



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 19th September 2021

Last of all and servant of all...

There is a story that goes like this; a man spoke with the Lord about heaven and hell. The Lord said to the man "come, I will show you hell." They entered a room where a group of hungry people sat around a huge pot of cooking stew. Everyone in the room was starving. Each person held a spoon that reached the pot but each spoon had a handle so much longer than their own arms that it could not be used to get the stew into their own mouths. The suffering was terrible. "Come now, I will show you heaven," the Lord said. They entered a room identical to the first, the big pot of stew, the group of people and the same long-handled spoons. But here everyone was happy and well-nourished. "I don't understand," said the man. "Why is everyone happy here and miserable in the other room? Everything is the same." "Here, said the Lord, they have learned to serve each other."

At times we feel very important and great before God and others. Each time we raise our ego or achievements before God or people, it instils in us directly or indirectly, a feeling of pride. We should learn to realize that we cannot do enough for God who has done more than enough for us. Greatness before God is not an accomplishment but it is a divine gift.

However, Christ today shows us the ideal – humility. Humility is a virtue that prepares the ground for other virtues. It is considering ourselves as an instrument of God for others and the good we do is God working in and through us. Humility allows us to say I am sorry, it makes us better listeners, more thoughtful and considerate, and motivates us to generosity and service. Humility is a childlike quality making us less conscious of what we have achieved. We consider ourselves last of all and servants of all. It allows us to suffer for the good of others and gives us the disposition to accept persecution for Christ's sake. These qualities, we see in Christ who "though He was God, did not count equality with God". Jesus, Himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve: "He humbled Himself and took on the form of a servant".

Congratulations to the candidates who were sealed with the fruits and gifts of the Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday. Thanks to the sacramental program team for their wonderful work as always. Thank you also to the families of the candidates.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20 – Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

Psalms Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16 – 4:3 – Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. God has called us with the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:30-37 – The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity...All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Doing good for others is not a duty....

It's a joy.

It increases your own health and happiness

Next week's Readings

First: Num 11:25-29

Second: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 47-48

Roster	Readers 6:15pm	(1st)	Matty M	8:00am	(1st)	Hilda A	Counting	Group 4
25 th & 26 th September		(2nd)	Mary S		(2nd)	Tim F	Music	6:15pm Gp 3
		(Welcome & POF)	Martin M		(Welcome & POF)	Peter M	PowerPoint	6:15pm Emma M
	Communion Ministers	6:15pm	Betty A	8:00am	April M			8:00am Gp 2
								8:00am David C

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:

When Jesus says, "If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all", many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did?

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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.

Congratulations to the following Candidates who received Confirmation on 16th September

Carrigan Barry, Ava Bromiley, Hania Burton, Luciana Cadman, Xavier Cassar, Helaena Cornish, Molly Davidson, Lucinda Davies, Hayden Donald, Livia Ekeberg, Rory Graeme, Eli Griffiths, Zoë Harkins, Amélie Harkins, Finnley Harriss, Lillian Hayward, Lily Humphreys, Lenox Hunter, Sienna Jacka, Ciara Jones, Max Kemp, Natasha Lewin, James Lewis, Laila Mackay, Tiana MacKenzie, Indie Majsakowski, Hayden McNicholl, Oliver Mowat, Grace Ovensden, Hamish Page, Isla Penny, Lucy Poulsen, Gabriel Puljic, Kyla Roberts, Erin Roberts, Finn Robertson, Graziella Sciacca, Melvin Seby, Hayley Slater, Hugo Stawiarski, Maeve Taylor, Jed Thompson, Poppy Todman, Benjamin Toon, Elouise Vella

The following restrictions will remain in place (to be reviewed Friday 24th September):

- **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).
- 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/>

Support Your Parish: Thank you so much to all the Parishioners who continue to support our Parish financially. 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.

DATE CLAIMER - GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **Saturday 25 September commencing at 11.30am.** Bookings are available via the following link:

<https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au> or telephone the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030.

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.

Readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Parish Diary:

Monday 20th September

St Andrew Kim Tae-gon

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 21st September

St Matthew

7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 22nd September

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 23rd September

St Pius of Pietrelcina

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 24th September

9:30am Mass

Saturday 25th September

3:00pm Baptism Celebration

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 26th September

8:00am Mass

