



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 30th January 2022

'Christ the prophet'

This week let us pray for the gift of trust in God's love. Following Jesus' own use of words from the prophet of Isaiah in last week's Gospel, the readings for this Sunday bring us to consider the rejection faced by God's prophets. But we also receive words we can rely on, words of love and trust.

God's words to Jeremiah, in the First Reading, confirm him in his calling, and reassure him that despite trials he will never be abandoned.

The Psalmist sings of God's help, justice, strength and dependency. From his youth God has never failed him.

The Second Reading is Paul's beautiful hymn to love in the letter to the Corinthians. Love is the only true way of life which sustains us whatever happens.

In the Gospel, the people of Nazareth react to Jesus's challenging words with anger and some even try to kill him. Early on in Luke's Gospel we see Jesus reaching out to outsiders, and in his rejection the cross is already present.

Perhaps this week we may pray for the gift of trust in God's love that conquers all things.

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This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 - I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

Psalm Response: I will sing of your salvation.

Second Reading: *1 Cor 12:31-13:13 - There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.*

Gospel Acclamation

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



Gospel: *Luke 4:21-30 - Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews..*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."
— Mother Teresa

Next week's Readings

First: Isa 6:1-8

Second: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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

The Lord says: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born, I dedicated you." Always listen to an Old Friend.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Patricia Smith, Clare, Salisbury, 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 Bromley, 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.

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**.

Word of God Sunday The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.'

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to the widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Parish Diary:

Monday 31st January

St John Bosco

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 1st February

7:00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting

Wednesday 2nd February

The Presentation of the Lord

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 3rd February

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 4th February

9:00am Rosary

9:30am Mass

Saturday 5th February

St Agatha

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 6th February

8:00am Mass