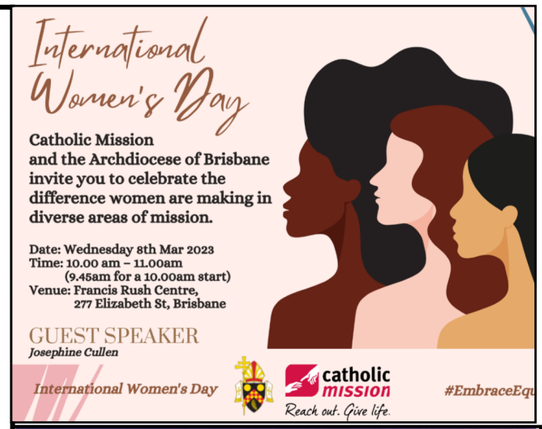
Our Wednesday Rosary Group will be following the **TRIUMPH Lenten Program** for Lent. Meetings are held at the Church each Wednesday at 11:00am. All are welcome to join the group. If you would like any further information, please contact John or Margaret on 0438836303.



St John Vianney Parish is pleased to present...

ALL NEW 4-day Lenten Mission

with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy.

23-24 Feb and 27-28 Feb 2023

Sessions will be held at 9.30am and repeated at 6.30pm
You choose which time best suits you on the day
Each session stands alone.
You do not need to attend all four days
Tea/Coffee and Biscuits provided
This Faith Enrichment opportunity is FREE
(Donations gratefully accepted)

Be inspired! Be refreshed! Be renewed!

It is amazing what God can do when you pause and listen to Him! Inspirational, Prayerful and will help you in your spiritual walk this Lent.

For more information please email:
sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au

Advertise your business in the Parish Newsletter

12 months coverage on printed newsletter, emailed to parishioners and on the parish website.

Contact the Parish Office for more information. Ph: 3822 2139

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.

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.

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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Welfare groups

St Vincent De Paul Society
1800 846 643. Meets every second Tuesday at 7:00pm.
Date of next meeting 28th February.

STOPline

To report 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy email to: aob@stopline.com.au
Phone: 1300 30 45 50

19th February 2023 *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

Once again we begin the season of **LENT** from this **ASH WEDNESDAY**. We have two masses across our parish churches, at which the cruciform smudge of ash will be signed on our foreheads according to our tradition. This ash will identify us as followers of Christ, as people committed to living and dying and rising with Christ.

The challenge this Lent and every Lent is to reflect on our commitment to Christ because it could be that our commitment has become as insubstantial as ash in that, if it has, then it is only out of ashes that new life can spring forth. We die to self in order to rise anew.

The Lenten season traditionally calls us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving in the belief that some-thing wonderful might emerge in us. To 'Repent' is an ongoing invitation to turn to God as we turn away from self and ego. By giving of ourselves and by giving to others we surrender to God and empty ourselves so that "others" become our concern by repenting and believing in the Gospel for we are all, at the end of the day, "dust" and unto dust we shall return.

May this Lent be a time of true conversion and reconciliation. Conversion of our hearts. Reconciliation with God.... with our brothers and sisters... and with my own self. The gospel reminds us that 'eye for eye and tooth for tooth' is never the way of God. It is always a call to walk the extra mile. It is a challenge to journey to the holiness and perfection of God.

May this Lenten journey be full of mercy, compassion and love, as it is our hearts, what is hidden, that the God will see and reward.

Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi

MASS TIMES	20th to 26th FEBRUARY	
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY	6.00 PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE
WEDNESDAY	5.00 PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
THURSDAY	9.00 AM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

MONDAY, 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba
TUESDAY, 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
SATURDAY, 4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills.
OR by appointment (phone 3822 2139 or 3820 0100)

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month, (10.00 am to 11.00 am) at St Mary Mackillop Church, BIRKDALE

We remember and pray

For recently died: Ann Drake, Dorothy Abrahams.
Anniversaries for Remembrances February:
Gladys Wicks, Maria Otilia Patelesio, Kelly Delaney, Pearl Montgomery, Clare Salisbury, 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.

We pray for the sick

Betty Poloni, Mike Quilty, Heather Voigt, Maureen Phillips, Terry Coles, Jo Murphy, Bronwyn Craig, Ava Voorn, Michael McGrath, Rosita Ganac, Patricia Smith, Lynne Gage, John Jorna, Agatha Ravaneschi, Liana Lo Presti, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Elizabeth Smit, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, 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, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee, Gina Mather.

Roster 25th & 26th February

Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Martin M	Peter M
Second Reading	Matty M	Hilda A
Welcome & POF	Mary S	Tim F
Communion Ministers	Betty A	April M
Music	Group 3	Group 2
PowerPoint	Lisa K	David C
Counting	————--	Group 4

Scripture Readings

This Sunday, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18
Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Next Sunday, First Sunday of Lent
First Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7
Psalm: Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17
Second Reading: Rom 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Parish Groups

Monday 20th February
1:00pm Rosary Group
2:00pm Activities Group
Wednesday 22nd February
7:30am HEARTfit
11:00am Rosary Group
Friday 24th February
9:00am Rosary
10:30am Devine Mercy Prayers

Ash Wednesday

22nd February — Mass Times
St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale – 9:00am
St Anthony's, Alexandra Hills – 6:30pm

Aboriginal Catholic Mass

Do you remember, or if you don't, did you know of the historic celebration of a special Aboriginal Mass at the Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne in 1973? Friday, 24th February, 2023, marks the 50th anniversary of this remarkable event which was attended by some 30,000 people. Aboriginal singers and dancers from north and west of Australia took an active part in the original liturgy which broke new ground in the Church's liturgical renewal.
To commemorate this occasion, Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday, 23rd February, 2023, commencing at 12.30pm. The Archbishop has granted special approval to use the revised liturgical texts from that original celebration.
Please join us for this occasion.

Little Black Books

The Little Black Books for Lent are available at 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.

LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23. Go to BruceDownes.org for more info

Lenten Concert Series

Each Thursday in March at 12noon, in St Stephen's Cathedral. Come explore the 40-day journey of Lent through music – featuring compositions inspired by the key themes and scripture readings of Lent. A time of inspiration and reflection before the 12:30pm Mass. All welcome, free admission.

Refresher Course in CPR

A refresher course in CPR, choking and use of a defibrillator is being offered in the Parish Centre. The course is 90 minutes duration.
Date: Monday 27th February 2023
Time: from 7.00am - 8.30am
Venue: St Mary MacKillop Parish Centre, 12 Hardy Road, Birkdale.
Cost is $2 which covers or the training booklet.
If you want to book into this refresher course or want more information please email rbonnin@optusnet.com.au or phone 0428 470 392.

Devine Mercy Prayers

From 10:00am (following the 9:30am Mass) every Friday except the first Friday of the month, at St Mary Mackillop Church, BIRKDALE

Mass Intentions

Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the Entrance of the Church. Please PRINT the NAME and date.

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Are you New to the Parish?

If you are new to the Parish, please fill this form and drop it in the collection box 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.

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