherine Vitali, Mary Murphy, Thomas McNamee, Anastacia Wieland, Fabio Ferri, Allan Salisbury, Claire Coulson, Angelo Santarossa, Nessa McGleenon, Tom Curran, Linda Connah, Catharina Mollee, James Hume.

*Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk*

**The following restrictions will remain in place (to be reviewed Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September):**

- 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/Cup of Tea after Mass](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/Cup-of-Tea-after-Mass) Returns this weekend. Please stay for refreshments and hospitality after Masses this weekend.

**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 in 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.

**Confirmation** will be celebrated for Sacramental candidates on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September. **There will be no Mass or Reconciliation on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September.** Please remember in your prayers the candidates and their families as they prepare for this Sacrament.

**The 2021 Annual Catholic Campaign** Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support. 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/>

**DATE CLAIMER - GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September commencing at 11.30am. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, refreshments following the Mass will not be offered. Bookings from **Monday 13 September** and can be made via the following link: <https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au> or phone 3324 3030.

**HeartFIT Mature Age Fitness Cleveland Launch:** From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 9:30am - 10:30. Information Session at Cleveland Uniting Church Hall on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September at 1:30pm. HeartFIT conducts friendly, fun and effective mature age exercise sessions to help you age strongly to live life to the full. No booking required. Enquiries: call Bruce on 0408 740 543.

### **Parish Diary:**

#### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

#### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

9:00am Parish Finance Meeting

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

10:30am **Mass** at Sylvan Woods  
5:30pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm **Mass**

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

9:30am **Mass**

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

3:00pm Baptism Celebration  
6:15pm **Mass**

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

8:00am **Mass**  
9:00am Sacramental Workshop  
10:00am Golf at Howeston followed by BBQ



### **Readings for the Celebration of the Year of St. Joseph**

#### **First Reading: A reading from the second book of Samuel**

The word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: When the days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. (It is he who shall build a house for my name, and I will make his royal throne secure for ever). I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

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

The promise of inheriting the world was not made to Abraham and his descendants on account of any law but on account of the righteousness which consists in faith. That is why what fulfils the promise depends on faith, so that it may be a free gift and be available to all of Abraham's descendants, not only those who belong to the Law but also those who belong to the faith of Abraham who is the Father of all of us. As scripture says: I have made you the ancestor of many nations – Abraham is our father in the eyes of God, in whom he put his faith, and who brings the dead to life and calls into being what does not exist. Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed, and through doing what he did became the father of many nations exactly as he had been promised: Your descendants will be as many as the stars. This is the faith that was 'considered as justifying him'.

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

Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary; of her was born Jesus who is called Christ. This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do.