



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 20th February 2022

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

God our father "Forgive our trespasses as we forgive". We say this every day in the Our Father prayer. We ask forgiveness as we forgive: it is a condition even if it is not easy. Do you ever meet a family member, neighbour, fellow parishioner or co-worker who can be so strange? I think at least some of us have someone who has hurt us or do not love us. The prayer of a true Christian is: 'Lord, give them your blessing, and teach me to love them.'

One of the prominent reasons for fight between groups or war between countries is the human tendency to take revenge or retaliate. Many of us may ask how one can love the enemies. According to Jesus the disciples are expected to grow in to the love that God has shared for the humanity.

Entertaining hurt feeling or enmity towards other person or persons will ultimately hurt oneself. We will not be able to focus on our tasks or do any creative work when we entertain hurt feelings or enmity. We really miss the joy and peace of our beautiful life. Therefore, getting rid of the hurt feelings or ill feelings is needed for our own psychological well-being.

Jesus is giving us a personal principal and not a social principle, on a personal level. When a person comes against us, when we are offended and attacked, how do we respond? By turning the other cheek!

Many a time, the love we have for others is but a conditional love. We indulge in a kind of barter exchange system and call it love. We are willing to do something for someone and expect that he or she does the same. It is a matter of give and take. Whereas when Jesus asks us to be compassionate like the heavenly father, we are called to a radical love with an undivided heart.

Love is for everyone and without conditions. It does not mean that the justice is denied. This is a strong love that can transform us personally and can transform the whole world. It is not easy to love as God loves but it will draw us completely into God and into the Kingdom of God.

Love your enemies, Love everyone, it is difficult but not impossible.



Lord's Blessings, Fr Regi

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 – *The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

Psalms Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49 – *Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 – *Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"Be happy in the moment, that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more."
— Mother Teresa



Next week's Readings

First: Sir 27:4-7

Second: 1 Cor 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Roster 26 th & 27 th February	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Martin M	8:00am (1st) Peter M	Counting Group 4
	(2nd) Matty M	(2nd) Hilda A	
	(Welcome & POF) Mary S	(Welcome & POF) Tim F	Music 6:15pm Gp 3 8:00am Gp 2
	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Betty A	8:00am April M	PowerPoint 6:15pm Emma M 8:00am David C

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

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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, Migueli Gutierrez, Doreen Bergin, Nadia Sklyarova, Geoffrey Scandrett, Warren Smith, Margaret Silveira, Evelyn Holmes, Trevor Copas, 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.

ALL are invited to the ecumenical service of the World Day of Prayer for 2022 This event will be held locally at the Trinity Uniting Church, 47-49 Marlborough Road, Wellington Point on Friday 4th March at 1:30pm. You are also ALL invited to stay and mingle afterwards while enjoying the supplied afternoon tea.

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](#)

READERS NEEDED: If you would like to join the team of readers at Mass, please ring or email the Parish Office. The commitment is once a month. Training is provided. If you are ready to help out with any of the volunteer positions in the Parish, please visit <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections. Thank you to all parish volunteers who give of their time so generously.

Parish Office Hours The parish office will be closed from **Thursday 24th February to Monday 28th February** for staff Annual Leave. If you have any urgent matters please contact St Anthony's and St Luke's Parish office on 3820 0100.

Parish Diary:

Monday 21st February

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 22nd February

The Chair of St Peter

Wednesday 23rd February

St Polycarp

11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 24th February

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 25th February

9:00am Rosary

9:30am Mass

Saturday 26th February

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 27th February

8:00am Mass



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First Reading: A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'