

Welcome back Altar Servers



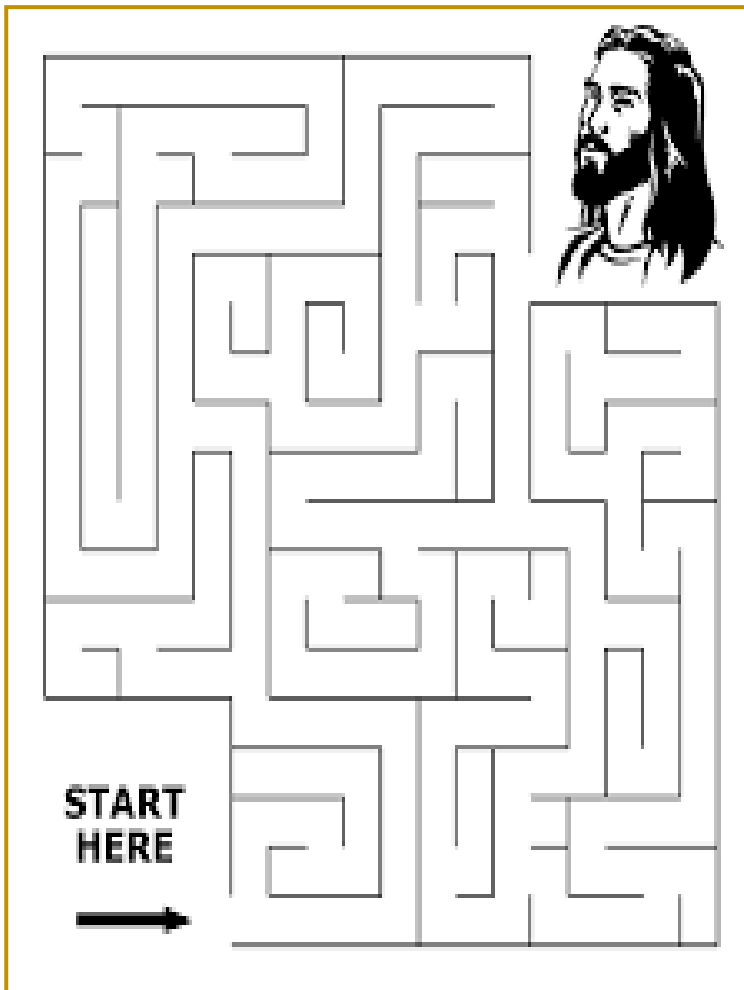
Altar Servers or Junior Ministers play a very important role by assisting with the celebration of Mass. Some of the tasks are carrying the candles and thurible, holding the book, and performing other duties at Mass and other liturgical rites. Servers assist the priest during processions, rituals, gestures, at the chair and at the altar.

We Welcome back our Altar servers and also invite those who would like to join this wonderful team.

For more details please meet the priest after the Mass or contact the Parish office. Call: 3822 2139 or email: birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au

Kid's Corner

Can you help to find way to Jesus?



Thank you Dear Volunteers

NATIONAL 16-22 MAY 2022
VOLUNTEER
Better Together WEEK

Certificate of Appreciation

THANK YOU
For your dedication to volunteering
We are, **Better Together**

I take this opportunity to thank you dear Volunteers of our Parish. Your sincere dedication, time, wisdom and hard work are highly appreciated. May God always bless you for your good works. Fr Regi

Church calls for big hike in minimum wage

The Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations has told the industrial umpire that wages of low-paid Australians should increase by 6.5 per cent to avoid children being ingrained in poverty.

