



# Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God." Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays. As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord. Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed. This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

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### This Week's Readings:

**First Reading:** *Neh: 8:2-6, 8-10 - They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.*

**Psalm Response:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

**Second Reading:** *1 Cor 12:12 – 30 - Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 - The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."*

– Mother Teresa.

### Next week's Readings

**First:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

**Second:** 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

**Gospel:** Luke 4:21-30

<b>Roster</b>	<b>Readers</b> 6:15pm (1st) Matty M (2nd) Tanina D (Welcome & POF) Mary S	<b>8:00am</b> (1st) Lorraine K (2nd) Mel D (Welcome & POF) Matthew K	<b>Counting</b> Group 5
29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Communion Ministers</b> 6:15pm Betty A	<b>8:00am</b> April M	<b>Music</b> 6:15pm CD 8:00am CD <b>PowerPoint</b> 6:15pm Emma M 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.

**Parish Council Members:** Chris Mahoney, Therese Evans, Cathy McGrath, Lorraine Kumar, John Spillane

**Pastor:** Fr Regimon Gervasis

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### A VOCATION VIEW:

The word of God becomes the flesh of God when YOU live it in your life. Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be another Christ.

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**Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them:** Lynne Gage, 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, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Lucia Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

**May God embrace all who have recently died:** Medi Camelli, Cathy Leane. Johanna Flierman.

**Anniversaries & Remembrances January:** Ray Tiernan, Lionel Browning, Nancy Greco, Alberto Bandiera, Joan Bevan, Pastor Calunod Obligado, Tom Curran, Philip Pitts, Alaister Pitts, Nicola Pasqualini, Serena Ragagnin, William Peterson, Brian Cannon, Stefanie Boyd, Melinda Simo-Swer, Tina Toomey, Katerina Grudina, Maree Kearney, Margaret Campbell, Else Peters, David Stark, William Maclean, Harry Copas, John Harrison, Br Pat Doolin, Barry Logan, Bette Risson, Garth Brown, Nancy Greco, Frank Shearif, Lionel Browning, John Pearce, Aleida Wishey, Mario Vitali, Charles Brown, Liam Maher, John Boon, Doris McInroth, Baby Samuel, Fre Caterina, Margaret Duncan, Ray Stephenson, Theresa & Laurence Gormley, Irene Harrison, Peter Knights, John Bergin, Gianna Santarossa., Winnie D'Souza, Frances Nell, Billie Riley, Jenni McPhee, John Gormley, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee.

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

**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.

**Columbarium** We are now taking reservations for niches or plaques. If you would like to discuss your requirements or have any questions about the process, please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

**HELP NEEDED** We're still looking for volunteers to run the Cuppa after Mass on the first Sunday of the month. (We have sufficient for Saturday night.) You would be required to do this perhaps three times in a year, with another person. This role involves: topping up and turning on the urn, moving the trolley from the kitchen, checking there are sufficient cups, spoons, coffee, sugar & milk, and distributing the tea/coffee and biscuits. You may also like to bring along a plate of food. If you can help, please contact Mary on 0404 460 251.

**Small Coins for East Timor** The collection jar for your SMALL COINS will be at the Welcome Desk each week. Total collected to date is **\$17,822.60**.

**Caritas Australia:** You can provide vital relief to communities impacted by natural disasters, such as the volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga, along with the current COVID-19 crisis in Papua New Guinea and Fiji. With your support, our partners on the ground can respond immediately when crises strike.

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**Parish Diary:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

*St Francis de Sales*  
 1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

*The Conversion of St Paul*

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

*Australia Day*  
 11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

5:30pm Reconciliation  
**6:00pm Mass**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

*St Thomas Aquinas*  
**9:30am Mass**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**6:15pm Mass**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**8:00am Mass**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C (Gospel only)**

**Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION & PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT** ...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14. Children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded. This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane Code of Ethical Behaviour for employees and volunteers who work in service of the Church as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State. Local Safeguarding Officer for Birkdale Parish is Lisa Knight: 3822 2139

Thank you to all parishioners who contribute to the Planned Giving Programme. Your commitment assists the responsible budgeting for the operating expenses of the parish, as well as the pastoral needs of the parish, not forgetting ongoing maintenance costs. To join our Planned Giving Programme, please complete this form and place it in the collection box or contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139.

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