



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point
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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 26th September 2021

Love does not envy others....

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus invites all Christians who accept Him as Lord and Saviour to work together for the common welfare of all, especially the poor, the sick and the marginalized. There is no reason for any Christian denomination to be jealous of another denomination because of the greater good they do to people for God's glory. True love seeks the highest good of our neighbour while envy results from selfishness and pride and contrary to true Christian love. Jesus teaches that just as a doctor might remove an infected hand or leg or some other part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us to sin and which leads us to spiritual death. It means that we should abandon certain evil habits, bad friendships and unnecessary attachments to avoid bad examples and grave sins. Jesus does not teach that we should cut off our hand or foot or pluck out our eye. Rather, He teaches that the most important aspect of our life is our faith and it is better to suffer any calamity rather than to lose this precious gift.

Jesus calls us not only a good person for ourselves but also we are called to reach out, to love, to be just to others, to be fully free with and for others, to be true brother or sister. We are also called to be the prophets in today's world, to proclaim in words and actions that the source of all love, justice, freedom, and solidarity with others is a God who loves, who forgives, and who wants all to share in a life that is enriched on every level.

Blessings,
Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Num 11:25-29 – Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

Psalm Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6 – Your wealth is rotting.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9: 38-43, 47-48 – Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Life doesn't allow for us to go back and fix what we have done wrong in the past, but it does allow for us to live each day better than our last

Next week's Readings

First: Gen 2:18-24

Second: Heb 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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| Roster 2nd & 3rd October | Readers 6:15pm (1st) Suzanne G (2nd) John E (Welcome & POF) Therese E | 8:00am (1st) Amal R (2nd) Felix R (Welcome & POF) Elaine H | Counting Group 1 |
| | Communion Ministers 6:15pm Mary D | 8:00am Lena B | Music 6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3 PowerPoint 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:

Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not – nobody is!

But still God calls. There is enough ministry for many more.

Answer God's Call

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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, 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: Peter Goodbun, Lorraine Lawler, Alicia Black, Jasmine Webb, Gwen Maloney.

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.

The following restrictions announced Friday 24th September:

Mask restrictions have eased for the 11 Local Government Areas in South East Queensland.

- o If seated at work, school or in venues, you can take your mask off (excludes public transport and rideshare).
- o If standing or walking, masks must be worn unless you can maintain physical distancing.

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

The 107th Migrant and Refugee Sunday is celebrated on the 26th of September, 2021. The theme this year is "Towards an ever wider 'we'". Pope Francis has released his **message for Migrant and Refugee Sunday** with an emphasis on creating a diverse and beautiful world which celebrates our differences while remaining as one.

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.

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.

Rosary Everyone is invited to join in praying the Rosary for our Nation in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on the 104th Anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun', on **Saturday 16th October at 10:00am** at St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish, 12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale. Please bring a chair. For more information, please call Vita on 0449 922 161.

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

Parish Diary:

Monday 27th September

St Vincent de Paul

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 28th September

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 29th September

Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

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

Thursday 30th September

St Jerome

5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 1st October

St Therese of the Child Jesus

9:30am Mass
10:30am Mass at Regis Grange

Saturday 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels

3:00pm Baptism Celebration
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 3rd October

8:00am Mass

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First Reading: A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St James

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'