Read the full Story: Cathnews.com

Nationwide Rosary in Australia

FAITHFUL nationwide were getting out their rosary beads for a prayer event in honour of Australia's patroness Our Lady Help of Christians this Saturday. Catholics joining in would pray the Holy Rosary between 2pm and 4pm. Read more: Catholic leader.com.au

The Church Canonises 10 New Saints

The new saints are: Devasahayam Pillai, an Indian layman born in 1712 and martyred in 1752. César de Bus, the French founder of the Fathers of Christian Doctrine, who was born in 1544 and died in 1607. Luigi Maria Palazzolo, Italian founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Poor, who lived 1827-1886. Giustino Maria Russolillo, Italian founder of the Society of Divine Vocations for men and the Vocationist Sisters, 1891-1955. Charles de Foucauld, French priest and hermit, born in 1858 and killed in 1916. Anna Maria Rubatto, Italian founder of the order now known as the Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, who lived 1844-1904. Maria Domenica Mantovani, co-founder and first superior general of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, born in 1862 and died in 1934. Titus Brandsma, Dutch priest and journalist, who was born in 1881 and martyred in 1942. Carolina Santocanale, Italian founder of the Congregation of the Capuchin Sisters of the Immaculate of Lourdes, who lived 1852-1923. Marie Rivier, French founder of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. She was born in 1768 and died in 1838.



St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish Birkdale

"Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish is called to be a community of faith, hope and love centred on Christ, seeking to recognise the relevance of God in our lives., to live our Christian faith in a way that demonstrates and communicates the relevance of God in our lives, our Parish and the wider community"

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Office Hours

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Welfare groups

St Vincent De Paul Society
1800 846 643

22nd May 2022

6th Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

The Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us. In our modern terms, this would be, "He moved into the house down the street." This week's Gospel takes the dwelling of God on earth to a deeper level. He is not just among us. He is within us.

How can we experience God's presence with us? He is within us as a worshiping Body, the Church. He is within us in the union of all believers into the Mystical Body of Christ. He is within each of us. We can speak to God all day, not addressing ourselves to some being "out there somewhere. We can speak to God within us.

God dwells within us. He nurtures us with the Eucharist. God is not out there. He is in here. Wherever we go, we bring God with us. Whatever we do, we do together with Him.

There are many ways that God is present in the world. Some ways that God is present are deeper, more intense than other ways. The deepest, most intense presence of the Lord is in the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament. We need this presence. We take this presence within us, at least once a week. We pray before this presence when we enter into Eucharistic adoration. We offer this presence as the sacrificial victim to the Father every time we celebrate Mass.

The second deepest, intense presence of God in the world is in the Word of God, Sacred Scripture. The bible is not just a book, even though the word bible means book. Deep within the words of the Bible is the Word of God. That is why we read the Bible and are changed by the words on which we meditate. Hebrews 4:12 tells us, "The word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It pierces the soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and is quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The Presence of God in the Sacrament, is a great gift of Easter. These are the Gateway to this increasing grace in our lives is itself the very presence of God.

We may easily forget about this presence as our lives are busy. But we can to talk to God throughout the day even in our business. Perhaps we can pray when we are washing up in the morning. For parents, there should always be prayer time when you put your children to sleep for the night. For others prayer time might work before or after the meal, before sitting before the screen, TV or computer.

The presence of God is the source of every goodness and peace in our lives. May we cherish and nourish this presence ever day in our lives.

Lord's blessings, Fr Regi



"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

Mass Times



23 May — 29 May 2022

MONDAY

9.00 am, St Luke's Church, CAPALABA

WEDNESDAY

5.00 pm, St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

THURSDAY

9.00 am, St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

6.00 pm, St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE

FRIDAY

9.30 am, St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE

SATURDAY

4.30 pm St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

6.15 pm St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE

SUNDAY

7.00 am St Luke's Church, CAPALABA

8.00 am St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE

9.00 am St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

We remember and pray

For recently Died: Glenn Harrop, Janice McAnalen, Martin Devine, Patricia Briscoe.

