



### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE TRAINED AS A SACRISTAN?

Our parish is in need of more people to carry out this very important role. Please consider this. You would receive training with one of our current Sacristans and printed guidelines. A commitment of just one weekend each month would be very helpful. Please contact the Parish Office and **register at** <http://archbne.org/welcome> and complete the relevant sections.

**New readers are also very welcome.**

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### THE SOUP LUNCHEON St. Anthony's Hall Wednesday, 26th July, 2023 At 12 noon



Enjoy a selection of tasty soups,  
hot crusty bread and dessert.  
Plant and gift stall, raffle, lucky door  
**Cost \$15.00 Children Free**  
Bookings are essential.  
Contact Trish 0438 863 296 or Margaret 0412 161 924  
by Sunday 23rd July.  
Please pay at the door.

During this week, some parishioners have received text messages supposedly from Fr Regi asking them to purchase gift cards and that he cannot be contacted by phone. These messages are NOT from Fr Regi and no priest or member of the Parish staff will ever contact you with these kinds of requests. Please do not click on any links or reply to the text messages and certainly do not buy gift cards. Delete the message and block the sender.

#### IT'S A SCAM! BE AWARE! BE INFORMED!

An information session on phone and computer scams will be held at the St Anthony's and St Luke's Parish Hall, 1 St Anthony's Drv, Alexandra Hills. The tentative date is **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**. Morning tea will be served at 9:00am followed by the presentation. There will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions. All welcome.  
**Date will be confirmed in future newsletters.**

### 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

Fr Regimon Gervasis Mcbs  
(Parish Priest)  
Email: [gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Fr Prem Kumar  
(Associate Parish Priest)  
Emergency Contact: 3822 2139,  
Option 3

### Parish Office

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Facebook: [stmarymackillopparishbirkdale](https://www.facebook.com/stmarymackillopparishbirkdale)  
**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  
10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale Qld 4159  
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**St Mary MacKillop OSHC**  
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[catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au](http://catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au)

### Welfare groups

**St Vincent De Paul Society**  
1800 846 643. Meets every  
second Tuesday at 7:00pm.  
Date of next meeting 18th July 2023.

### STOpline

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

### 9th July 2023

### 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

We are people, who do get drained in the journey and struggles of our daily life. People always look for help and support, especially when confronting unexpected hardships in the journey of life. There may be many occasions we are really supported by family and friends. There are also other times we felt abandoned and left fighting alone.

The Gospel tells us about the Heart of Jesus, which gives us these words of comfort: "Come to me all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light." These words tell us something about the image of God that is very different from the images of God we might have. Many of our images are of the almighty awesome creator of the universe. We also have images of Jesus the Son of God as the Judge of the living and dead.

The prophet Zechariah prophesied that our King would come to us who is meek and humble of heart. And this is how Jesus presents himself in the Gospel, meek and humble of heart. The invitation takes us to Matthew's characteristic presentation of Jesus as the One who bears and lifts humanity's burdens. The view of humanity depicted in the Gospel is that of being weighed down and burdened by a multitude of afflictions.

Usually in a world of competition there is no place for the weak and the poor. They are usually not the news makers. But for Jesus the weak and the lost are the ones who are blessed ones because the Father chose to reveal them his glory. Christ offers an invitation that everyone wishes to hear, which is an encouragement to feel his presence, always and everywhere, which is a loving presence. It's not just an invitation to enjoy a restful time, but to rest in the presence of love.

Today so many people have enough resources and means to appreciate life. But despite all the resources at their disposal, they do not experience peace and joy in their lives. Many amidst so-called comforts are restless. Jesus has answers for all our problems.

Pope Francis says 'Once you have received the refreshment and comfort of Christ, we are called in turn to become refreshment and comfort for our brothers and sisters, with a meek and humble attitude, in imitation of the Master'.

With Christ, let us find encouragement in the ordinary situations in our lives. Where we are called to respond to those who suffer through poverty, homelessness and many other unjust social situations that are part of our world.

**Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi**





MASS TIMES 10th — 16th July		
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY		NO MASSES UNTIL 8TH AUGUST 2023
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 (2nd Friday of each month is Anointing Mass)
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>	<i>Anointing Mass</i>
<b>MONDAY</b> 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba <b>SATURDAY</b> 4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills. <i>OR by appointment</i> <i>(phone 3822 2139 or 3820 0100)</i>	<i>First Friday of the Month,</i> <i>(10.00 am to 11.00 am) at</i> <i>St Mary Mackillop Church,</i> <i>BIRKDALE</i>	Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on Friday 14th July.


