



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th October 2021

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

“21st Century theology of service must call our attention to the fact that a faith-filled reading of the Scriptures and of Catholic social teachings leads to the inescapable conclusion that Christians, each according to her/his own talents, are obliged to be in solidarity with the poor and the marginalized. To engage in service, to reflect on one’s own experience and that of others, and to move toward action on behalf of peace, justice, truth, reconciliation, and love: these are constitutive elements of the Christian life of service, lived with an attentiveness to the common good and with a deep and abiding faith. We serve, not to feel better about ourselves, but to build a more humane and just society, what Christians call the Reign of God.” - Steph Smiy Miller

St. Peter writes in his first letter “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen”. -1Peter 4:10-11

God, the creator of the universe, has called us to be part of his work to bring justice and kindness to his creation. What a joy and privilege! But the work ahead is challenging, too, and we’re grateful that God is with us.

Throughout our lives all of us depend on others for help. When we were infants, our parents fed, clothed, and cared for us. Without this care we would have died. When we grew up, other people taught us skills and attitudes. Many of us have needed nursing care during illness or money in a financial crisis. Some of us ask God to bless suffering people and then do nothing for them. We must remember that God works through us.

When we help one another, we serve God. King Benjamin, a great king in Book of Mormon times, taught his people this principle by the way he lived. He served them all his life, earning his own living instead of being supported by the people. In an inspired sermon he explained why he loved service, saying:

“When ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God.

“And if I, whom ye call your king, do labour to serve you, then ought not ye to labour to serve one another?” [Mosiah 2:17-18].

What can we do to be ready to meet the needs of others?

Blessings,

Fr. Prem Rethnamony.

This Week’s Readings:

First Reading: Isa 53:10-11 – *If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.*

Psalms Response: Let your mercy be on us, O Lord, as we place our trust in you.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: Heb 4:14-16 – *Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:35-45 – *The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.”

– Winston Churchill



Next week’s Readings

First: Jer 31:7-9

Second: Heb 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Roster 23 rd & 24 th October	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Mary S	8:00am (1st) Tim F	Counting Group 4
	(2nd) Martin M	(2nd) Peter M	
	(Welcome & POF) Matty M	(Welcome & POF) Hilda A	Music 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Betty A	8:00am April M	PowerPoint 6:15pm Emma M8:00am 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:

Life’s rewards are tied up in the spirit of service. Just as the Son of Man came to give His life, so too are we then called through our profession of faith to serve others. Lord, we pray, ‘let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You to do you will.’

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: John Jorna, 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: Carmel Hickey, Peter Goodbun, Lorraine Lawler, Alicia Black.

Anniversaries & Remembrances October: Chuito Daboin, Sam Catavitello, William Watson, Sarah Ahrens, Alberto De Monte, Vin Williams, Marian Dobunski, Fr John McGhee msc, Marjorie White, Sydney Rozario, John Chambers, Bob Garth, Candido Balito, Martin Curran, Paul Hayes, Pauline Boevink, Bill Allam, John Sheehan, Alice Groeger, Horrie Tranter, Joseph McNamee, Mary Leane, Pat Fitzpatrick, Leslie Marks, Galiano Tesser, Ronald Cowsell, Therese Bratic, Flo Mossop, Kay Cook, Helen Meade, Margaret Price, Jan Campbell, Kathleen Kearney, Maria Nguyen-Thi-Dieu, Keith Donnelly, Salvatore Ragonesi, Kathy Walsh, David Hines, Lauren Smith, Dennis Manche, Ryan Hogan, John McDonald, Susanne Conroy, Forbes Peters, Myrtle Peters, John Humphries, Mark Thiedecke, Giuseppe Citeroni, Bozica Puljic, Michael Wellington.

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

The following restrictions as at 8th October

You must wear a face mask at all times when you are indoors, including workplaces when you are unable to stay 1.5 metres away from people who are not from your household unless:

- you are seated
- you are at your residence
- you are eating or drinking
- you are a patron inside a hospitality venue such as a café or restaurant
- you are inside a sports stadium
- it is unsafe to wear a mask.

* **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.

Activities Group – has resumed. Every Monday during school term, 2:00-4:00pm weekly in the parish centre. All Welcome!!!!

Catholic Mission Appeal will be held in our Parish next weekend – 23rd & 24th October.

Thank you for supporting the work of Catholic Mission this year, and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries around the world. This year, we invite you to support the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies, and children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

You are invited to join the World Community Day (Fellowship of the least coin)

ecumenical service on Friday 29th October at 1:30pm at Trinity Uniting Church Marlborough Road Wellington Point followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia: *That Catholic Shop* is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse our full range visit www.thatcatholicshop.com

Parish Diary:

Monday 18th October

St Luke

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 19th October

7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 20th October

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 21st October

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 22nd October

9:30am Mass

Saturday 23rd October

3:00pm Baptism Celebration

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 24th October

8:00am Mass



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First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'