Anniversaries: Josephine Romero, Babs Gilhooley, Amber Rose (birthday) daughter of Celina and David McGovern, Michael Czapkowski (birthday), Anastacia Wieland, Bill Kluck, Matha Kluck, Flo Conway, Aristeo Avenia, Denis Glanville, Edward Bartlett, Barbara McGhee, Denise Hodgson, Alma Maclean, Jessie Maclean, Kerry Powell, Norma Cowsell, Simon Bromley, Peter Harman, Giovanni Ragagnin, Betty Avenia, Sr Anne Pulling RSH, Dr Salolatore Vitali, Margaret Duryea, Laureen Smith, Maureen McNab, Nell Elliott, Bede Ryan, Aldo Bandiera, James Harrison, Ann Hockings, Nellie Modral, Saul David, Alberto Bandiera, Patricia Watson, Carmel Blewitt, Noel & Role Gablonski, Luigi Basso, Irma Moroney, Moira Peterson, John Duryea, Margaret Knights, Jessie Maclean, James King.

Happy Birthday

We thank God for the gift of life. We wish all the blessings to those who are celebrating their Birthdays in the month of May.

To protect your privacy, we are required by the National privacy Act Australia to collect a written prayer intention form, which is available at the Entrance of the Church and from the Parish office.



Mass Intentions

Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the Entrance of the Church.

Please PRINT the NAME and date.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation



MONDAY

8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba

THURSDAY

5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale

SATURDAY

4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills.

OR

By Appointment (call :3820 0100)

Parish Groups

Monday 23rd May

1:00pm Rosary Group

2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 24th May

7:30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 25th May

7:30am HEARTfit

11:00am Rosary Group

Thursday 26th May

5:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

Friday 27th May

9:00am Rosary

9:30am Devine Mercy prayer

We pray for the Sick

Rosita Ganac, Patricia Smith, Lynne Gage, John Jorna, Agatha Ravaneschi, Liana Lo Presti, Andrew Hodgson, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, 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.

Scripture Readings

This Sunday, 6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 15: 1-2,22-29

Psalm: Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8

Second Reading : Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel : John 14:23-29

Next Sunday, The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

Second Reading : Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel : Luke 24:46-53

First Holy Communion 2022



Reminder for Workshops.

Sunday 29th May

9:15am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday 12th June

9:15 Workshop in the Scouthern Cross Centre at St Mary MacKillop School

Let us pray for the children and their families as they continue to journey to encounter Christ more deeply.

Celebrate the newly baptised of the Archdiocese with a picnic

To celebrate those who were baptised and received into the Church earlier this year, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is hosting the Pentecost midday Mass and a picnic for families, parish RCIA members and sponsors. As the Rite of Election was not held in the Cathedral this year and it's helpful for new Catholics to see that they are now part of the bigger body of Christ, all new Catholics received into the Church at Easter are invited to attend the midday Mass on Pentecost Sunday, Sunday 5 June 2022.

Families, parish RCIA members, support people and their parish community are welcome to come along and celebrate this special occasion along with those who have been baptised and received into the Church at Easter. All are encouraged to bring along a picnic to share after Mass and coffee vans will be available.

Date: Sunday June 5th at Midday

Place: St Stephens Cathedral

RSVP: please advise if will be attending by emailing formation@bne.catholic.net.au.

MASS COUNT

Mass attendance counting will continue at this weekend's Masses. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



Are you New to the Parish?

If you are new to the Parish, please fill this form and drop it in the collection plate or give us your details by phone, on 3822 2139 or email, birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au

The Parish Office will then be in touch with you to send you our weekly newsletter.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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.

Roster May 28th & 29th

Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Martin M	Melissa D
Second Reading	Matty M	Matthew K
Welcome	Mary S	Lorraine K
Prayers of the Faithful	Sacramental Candidates	Sacramental Candidates
Communion Ministers	Betty A	Hilda A
Music	Volunteers or CD	Volunteers or CD
PowerPoint	Emma M	Chris M
Counting	_____	Mary S & Lisa K

Support Your Parish

Thank you so much to all who 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.

Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information contact: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or Annie Bond rsj 02 8912 4818

