



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point
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First Sunday of Lent - Year C - 6th March 2022

LED BY THE SPIRIT

Dear sisters and brothers,

“Grace be with you who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an incorruptible love” (Eph 6:24) The Gospels tell us that Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert where he fasts for forty days (Matt 4:1-2; Luke 4:1-2). The same Spirit now leads the Church into the forty days of Lent as we prepare for Easter when the desert becomes a garden as “death is swallowed up in victory” (1 Cor 15:54). The Spirit can take us to some strange places, even to places we would rather not go (cf John 21:18), but always for the sake of love’s transformation.

In 2016 the same Spirit led the Church in Australia to begin a journey to a new place. This was when the Bishops Conference, after years of uncertainty, decided for a Plenary Council in order to chart a course into the future. It was the Spirit who prompted the Conference’s decision, and the Spirit has accompanied us at every point since then. It has been a time of testing and a time of deep listening to the word of God rather than to other voices, not unlike Jesus in the desert. The journey of the Plenary Council has of course been severely affected by the pandemic, and that has been part of the testing. The first of our three phases – the preparation phase – eventually had to be held online rather than face-to-face, which was less than ideal.

From the beginning the Plenary Council has looked beyond our shores to the universal Church. The Pope had to give his assent to the Council, and through the preparation phase there was ongoing dialogue between the Bishops Conference and the Holy See. That dialogue has become more intense since Pope Francis decided for a worldwide Synod process which will climax with the Synod of Bishops meeting in Rome in late 2023. The Plenary Council therefore has to interweave with the wider Synod process, each enriching the other. That will mean many voices in the Church being heard. So I ask: What would you say to Pope Francis about change in the Church not just in Australia but around the world?

This is no time for turning inwards and looking just to our own institutional interests. We need to be a humble and compassionate Church that looks outwards, asking how we might be more like Jesus who “came not to be served but to serve” (Mark 10:45). That will require a practical, evangelical imagination which takes to heart the words of St Mary MacKillop: “Never see a need without doing something about it”. This is the kind of Church to which both the Plenary Council and the global Synod are looking. This is what the Spirit is now saying to the Church (cf Rev 3:13), speaking to all of us in these desert days of Lent.

(Extract from the Lenten Letter to the People of God in the Archdiocese of Brisbane by Archbishop Mark Coleridge)

This Week’s Readings:

First Reading: Deut 26:4-10 – *The confession of faith of the elect.*

Psalm Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble; be with me Lord I pray.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13 – *The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 – *Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Be a gift of love and compassion for one another.

- St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



Next week’s Readings

First: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

Second: Phil 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Roster	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Tom M (2nd) TBA (Welcome & POF) Suzy P	8:00am (1st) Jane W (2nd) Therese T (Welcome & POF) Loretta M	Counting Group 2
12 th & 13 th March	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.

Parish Council Members: Chris Mahoney, Therese Evans, Cathy McGrath, Lorraine Kumar, John Spillane

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A VOCATION VIEW:

The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken.

Follow Jesus: be a giver.

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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.

Anniversaries & Remembrances March Sasha Thomsen, Francis Thomsen, Annie Geale, Bob Paino, Jo Donnellan, Kathleen Howard, Dorothy Copas, Tullio Tonini, John Scholtes, Molly Hudson, Gerard Copas, Angelo Sparti, John Beers, Augustina Searson, Pacencia Marcelo, Eileen Margaret Gilhooley, Martha & Bill Kluck, Paul Gauci, Jodie-Anne White, Adrian Hadley, Georgina Fleming, Thomas Miles, Reynaldo Cane, Adela McCullagh, Lionel Logan, Emily Eeles, Salvatore (Sam) Greco, Val Hume, Patrick Flynn, Assunta Lippi, Forina Bunin, Maria Bolton, David Cooper, Del Forsyth, Annie Quantock, Laszlo Lengyel, Ambrose Gorogo, Roy Kok, Roslyn Cairns, Ahlia Raferty, Rosa Tucket, John Kelly, Mark Ramage, Cecchin Giovanni, Jack Maclean, Frank Sherry, Daniel Sherry, Johanna Ruygrok, Tom Topatig, Santa Aquili, Doris Watson, Mary Linthwaite, Paul Moloney, John Turner, David Hume, Mervyn Cosgrove, Christine Leane, Malcolm Simpson, Luigi Cal, Martin Salvatierra.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

This Saturday evening, we welcome Bishop Ken Howell to our parish to celebrate the Rite of Election for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) candidate, Lucie Breingan. Lucie will be welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass this year.

Please keep Lucie, her family and her sponsor in your prayers.

From 6pm on Friday 4 March 2022:

- Masks will no longer be required indoors, except in hospitals, residential aged care, disability accommodation, prisons, public transport, airports and on planes. Therefore you will be able to remove masks for all aspects of parish Masses and in parish offices. Masks are still recommended to be worn whenever you cannot socially distance.
- Places of worship will no longer have capacity limits, and this will include funerals and weddings.
- Parishes can immediately resume all forms of food service.
- Please also remain vigilant with hand hygiene.
- The Body of Christ may be administered only in the hand and the chalice should be received by the celebrant alone.
- The Sign of Peace should still be limited to saying "Peace be with you" with a nod or bow; no hand-shaking or hand-holding should occur here or at the Our Father.

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.

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.

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.

St MMK Social Golf Club will play their next game on Sunday **13th March** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

Parish Diary:

Monday 7th March

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer

2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 8th March

Wednesday 9th March

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group with Lenten Programme

Thursday 10th March

10:30am Mass at Sylvan Wood

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 11th March

9:00am Rosary

9:30am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday 12th March

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 13th March

8:00am Mass

10:00am Golf at Howeston

First Sunday of Lent – Year C

First Reading: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

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

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.