<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
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<b>For recently died:</b> Shona Kwock-Sun, Laura Cal, Derek Phillips, Menuli Perera, Peter McMahon. <b>Anniversaries for Remembrances July:</b> baby Belle Woolfe, Cliff Friswell, Kathleen Miles, Roy Longwill, Thomas Czapkowski, Kerry McPeake, Mary Baldacchino, Margaret Adkins, Alice Webster, Charles McCourt, Michael Mossop, Emilia Stephenson, Dulcie Perera, Peter Mills, Nancy Hogan, Harry Elliott, Trevor Myatt, Norah Butler, Antonio Giavedoni, Peter Trevethan, Mick McErlain, George Amown, Fre Celestno, Marie Welsh, Marco Peressini, Sr Mary Robinson OSU, Nugget and Thelma Sweeney, Val Tranter, Alex Crimmins, Rose Mills, Anton Szwajczak, Ezilda Souza, Patricia Logan, Patricia Stevens, Francesca De Souza, Peggy Myatt, Noreen McGrath, Isabel Henry, Bart Szwajczak, Eileen Scanlan, Sydney Stone, Ranier Daboin, Fr Gerry Ronayne, Robert Bae, Gino Lippi, Kannika Bagster, Concetta Ragonesi, Doris Sharpe, Mick Gauci, Peg Knight, William Daley, Harry Kirkman, Jose Mangana .	Michelle Russell, 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, 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, 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.
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Roster 15th & 16th July		
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Roisin B	Loretta M
Second Reading	Vern D	Matthew K
Welcome & POF	Tanina D	Lorraine K
Communion Ministers	Betty A, 2 x volunteers	Elaine H, Lena B, Christine D
Music	Group 1	Group 2
PowerPoint	Alan B	Clinton T
Counting	-----	Group 3

Scripture Readings
<b><u>This Sunday, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> First Reading: Zech 9:9-10 Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14 Second Reading: Rom 8:9, 11-13 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30
<b><u>Next Sunday, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> First Reading: Isa 55:10-11 Psalm: Ps 64:10-14 Second Reading: Rom 8:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 11:1-23

<i>Parish Diary</i>	<i>Happy Birthday</i>
<b>Monday 10th July</b> 1:00pm Rosary Group 2:00pm Activities Group 2:00pm Conversation Group <b>Wednesday 12th July</b> 11:00am Rosary Group <b>Friday 14th July</b> 9:00am Rosary 10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers 10:00am Morning tea follows the Anointing Mass	<p><i>We thank God for the gift of life.</i>  <i>We wish all the blessings to those who are celebrating their birthdays in the month of July.</i></p> 
<i>Mass of Anointing</i>	<i>Sacramental Journey for Confirmation 2023</i>
Anointing Mass will be celebrated on the second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on <b>Friday 14th July</b> . All are welcome to give support to the sick, elderly and housebound of the parish. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea following the Mass.	<p><b>Parent Preparation Session:</b>            Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 5:30pm in the Parish Centre</p> <p><b>Confirmation Celebration:</b>            Thursday 31st August 2023 at 6:30pm            Enrolment forms are available from the Parish Office or our website:  <a href="http://www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au">www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au</a></p> 
<i>RCIA Journey</i>	<i>Communion to Residential Care Facilities</i>
Our Parish will begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programme very soon. To enrol and learn more about Catholic Faith and join the faith please contact the Parish office: 3822 2139 Email: <a href="mailto:birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au">birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au</a>	<p><b>ONE MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b></p> <p>There are several Residential Care facilities in our Parish and we are hoping to arrange to take Communion to the residents who no longer able to come to Mass on a regular basis. If you would like to be part of this important ministry, please contact Fr Regi at the Parish Office for full training. You will also need to register at our volunteer website:  <a href="http://archbne.org/welcome">http://archbne.org/welcome</a> 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.</p> 
	<i>Small Coins for East Timor</i>
READERS NEEDED for Sunday morning Mass Please contact the Parish Office. Training is available. If you would like to join our reading volunteers, please contact the ParishOffice and register at <a href="http://archbne.org/welcome">http://archbne.org/welcome</a> 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>	<p>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></p>
	<div> <div>  </div> <div> <i>Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church. Please PRINT the NAME and date.</i> </div> </div>



**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](mailto:birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au)

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_