



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st October 2021

With all your heart and strength....

"To love God and neighbour is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are, dear brothers and sisters, in the face of Jesus". Pope Francis

Today's gospel repeats ideals that were already clear in the Old Testament. The command to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind," was imprinted on the heart of every Jew, as their central daily prayer. According to St Augustine we should "Love God first, and then do what you will," meaning that if we love God completely, we cannot but want others to share in that love. Loving with all of one's heart is a truly radical challenge, in imitation of Christ. It is our Christian vocation, for we believe that life comes from death, that gain comes from loss, that receiving comes from giving, and that Jesus Himself died to bring us to the fullness of life. We are followers of the one who made a total offering of Himself to the Father and spent His energies and His time in the service of others, who returned to His Father devoid of any earthly goods. Questions we should ask ourselves on a daily basis: Is my love for God all that it should be? Do I pray to Him as I should? What about my love for others? Is it unconditional? How loving am I to the members of my family, to my neighbours, to the members of my parish community? The answer to all these questions will help us to measure the reality of our love of God.

November is the month of remembrance.

During November it is the long tradition of the Church that we pray for our brothers and sisters in the faith who have died. We hope and pray that all those near and dear to us who have departed are already or will be numbered among the saints and so we pray for them especially during this month. **You are also invited to record the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance at the front of the Church. The Memorial Book with all the names will be placed on the front of the altar the whole month of November so that we can pray for everyone whose name is contained in the Book. Every Mass our parish offers during November includes those whose names have been written this year in the Book of Remembrance. There are also November mass envelopes provided on the back table if you wish to have a Mass celebrated for your loved ones and friends who have died. You can leave your envelopes on collection box or at the Parish Office.**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Deut 6:2-6 – Hear, O Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Psalm Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Heb 7:23-28 – This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 12:28-34– This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

We learn something from everyone who passes through our life....

Some lessons are painful some are painless, but all are priceless

Next week's Readings

First: 1 Kg 17:10-16

Second: Heb 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Roster	Readers 6:15pm (1st) John E (2nd) Therese E (Welcome & POF) Suzanne G	8:00am (1st) Felix R (2nd) Elaine H (Welcome & POF) AWmal R	Counting Group 1
6 th & 7 th November	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:

We pray for the souls gone before us, priests, religious and lay – those who have taken their vocation of Christian service seriously.

May the Lord's merciful love purify them completely, that they may look upon the face of God and rejoice forever.

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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: Gina Basso, Carmel Hickey.

Anniversaries & Remembrances October: Chuito Daboin, Sam Catavittello, 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, Laureen 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 (still current):

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.

Mass All Saints and All Souls Day Masses will be celebrated at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale on Monday 1st November at 9:30am (All Saints) and Tuesday 2nd November at 9:30am (All Souls). Masses will be celebrated at St John Vianney, Manly on Monday 1st November at 9:30am (All Saints) and Tuesday 2nd November at 6:00pm (All Souls).

Book of Remembrance A Book of Remembrance is located at the entrance to the Church. Each Parishioner is welcome to inscribe the names of loved ones who are deceased. These loved ones/special intentions are remembered in prayer each day during the Month of November.

Catholic Mission Appeal Thank you so much for your generous support of Church-run mission programs like the Mother and Babies Home in Thailand through last week's Catholic Mission Appeal. Your gift helps to continue the work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters. To help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436.

EAST TIMOR RAFFLE We will be running a raffle for some much needed funds and would love your support if you are able to donate prizes. In particular, we are looking for some special prizes (perhaps supporting a local business). Some suggested prizes could include: Restaurant vouchers, tourist / leisure activities, beauty / pamper products, Gold Class Movie tickets, gourmet food items, a special bottle of something, air fryer, coffee maker etc. If you would like to discuss any prize or sponsorship, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. You can also drop in your prize donation to the Parish Office or place in the basket when arriving at Mass. Tickets will be on sale at Masses in November. Many Thanks for your support.

Parish Diary:

Monday 1st November

All Saints Day

9:30am Mass

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 2nd November

All Souls Day

9:30am Mass

Wednesday 3rd November

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 4th November

St Charles Borromeo

9:45am Mass at Dutch Village

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 5th November

9:30am Mass

10:30am Mass at Regis Grange

Saturday 6th November

3:00pm Baptism Celebration

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 7th November

8:00am Mass



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.