



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.



ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

MODULE TWO Understanding, Praying & Living the Scriptures

WEEK 1 Can we Trust the Scriptures?	WEEK 2 The 'Grand Narrative': Stories Within a Larger Story With special guest lecturer ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE
WEEK 3 The Unity of the Two Testaments	WEEK 4 Ecclesial Exegesis: Interpreting Scripture with the Church
WEEK 5 The Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and John	WEEK 6 Luke and the Acts of the Apostles
WEEK 7 The Letters	WEEK 8 Biblical Foundations for Catholic Doctrines
WEEK 9 Scripture in the Liturgy With special guest lecturer CLARE SCHWANTES	WEEK 10 The Sacramentality of Scripture

MONDAYS | 7-9PM | XAVIER HALL, HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

21st August	28th August	4th September	11th September
9th October	16th October	23rd October	30th October
6th November	13th November	3 week break (inc. King's Birthday)	

FIND OUT MORE & REGISTER NOW

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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
Fr Prem Kumar
(Associate Parish Priest)
Emergency Contact: 3822 2139, Option 3

Parish Office

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www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au,
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
Phone: 3822 5500
Email: pbirkdale@bne.catholic.edu.au
www.marymackillop.qld.edu.au
St Mary MacKillop OSHC
(Before - After School/Vacation Care)
10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale QLD 4159
Phone: 0477 550 445
Email: birkdaleoshc@catholicearlyydcare.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 18th July 2023.

STOpline

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

16th July 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,



Giovanni Francesco Bernardone was headed to a prosperous life as a cloth merchant in the Province of Umbria, Italy. He was a young man directed to a life of complete self-gratification, who loved every sort of pleasure. But His son Francis decided to change the course of his life, he gave up his possessions and embraced poverty. He begged for food in his native Assisi and spent his days in prayer.

One day Francis went to pray at a rundown old chapel just outside of the city, the chapel of San Damiano. As he was praying before the icon of the crucified Jesus, he heard a voice calling to him three times: "Francis, rebuild my Church." Initially, Francis thought that he and his friends should rebuild the chapel of San Damiano, but as time went on, he realized that he was being called to rebuild Christ's Church on earth.

"Rebuild my Church" is the message we hear all throughout the gospels, addressed to everyone, who turns to Christ. Can we do this? Can we build the Kingdom of God on earth?

The parable of the Divine Sower's seed falls on the pathways through the fields. There is no union with the Word, it is simply there, and it is lost to the birds of the sky. Sometimes we refuse to make God's Word the guide of our lives. We don't make time for Him, the Love of our lives, and then we become shocked that His Presence has been stolen from us by the so called 'birds of the air.'

Sometimes the seed falls on rocky ground. It does not develop roots. All those good feelings will die out with time, unless it is far more than feelings we search for. It is not the feelings that matter, what matters are the actions we take when we are exposed to the newness of the Word of God.

God's word takes root, but other things take priority in our lives. it is the seed among the thickets and thorns. All of us have many activities and obligations but we cannot allow the concerns around us choke off his Presence within us. We cannot allow ourselves to become deaf to His Call to rebuild His Church.

But there are times, many times, that God's seed falls on good soil. In the Kingdom way of things, the seed, "the word of God", does go out to every one - ready or not' Unlike the pathway, the rocky ground or the thorny place which cannot be blamed for their poor response, all are held accountable for how they respond to the word, even though we conclude the time to be inopportune - I'm not ready, try me later.

We wish all the blessings to the Children and families who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish. The harvest is sure to come, let us be ready for the Word of God to produce fruits in us, a 100-fold!

Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi

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.







MASS TIMES 17th — 23rd 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>
MONDAY 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba SATURDAY 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 11th August.

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
For recently died: Judy Mullan, Beth Riegler, Shona Kwock-Sun, Laura Cal, Derek Phillips, Menuli Perera, Peter McMahon. Anniversaries for Remembrances July: 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, Anne McLaughlin, 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 Duncan, 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, Henk Hoonhout, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, 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.

Roster 22nd & 23rd July		
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Janet B	Tim F
Second Reading	Martin M	Peter M
Welcome & POF	Matty M	Rob S
Communion Ministers	Paulina P, Elaine R, Catherine R	Kayla S, Maria S, Volunteer
Music	Group 3	Group 4
PowerPoint	Lisa K	David C
Counting	-----	Group 4

Scripture Readings
<u>This Sunday, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> First Reading: Isa 55:10-11 Psalm: Ps 64:10-14 Second Reading: Rom 8:18-23 Gospel: Matthew 11:1-23 <u>Next Sunday, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> First Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19 Psalm: Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Second Reading: Rom 8:26-27 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

Parish Diary		Sacramental Journey for Confirmation 2023	
<div>Monday 17th July</div> <div>1:00pm Rosary Group</div> <div>2:00pm Activities Group</div> <div>Tuesday 18th July</div> <div>7:00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting</div> <div>Wednesday 19th July</div> <div>11:00am Rosary Group</div> <div>Friday 21st July</div> <div>9:00am Rosary</div> <div>10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers</div>		<div>Workshops:</div> <div>30th July 2023 at 9:15am</div> <div>20th August 2023 at 9.15am</div> <div>27th August 2023 at 9:15am</div> <div>Confirmation Celebration:</div> <div>Thursday 31st August 2023 at 6:30pm</div> <div>Please keep these families in your prayers</div> <div></div>	
RCIA Journey		<div>St Mary MacKillop Primary School Fete</div> <div>Sunday 6th August 9.30am - 3.30pm</div> <div>Books, plants, Art & Craft, rides, Devonshire tea, cakes & sweets.</div> <div>Major Raffle: Tickets can be bought via this QR code. Tickets \$10.</div> <div>1st prize: \$3000 cash</div> <div>2nd prize: Vuly trampoline</div> <div>3rd prize: Weber baby q BBQ</div> <div></div> <div></div>	
Communion to Residential Care Facilities			
<div>ONE MORE VOLUNTEER NEEDED</div> <div>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: 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.</div>			
Columbarium			
<div>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.</div>		<div><div><div>Mass Intentions</div></div><div>Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church. Please PRINT the NAME and date.</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

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

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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