



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point
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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 6th February 2022

Dear parishioners and visitors,

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", published on 30th September 2019, established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. In Australia it is celebrated on the first Sunday of February, as the Third Sunday sometimes falls on Australia day. This is a day specially devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ".

The title of the document, "Aperuit illis", is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures".

Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis declares that the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity".

The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, because it is "the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity".

The Pope uses the scene of the Risen Lord appearing to the disciples at Emmaus to demonstrate what he calls "the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist". Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, "they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history, and are central to the faith of His disciples".

Pope Francis invites us let us never take God's Word for granted as the great challenge before us in life is to listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy, to bring out the joy of the gospel.

Lord's Blessings, Fr Regi

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: *Isa 6:1-8 - Here am I! Send me.*

Psalm Response: In the presence of the angels, O Lord,
may we praise your name, may we praise your name.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading: *1 Cor 15:1-11 - I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 5:1-11 - They left everything and followed him.*



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*"If you are humble
nothing will touch you,
neither praise nor
disgrace,
because you know what
you are."
— Mother Teresa*

Next week's Readings

First: Jer 17:5-8

Second: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Roster 12 th & 13 th February	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Suzy P (2nd) Tom M (Welcome & POF) Don F	8:00am (1st) Loretta M (2nd) Jane W (Welcome & POF) Therese T	Counting Group 2
	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Anne Maree C	8:00am Anthony W	Music 6:15pm Gp 3 PowerPoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am Gp 2 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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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: Patricia Smith, 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: Maurie Quantock, Clare Salisbury, Medi Camelli, Cathy Leane. Johanna Flierman.

Anniversaries & Remembrances February: Gladys Wicks, Maria Otilia Patelesio, Kelly Delaney, Pearl Montgomery, Elva Park, Gaetano Cameli, Thelma Rubach, Giovanni Patti, Monica Evans, Ian Jackson, Br Kevin McGhee MSC, William Davies, Sheila Evans, Ned Matic, Patrick Conroy, Balbena Montgomery, Jackie Watkins, Celeste Quinn, Jos Peters, Vicente Reyes Sr, Mildred Ball-Wilson, Christine Leane, Alan Wyatt, Harry Ball-Wilson, Bob Lough, John McIntyre, Jill Martin, Bill Kelly, Ida Garbuio, Tony Alcock, Robert Montgomery, Daphne Weeks, Gina Biscontin, John Stangret, Adrian Delacour, Alan Wyatt, Joseph McNamee, Peter Sherry, Miqueli Gutierrez, Doreen Bergin, Nadia Sklyarova, Geoffrey Scandrett, Warren Smith, Margaret Silveira, Evelyn Holmes, Greg Lawler, Beryl McNulty, Vincent Webster.

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.

Cursillo is a lay movement of the church to help each person discover themselves and deepen their relationship with Christ and others. The movement in Brisbane this year is organising Cursillo weekends for men and for women in April over the long weekend from Saturday morning, 23rd to Monday 25th at Santa Theresa’s Spirituality Centre at Ormiston. It is a successful, worldwide movement adopted also by other denominations. If you are curious and would like further information, contact parishioners Frank Thompson (ph 3821 1056) or Kay Menzies (ph 0419 799 807)

Parish Diary:

Monday 7th February

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 8th February

Wednesday 9th February

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 10th February

St Scholastica

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 11th February

9:00am Rosary

9:30am Mass

Saturday 12th February

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 13th February

8:00am Mass



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First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

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

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.