



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 13th February 2022

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

St. Luke begins the 'Sermon on the Plain' with his version of the Beatitudes, Similar to Matthew's Sermon on the Mount. "Blessed are you who are poor. Blessed are you who are hungry. Blessed are you who are weeping. Blessed are you when people hate you, insult you, and denounce your name as evil."

I doubt that how many of us feel blessed when we have pain, sorrow, loss and confusion in our lives. It is more likely we may feel lost. We may be afraid, sad or angry with God. Yet Jesus tells us to rejoice and to leap for joy on that day. He reassures us that we will have a great reward. However, this assurance most likely will not ease the pain, the sorrow, or the suffering we may be experiencing.

Through his preaching, Jesus is opening a door of understanding into his divine and human life. They present a model of happiness contrary to what is usually communicated by the prevailing wisdom of the world. According to the logic of this world, those whom Jesus proclaimed blessed are regarded as useless, "losers".

Jesus is not glorifying poverty and misery. Poverty of spirit leads one to recognize that the greatest good available to mankind is to lead a life enriched in God. A spirit of mourning helps to reorder one's life according to what is most essential and lasting. It opens a person to the discovery of how God accompanies us in all the circumstances of life.

To hunger for righteousness orients Jesus' disciples to a love of authentic justice, the first principle for a real life of mercy. This expands one's interior vision to a true love in relationships, which is being applied, soul-by-soul.

Even persecution for the sake of Christ is presented as a blessing. When we share in this condition, we are especially united with the saving grace that flows from Christ as we value our faith in him.

Jesus opens a path, different for each follower that are stepping-stones on the way to the Kingdom of God. Jesus overturn the concept of poverty and misery, which were considered as curse or punishment by God, for the sins of the people.

Ultimately, are the people really happy with the 'riches of the world' or do we find the real happiness, a greater treasure, in Jesus Christ?

Lord's Blessings, Fr Regi

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Jer 17:5-8 – A curse on those who trust in humanity: a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

Psalm Response: Happy are the people, the Lord as chosen, chosen to be his own.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Happy are those who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20 – If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26 - Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Live simply so others may simply live."
— Mother Teresa



Next week's Readings		First: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23		Second: 1 Cor 15:45-49		Gospel: Luke 6:27-38	
Roster	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Vern D (2nd) Tanina D (Welcome & POF) Roisin B	8:00am (1st) Matthew K (2nd) Lorraine K (Welcome & POF) Louise W				Counting Group 3	
19 th & 20 th February	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Paulina P	8:00am Elaine H				Music 6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3	
						PowerPoint 6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Clinton T	

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:

Try not to pray for an easy life; instead, pray to be a strong person. Strong in trust, hope, care, love.

Follow the Master.

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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: Ian MacLellan, 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.

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)

Pope Francis wants to hear from us! Until 27 February 2022, all Catholics are invited to have their say about their experiences of 'synodality' – of walking together as a Church. All submissions received nationally will help the Australian Bishops develop a report to **support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023.**

This is not to be confused with the Australian Plenary Council which is running concurrently with the Synod. The Plenary Council focus is on the Church in *Australia*. The Synod is focussed on the Church *globally*. Submissions can be made by groups or individuals: [XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops - Catholic Church in Australia](#)

Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team will deliver 'A Morning's Prayer' series at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston throughout 2022. The morning (Saturday 9am-12pm) is facilitated with a time of input, prayer, morning tea, reflection and faith sharing, and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome. The first session is on Saturday 26th February. Cost - \$20 per person. We encourage you to book early to avoid missing out, as spaces are limited. For all bookings go to: <https://santateresa.org.au/news-events>

Parish Diary:

Monday 14th February

St Cyril

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 15th February

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 16th February

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 17th February

9:30am Parish Finance Meeting

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 18th February

9:00am Rosary

9:30am Mass

Saturday 19th February

3:00pm Baptism Celebration

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 20th February

8:00am Mass



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First Reading: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'