



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point
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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 27th February 2022

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Ashes spread on the head as a sign of penance and repentance and we begin the season of lent, led by the Holy Spirit, a journey from ashes to alleluia.

Ash Wednesday, the first of forty days of the Lenten Season which takes us to the great light of Easter. We begin Lent once more. Days of Prayer, Fasting and Good deeds. It is our response to the call for change.



The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, meditating on the suffering and death of Christ for our salvation.

In prayer we deepen our relationship with God. Through Fasting or abstinence, we make good relationship to our own very self. Almsgiving or charity is the expression of our relationship with others. The end result of our prayer and fasting is charity, fixing our relationships.

In this holy season of lent we hear a lot about repentance and conversion. Do not think of it as just changing from a terrible life of sin to a better life. We do need to think of changing the heart so that it truly seeks God and not just religious practice. A change in our personal life, a change in our family life and a change in our school and social life.

The Gospel of Matthew reminds us, it is our hearts, what is hidden, that the God will see and reward us. If we want to have a life in Christ, we need to take up the challenge, to change the way that we think and the way we live. A big change in our attitudes and approaches, as lent is not a time just to think about what we give up. It is a time to ask ourselves, what can we achieve.

May this Lent be a time of true reflection and renewal, preparing us to meet the risen Lord.

Lord's blessings, Fr Regi

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Sir 27:4-7 – Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

Psalm Response: For your love is never ending.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58 – Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45– A person speaks from what is in his heart.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

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

– Mother Teresa

Next week's Readings

First: Deut 26:4-10

Second: Rom 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Roster	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Therese E (2nd) Suzanne G (Welcome & POF) John E	8:00am (1st) Elaine H (2nd) Amal R (Welcome & POF) TBA	Counting Group 1
5th & 6th March	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Mary D	8:00am Lena B	Music 6:15pm Gp 1 PowerPoint 6:15pm Alan B
			8:00am Gp 3 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:

Since each person speaks from their heart's abundance, let Jesus form your heart and your life.
Follow Him willingly

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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, 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.

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.

Ash Wednesday 2nd March Mass times: -

St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale – 6:00pm
St Anthony's, Alexandra Hills – 7:00pm
St Luke's, Capalaba – 7:00am

Wednesday Rosary Group will be following the REMEMBER Lenten Program for Lent. Meetings are held at the Church each Wednesday at 11:00am. All are welcome to join the group. If you would like any further information, please contact John or Margaret on 3207 3479 or 0432 926 058.

Little Black Books – are now available from the Welcome Desk. The books cover the Lenten period and walk you through the Sunday Gospels of Lent with explanations and reflections along the way. The cost of each book is \$5.00.

Project Compassion Sunday 26 & 27 February Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all.

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First Reading: A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Parish Diary:

Monday 28th February

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Tuesday 1st March

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 2nd March

Ash Wednesday

11:00am Rosary Group with Lenten Programme

6:00pm Mass

Thursday 3rd March

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 4th March

9:00am Rosary

9:30am Mass

Saturday 5th March

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 6th March

8:00am Mass

