

Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

1. TEACHING PRAYER
2. RESHAPING PARISH COMMUNITIES
3. BRINGING CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO THE CENTRE
4. RESPONDING TO ABUSE AND THE ABUSED
5. ENGAGING ANEW WITH FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES
6. IMPLEMENTING INTEGRAL ECOLOGY
7. EMBEDDING SYNODAL GOVERNANCE



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BE EMPOWERED, INSPIRED AND EQUIPPED TO ENGAGE IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

The principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023.

Summit 2023 is a three-day event for all who belong to the faith community of the Archdiocese: parishioners, educators, parents, support staff, catechists, lay leaders, religious and clergy - this event is for everyone.

The Summit is a key step in the implementation phase of the Plenary Council and where Archbishop Mark will be sharing his priorities for the years to come.

The Summit will include:

- Keynote presentations
- Masterclasses
- Panel discussions with a focus on mission, faith communities, and prayer
- Moments for personal encounter with Christ through prayer and Eucharist
- Earlybird registration from \$170, group discounts are available

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brisbanesummit.com



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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"

Our Priests

Fr Regimon Gervasis Mcbs
(Parish Priest)
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Fr Prem Kumar
(Associate Parish Priest)
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Option 3

Parish Office

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Office Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:
9am to 2pm
Lisa Knight
(Parish Secretary, WH&S and
Safeguarding officer)
William Burton
(Chair, Parish Finance Council)
Chris Mahoney
(Chair, Parish Pastoral Council)
Members: Therese Evans, Cathy
McGrath, Lorraine Kumar, John Spillane

Education

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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 9th May.

STOPline

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

30th April 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

"The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want.....even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me...". The psalm 23 seems to be so fitting for our world that always seek everlasting comfort and peace. As we turn to the lord, we listen his voice. We are strengthened by his words. As we place our trust in Jesus, the good shepherd, we find comfort in his protection.



Sheep and shepherds were very relevant part of the ancient world. Even though the modern way to care for the livestock has changed, still we can find that the way the sheep behave has not changed much. They continually follow the master's voice.

There is always a voice talking to each one, from within the person. This inner voice helps us to discern what is right and wrong, what is good and bad. We may say this is the voice of our conscience. When our life is in God this inner voice reflects the voice of God.

God's voice helps us always to do the right thing even when we appear to be a minority. It is the guiding force to do something or not to do something in a particular situation. In fact, this takes us beyond the requirement of law, to be a person with good principles, not just obeying the guidelines for its own sake.

Sometimes, we have to perk up our ears to hear the voice of the Good shepherd. There are so many distractions in life, including the doubts and fears as we face challenges, that we have to listen closely to hear God's voice. Prayer is the best channel to receive the voice of Good Shepherd who will lead us through the gate of life.


God empowers those who listen to him to be the good shepherds, since the listening to God always leads us into action. Our faith is in action when we look in on the elderly person two houses down who didn't pick up his paper for the last two days. Some of are or have been care-givers, for your partners, some for your parents, and some for a chronically ill child.

Sometimes people have been pushed beyond their comfort zone and so many times that people forgot what a normal event-less day is like. Many could find ways to turn from their responsibilities, but the force of the inner voice helps us to be courageous. Then we recognise, these are times that we find ourselves with the heart of the good shepherd.

Can I hear the voice of Good Shepherd? Am I ready to be a good shepherd?

Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi

MASS TIMES		1st to 7th MAY
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

<i>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
<u>MONDAY</u> , 8.30 am: St Luke’s Church, Capalaba <u>TUESDAY</u> , 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale <u>SATURDAY</u> , 4.00pm: St Anthony’s Church, Alexandra Hills. <i>OR by appointment (phone 3822 2139 or 3820 0100)</i>	 <div><i>First Friday of the Month, (10.00 am to 11.00 am) at St Mary Mackillop Church, BIRKDALE</i></div>

