

Congratulations!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

Fr Prem Kumar, on his Cor - Episcopo Installation in the Syro Malankara Church, on 20 May 2023.

This is a Special recognition for Fr Prem for his generous contributions to the Syro Malakara Church.

It will enable him to represent his Bishop in the Liturgical celebrations of the Syro-Malankara Church.

We wish all the very best and hearty congratulations to fr Prem on his Cor-Episcopo installation.

The Installation will take place at Christhuraja Cathedral at Marthandam, India.

The service will be live streamed from India and will be available from (8.30am IST) 1.00pm on the Link: <https://youtube.com/live/E74eBrudvMM>.

Fr Prem will continue in his role of Associate Pastor at the parishes of St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale and St Anthony's and St Luke's, Alexandra Hills.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

15-21 MAY 2023

THE CHANGE MAKERS



A Big Thank you to the wonderful volunteers in our parish, who really lead and support our Parish in many ways.

May your generosity and good works be rewarded by God.

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

[lamps-ablaze-a4-doc-e.pdf \(evangelisationbrisbane.org.au\)](https://www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/lamps-ablaze-a4-doc-e.pdf)

Faith leaders condemn ACT plan to take over hospital

Andrew Barr's takeover of Canberra's Calvary Public Hospital Bruce will create a dangerous precedent and pave the way for government intervention in other faith-based community services, according to new warnings from religious leaders and Catholic educators. Read the full story: [Cathnews.com](https://www.cathnews.com)

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"

Our Priests

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(Parish Priest)
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Fr Prem Kumar
(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

St Mary MacKillop Primary School
Principal: John Spillane
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(Before - After School/Vacation Care)
10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale QLD 4159
Phone: 0477 550 445
Email: birkdaleoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
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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

21st May 2023

Ascension of the Lord

Dear Parishioners and visitors,



The mystery of the Solemnity of the Ascension is "going" or rather "leaving". Jesus leaves to the Father. The disciples are invited to go out to the world with Good news.

In the Creed, we confess our faith in Christ who 'ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father'. The 'Gospels' and 'Acts of the Apostles' speak about the return of Jesus to the Father (John 7:33, 14:2, 14:12, 16:28, 20:17, Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51, Acts 1:9)

Even when we celebrate the resurrection and ascension, we may have questions, how can it happen? 'The Catechism of the Catholic Church' gives us a very clear teaching. Article 6, Nos 659 - 667 explains "So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God."

Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand.

This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house", to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to us such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us.


Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfilment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." After this event the apostles became witnesses of the kingdom.

Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again. Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever".

Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We Pray, we await.

Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi

MASS TIMES		22nd to 28th 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>
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>
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.	Menuli Perera, 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 27th & 28thMay</i>		
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Martin M	Peter M
Second Reading	Matty M	Elaine H
Welcome & POF	Mary S	Tim F
Communion Ministers	Betty A	April M / Vol
Music	Group 3	Group 4
PowerPoint	Lisa K	David C
Counting	-----	Group 4

<i>Scripture Readings</i>
<u>This 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 <u>Next Sunday, Pentecost Sunday</u> First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 20:19-23

Parish Diary	Mass for the Solemnity of OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS	
<p><u>Monday 22nd May</u></p> <p>1:00pm Rosary Group</p> <p>2:00pm Activities Group</p> <p><u>Tuesday 23rd May</u></p> <p>7:00pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting</p> <p><u>Wednesday 24th May</u></p> <p>11:00am Rosary Group</p> <p><u>Friday 26th May</u></p> <p>9:00am Rosary</p> <p>10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers</p>		<p><i>The special Mass for the Solemnity of OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS will be held at St Anthony's Church, 1 St Anthony Drive, ALEXANDRA HILLS on Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 5.00pm.</i></p>
	Holy Communion	
		
	<p>From the Pentecost Sunday, Our Parish Churches will resume the distribution of Holy Communion in Both Species (Bread and wine). Please follow the guidelines of the volunteers.</p>	
Columbarium		<p><i>Mass Intentions</i></p>
<p>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.</p>	<p><i>Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church.</i></p> <p><i>Please PRINT the NAME and date.</i></p>	

First Holy Communion
Important dates for the Sacramental journey for First Holy Communion. Sunday 4th June: Workshop 2 in the Southern Cross Centre 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. <i>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.</i>
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	<p>Are you New to the Parish?</p> <p>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</p> <p>The Parish Office will then be in touch with you to send you our weekly newsletter.</p> <p>NAME: _____</p> <p>PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____</p>
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