



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th September 2021

Who is Christ for me?..

Throughout Mark's Gospel, we notice that it is describing a learning experience, first for the disciples of Jesus but also for the reader and listener. Knowing who Jesus is and what following Him means is something that the disciples did not grasp all at once. It was a gradual journey for them. Today's passage is immediately preceded by another healing story, this time that of a man who was blind. The interesting thing about this is that his blindness was healed in stages. That is exactly what was happening to the disciples and we see it clearly illustrated in today's story.

Here we have the first of the three predictions of Jesus about His imminent suffering, death and resurrection. As such it takes a turning point in this Gospel. Here we have Mark's carefully constructed theology of the cross which will evolve around His three passion predictions. Each passion prediction including this one has three parts. First, there is the prediction by Jesus of His suffering, death and resurrection. Second, there is the rejection and misunderstanding by the disciples regarding the preaching of Jesus. Third there is an instructive teaching by Jesus which stresses some theological aspect and the meaning of discipleship. Here in this phase, Jesus presents an important point, one which is very dear to His heart: that of knowledge.

The knowledge of God and the knowledge of Jesus Christ are important for us. Upon this knowledge depends our participation in the divine life. Who is Jesus for you - and what difference does He make in your life? Through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. To know Jesus Christ is to know the power of His victory on the cross where He defeated sin and conquered death through His resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives each of us the gifts and strength we need to live as sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit inspires faith to know the Lord Jesus personally as our Redeemer, and the power to faithfully live the Gospel, and the courage to witness to others the joy, truth, and freedom of the Gospel. Who do you say that Jesus is?

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Isa 50:5-9 – I gave my body to those who struck me.

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of God, I will walk with you;
I will walk in the presence of God, in the land of the living.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 2: 14-18 – Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 8:27-35 – You are the Christ ... The son of Man was destined to suffer much



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**Life is stricter than a teacher.
A teacher teaches a lesson
and takes an exam,
but life takes an exam
and then teaches a lesson.**



Next week's Readings

First: Wis 2:12, 17-20

Second: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Roster 18 th & 19 th September	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Tanina D (2nd) Roisin B (Welcome & POF) Vern D	8:00am (1st) Lorraine K (2nd) Therese T (Welcome & POF) Matthew K	Counting Group 3
	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Paulina P	8:00am Elaine H	Music 6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3 PowerPoint 6:15pm Alan B 8:00am 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.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

We do not promote an easy life. But then no life worth living is an easy life. Jesus said, "If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very self, take up your cross and follow me".

Pray for the gift of being able to accept our vocation.

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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 Reily, 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 Parish of St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

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

DATE CLAIMER - GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 25th 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter COVID-SAFE live-out weekend – relationship enrichment for married couples, priests and religious from the **Friday evening of 15 October to the afternoon of 17 October 2021 (including Mass)** at Trinity College, Beenleigh (south of Brisbane) – going home on the Friday and Saturday evenings. For bookings/details contact Maria and David Murphy, (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au

2021 Annual Catholic Campaign Thank you message: www.catholicfoundation.org.au/resources/parish-resources

National Police Remembrance Day Service for the Redlands this year will be held on Wednesday 29th September 2021 in the auditorium at Faith Lutheran College, 1-15 Beveridge Road, Thornlands commencing at 2.00 pm. Following the service there will be an afternoon tea for all those present. All members of the public are invited to attend.

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

Parish Diary:

Monday 13th September

St John Chrysostom

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

2:00pm Conversation Group
2:00pm Activities Group (IF NO MASKS REQUIRED)

Tuesday 14th September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:30am Parish Finance Meeting

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 16th September

Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

No Reconciliation or Mass

5:30pm Confirmation Celebration – Session 1
7:00pm Confirmation Celebration – Session 2

Friday 17th September

9:30am Mass

Saturday 18th September

3:00pm Baptism Celebration
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 19th September

8:00am Mass

Readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'