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
<u>For recently died:</u> Tony Kelly, Michael Duran, Betty Poloni. <u>Anniversaries for Remembrances April:</u> Raffaele Topatigh, Les Richards, Unis Eather, Corrie Rosa, Mark Fallon, Jim Fagan, Peter Swart, Graham Smith, Toribia Reyes, Rosemary Marr, Maureen McCarthy, Johanna Jorna, Marilyn McDonald, Maria Andrews, Margaret Schleeauf, Catherine Chambers, Theresa Gormley, Pat Gormley, John Gormley, Malcolm Simpson, Catherine and John Gablonski, Pat McGowan, Neville Hume, David Foley, Ian Swann, Daphne Leighton, Maria Poloniato, Kevin Moore, James Maxwell, Sam Sciacca, Brian Lane, Mick & Livia Cencig, Daisy Johnson, Maurice Pye, Sidney Ahrens, Ian Stuart, Ralph Webster, Tony Morrissey, Kay Whitby, Evelyn O’Sullivan, Vivian and Rodello Cabigquez, James Leonard, Aldo Bandiero, Kathleen Stone, Ismael Padilla, John Henry, George Montgomery, Georgia Higgins, Eugenia De Monte, Fred Hudson, Ian Stuart, Ross Prove, Aurora Tan, Doug Risson, Irene Gall, Harry Elliott, Dennis Davey, Helen Sherrin, Jim Maclean, Patricia Stuart, Georgette Ferre, Alan McGrath, John Beers.	Helen Meade , Ned Robinson, Hilda Adam, Geoff Lovett, Ava Voorn, Finn Voorn, Mike Quilty, Heather Voigt, Maureen Phillips, Terry Coles, Jo Murphy, 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 Liley, 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.

<i>Roster 6th & 7th May</i>			<i>Scripture Readings</i>	
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<u>This Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Easter</u> First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41 Psalm: Ps 22:1-6 Second Reading: 1 Pet 2:20-25 Gospel: John 10:1-10	
First Reading	John E	Melissa D	<u>Next Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Easter</u> First Reading: Acts 6:1-7 Psalm: Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Second Reading: 1 Pet 2:4-9 Gospel: John 14:1-12	
Second Reading	Therese E	Maria S		
Welcome & POF	Suzanne G	Amal R		
Communion Ministers	Mary D	Lena B		
Music	Group 1	Group 2		
PowerPoint	Lisa K	Chris M		
Counting	-----	Group 1		

<i>Parish Diary</i>	<i>Parish Office Hours</i>
<u>Monday 1st May</u> 1:00pm Rosary Group 2:00pm Activities Group <u>Wednesday 3rd May</u> 7:30am HEARTfit 11:00am Rosary Group <u>Friday 5th May</u> 9:00am Rosary 10:00am Eucharistic Adoration	<u>Monday 1st May:</u> Closed (Labour Day Public Holiday) <u>Tuesday 2nd May :</u> Open from 9:00am to 2:00pm <u>Wednesday 3rd May :</u> Closed <u>Thursday 4th May :</u> Open from 9:00am to 2:00pm <u>Friday 5th May :</u> Closed (Staff Annual Leave) <u>Monday 8th May :</u> Closed (Staff Annual Leave) <u>Tuesday 9th May :</u> Open from 9:00am to 2:00pm <i>For urgent matters, phone 3822 2139, and select Option 3</i>

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration from 10:00am - 11:00am (following the 9:30am Mass) on Friday 5th May *and the first Friday of every month.*

Mass Intentions

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




We extend our congratulations to Isla Egan, Skylar Harmey, Aurora Crawford, Ethan Crawford, Ellis Zirkzee and Angelin Rijo who were baptised in our parish in the month of April. We welcome them to the parish family. Let us appreciate their parents for sharing the flame of faith with their children.

First Holy Communion

Important dates for the Sacramental journey for First Holy Communion for children who have received Confirmation.


Parent Information Session: Sunday 7th May. Families to attend the 8:00am Mass and remain in the Church after Mass for the information session.

First Communion Celebration: At Parish Masses on Saturday 10th June at 6:15pm and Sunday 11th June at 8:00am.



Our Parish is looking for more volunteers to assist as:- Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Power point Operators, gardening, hospitality and Counters, etc. If you would are able to help with any of these Parish duties please let the parish office know by registering at <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections.

Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.



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.

NAME:_____

PHONE:_____EMAIL:_____