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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 23rd 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.

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

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

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

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| 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) | |

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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 | 23rd July 2023 | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time |
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| <p>Fr Regimon Gervasis Mcbs (Parish Priest) Email: gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au</p> <p>Fr Prem Kumar (Associate Parish Priest) Emergency Contact: 3822 2139, Option 3</p> | <p>Dear Parishioners and visitors,</p> <p>We live in a strange world, don't we? So many people begin things with good intentions, wonderful visions, and really want to make things better, both in their own lives and in the lives of others. But, as in so many great efforts, things are likely to end up differently, not according to the plans.</p> <p>The same is true in our personal lives. People fall in love and get in to relations with nothing but the best of intentions, with high hopes, with hearts filled with love, and with wonderful visions. Then, somewhere along the line, things turn sour.</p> <p>Life is mixture of good and evil. We are imperfect people living in an imperfect world. If we are honest, we see that there is both good and bad in us individually and collectively. Everywhere we look, we find this strange mixture of what's right and what's wrong.</p> <p>What do we do with the problem of evil? Evil, comes from the wrong choices of people who have chosen to defy God. It will eventually reveal itself and will eventually suffer the consequences it brings down upon itself. The price of human freedom of choice is terribly costly.</p> <p>Jesus speaks of the weeds as dandel. Now at the beginning of the growing process dandel looks just like wheat. It's only when harvest time approaches that the difference between the two becomes apparent. It's only after the passage of time that we find out what's really good and what's really bad in our lives. And the same principle applies in so many areas of our lives. There are no "quick-fix" and easy solutions. Patience and tolerance are necessary, and to have patience and tolerance one must have deep faith in God.</p> <p>The Kingdom of God is all around us and is within us—but we have a choice to recognize it or to ignore it. Because the reign of God is a reign of love, compassion, mercy and peace. It is not realized unless the divine self-giving to us is accepted and lived in human freedom.</p> <p>The Kingdom of Heaven is like the life of every person. There is that in each of us which is wheat and there is that which is weed. Should God destroy us because of the weed in us? Or should He give us time?</p> <p>When we believe that human fulfilment comes mostly through our plans and efforts, when things do not turn out as we have planned and worked to achieve, we become discouraged and lose hope. Reliance on God and acceptance of His ways is the only way we can overcome evil, both in our world and in our lives.</p> <p>Yes, it is a strange world we live in but at the same time it is a beautiful world. A beautiful world filled with wonderful, heroic people. The great miracle is that goodness and love have survived evil's onslaught.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi</p> |  <p style="text-align: center;">"That's your idea of weed control?"</p> |
| <p>Parish Office</p> <p>12 Hardy Rd Birkdale, Qld 4159, Phone: 3822 2139 Email: birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au, Facebook: stmarymackillopparishbirkdale</p> <p>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</p> | <p>Education</p> <p>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</p> <p>St Mary MacKillop OSHC (Before - After School/Vacation Care) 10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale QLD 4159 Phone: 0477 550 445 Email: birkdaleoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au</p> | |
| <p>Welfare groups</p> <p>St Vincent De Paul Society 1800 846 643. Meets every second Tuesday at 7:00pm. Date of next meeting 1st August 2023.</p> | <p>STOpline</p> <p>To report 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy email to: aob@stopline.com.au Phone: 1300 30 45 50</p> | |

| MASS TIMES 24th — 30th July | | |
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| MONDAY | | NO MASS |
| TUESDAY | | NO MASSES UNTIL 8TH AUGUST 2023 |
| WEDNESDAY | | NO MASS |
| THURSDAY | | NO MASS |
| 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> |
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| 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> |
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| 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 Thom-as, 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, Ame-lia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee, Gina Mather. |

| <i>Roster 29th & 30th July</i> | | |
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| Readers | 6:15pm | 8:00am |
| First Reading | Matty M | Lorraine K |
| Second Reading | Tanina D | Rob S |
| Welcome & POF | Mary S | Matthew K |
| Communion Ministers | Lesley L, Suzanne G, Paulina P | Kayla S, Matty M, Christine D |
| Music | Group 3 | Volunteer needed |
| PowerPoint | Volunteer needed | Chris M |
| Counting | ----- | Group 5 |

| Scripture Readings |
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| <u>This 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 |
| <u>Next Sunday, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Psalm: Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 Second Reading: Rom 8:28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 |

| <i>Parish Diary</i> | <i>Grandparents Mass</i> |
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| 1:00pm Monday 25th July 2:00pm Rosary Group Activities Group 11:00am Wednesday 26th July Rosary Group Friday 28th July 9:00am Rosary 10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers 10:30am Grandparents Day Morning Tea | We will welcome the grandparents of our St Mary MacKillop School students at a special Mass celebration on at 9:30am Friday 28th July. The School Choir will lead the singing and morning tea will be served following the Mass. Extra parking will be available on the grass area outside the Parish Office. All are welcome to join the celebration of our wonderful grandparents. |
| <i>Parish Office</i> | |

The Parish office will be closed on Friday 28th July and Monday 31st July for Staff Annual Leave. If you have an urgent matter, please phone the Parish Office on 3822 2139 and select Option 3. The Office will re-open on Tuesday 1st August ant 9:00am.

Weekday Masses


There will be no weekday Masses next week on Monday (St Luke's, Capalaba), Tuesday (St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale) or Wednesday and Thursday (St Anthony's, Alexandra Hills).

RCIA Journey

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: birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au

Columbarium

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.




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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| <i>Workshops:</i> |  |
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| 30th July 2023 at 9:15am 20th August 2023 at 9.15am 27th August 2023 at 9:15am <i>Confirmation Celebration:</i> Thursday 31st August 2023 at 6:30pm <i>Please keep these families in your prayers</i> | |

St Mary MacKillop Primary School Fete

Sunday 6th August 9.30am - 3.30pm

Books, plants, Art & Craft, rides, Devonshire tea, cakes & sweets.

Major Raffle: Tickets can be bought via this QR code. Tickets \$10.
 1st prize: \$3000 cash
 2nd prize: Vuly trampoline
 3rd prize: Weber baby q BBQ




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