



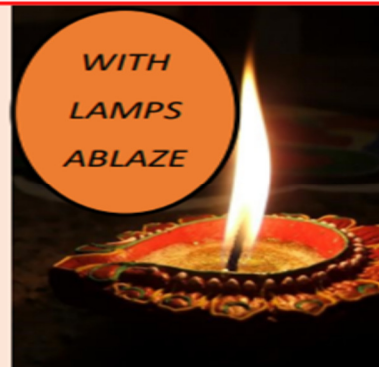
Archbishop reinstates Sunday Mass obligation

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has written a letter to parishes across the archdiocese reinstating the obligation to attend Sunday Mass from May 28. "The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us."

Read more: cathnews.com

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



FOR MORE DETAILS

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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.



World Youth Day helps inspire young people to serve

others: Pope Francis

WORLD Youth Day is an antidote against indifference, isolation and lethargy, Pope Francis said. Since World Youth Days were established by St John Paul II in 1985, "they have involved, moved, stirred and challenged generations of women and men," he said in the preface of a new book, *A Long Journey to Lisbon*, by Aura Miguel, a Portuguese journalist for Rádio Renascença. Vatican News published the preface on May 2.

Read the full story: Catholicleader.com



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

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(Associate Parish Priest)
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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 23rd May.

STOpline

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

14th May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

The Easter season is nearing to the end as we prepare to celebrate the Ascension on next Sunday and Pentecost the week after. We were learning as disciples of Christ, what it really means to follow the risen Christ.

Throughout this Eastertide, we have been examining what discipleship looks like through an experience of 'awakening'. Thomas awakened us to the realization that doubt can be the beginning of real faith. The disciples on their way to Emmaus, helped us to appreciate the need to be together, to listen to the word of God and breaking the bread together.

Jesus lead us to recognize him as a good shepherd who shares unconditional divine mercy and love. Jesus invited his followers to practice the same love. Even though we have learned many definitions of Love, Jesus gave a new meaning to love making it really visible through his sacrifice on the cross.

Jesus now prepares to leave to the Father and the disciples feel, they are lost. He promises that "I will not leave you orphaned". Followers of Jesus experience doubt but he commands to abide in him and keep his commandments. This is what makes us to be fully human at the same time, reflect the image of God.

We are unable to achieve it by ourselves and Jesus offers the best gift, the Holy Spirit, as another advocate who will strengthen us to abide in God's Love, who will comfort, who will be a counsellor and a helper. Keeping the commandments is our access to Jesus' promise that we will not be left orphaned. The commandments do not earn us his love, they reveal our love for him, whose presence is within us.

Every time we expand the boundaries of our love, we push back the feeling of 'orphaned' in the world. It unites us in an unbreakable bond of fidelity, friendship and community with others, creating space within us where the Father, Jesus and Holy spirit make their home.

The celebration of Mother's Day once again reminds us the love and sacrifice of every mother in this world. Mothers share in the creative work of God in a very special way. They are renewing the face of the earth, providing for new growth, a new generation of people who are made to be saints and who are made to love.


In the love of a mother we see the most extraordinary element of God's creation: the heart of a mother. As we thank our mothers, the greatest gift we can give back to our mother is love. Let us abide in Christ and let our world and our hearts be filled with true Love.

I wish you, beloved mothers, all the love and blessings on this Mother's Day!

Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi



| MASS TIMES | | 15th to 21st MAY |
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| 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> |
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| 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. <i>OR by appointment (phone 3822 2139 or 3820 0100)</i> |  <p><i>First Friday of the Month, (10.00 am to 11.00 am) at St Mary Mackillop Church, BIRKDALE</i></p> |

| <i>We remember and pray</i> | <i>We pray for the sick</i> |
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| For recently died: John Bass, Tony Kelly, Michael Duran. Anniversaries for Remembrances May: 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, Jessie Micaller, Aldo Bandiera, James Harrison, Ann Hockings, Nellie Modral, Saul David, Alberto Bandiera, Patricia Watson, Noel & Role Gablonski, Luigi Basso, Irma Moroney, Moira Peterson, John Duryea, Margaret Knights, Jessie Maclean, James King. | 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 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. |

| <i>Roster 20th & 21st May</i> | | |
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| Readers | 6:15pm | 8:00am |
| First Reading | Vern D | Matthew K |
| Second Reading | Tanina D | Lorraine K |
| Welcome & POF | Roisin B | Louise W |
| Communion Ministers | Paulina P | Elaine H |
| Music | Group 1 | Group 2 |
| PowerPoint | Alan B | Clinton T |
| Counting | ----- | Group 3 |

| Scripture Readings |
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| <u>This Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Easter</u> First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14 - 17 Psalm: Ps 65:1 - 7, 16, 20 Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:15-18 Gospel: John 14:15 - 21 <u>Next Sunday, The Ascension of the Lord</u> First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9 Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 |

| <i>Parish Diary</i> |
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| <u>Monday 15th May</u> 1:00pm Rosary Group 2:00pm Activities Group 7:00pm Baptism Preparation Session <u>Wednesday 17th May</u> 11:00am Rosary Group <u>Friday 19th May</u> 9:00am Rosary 10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers |

| <i>Columbarium</i> |
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| 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. |

| <i>Small Coins for East Timor</i> |
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| The collection box for your SMALL COINS is in the Church each week. Total collected to date is \$19,118.95. <i>Thank you for your generosity.</i> |

Mothers hold our hands for a little while... but they hold our hearts forever!



All-loving God, we give you thanks for mothers young and old. We pray for all mothers of every kind. Those who have loved us and helped shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us, but whose love is in our memory forever. Amen



Mass Intentions


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

First Holy Communion

Important dates for the Sacramental journey for First Holy Communion.

Sunday 21st May: Workshop 1 (Catechesis) in the Church at 9:15am (following the 8:00am Mass)


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: _____