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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.



Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd.
email: toddd@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
by 1st September 2023

To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023
cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
3324 3030

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



Women's Retreat

How do women of faith remain in Jesus and bear fruit? By staying connected.

In the midst of our fast-paced lives, it is crucial to carve out moments of stillness and create space to hear the whispers of God. This weekend retreat, facilitated by the team at Evangelisation Brisbane, will provide an opportunity to remain, abide and stay with God who created you and longs to spend time with you.

When: 6pm Friday 8 September to 1pm Sunday 10 September

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston

Cost: \$425 live in / \$230 live out

RSVP: Monday 4 September

Register today for a weekend of encounter, encouragement, and restoration at <https://tinyurl.com/abide23>



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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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
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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 1st August 2023.

STOpline

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

30th July 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

What do you treasure the most and how do you keep it from being lost or stolen? In a peasant community the best safe was often the earth. The man in the parable (Matthew 13:44) "went in his joy" to sell everything. Why? Because he found a treasure worth possessing above all else he had. He did not, however, have enough to buy the treasure. Fortunately, he only needed enough to buy the field. In a similar fashion, God offers his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17) as incomparable treasure at a price we can afford! We can't pay the full price for the life which God gives us; but when we exchange our life for the life which God offers, we receive a treasure beyond compare.

When we discover the kingdom of God we receive the greatest possible treasure - the Lord himself. Selling all that we have to obtain this incomparable treasure could mean many things - our friends, job, our "style of life", what we do with our free time. Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. In this parable what does the treasure of the kingdom refer to? It certainly refers to the kingdom of God in all its aspects. But in a special way, the Lord himself is the treasure we seek for. If the Almighty is your gold and your precious silver, then you will delight yourself in the Almighty (Job 22:22- 23). Is the Lord the treasure and delight of your heart? When Jesus had finished speaking about his parables, he turned to his disciples and asked them, "Have you understood all this?" (Matthew 13:52). Jesus asks us the same question. If we want to understand the meaning and significance of the parables for our daily lives, then we must reflect and think through what the Lord is saying to us through his instruction. The Holy Spirit is our guide and teacher who helps us to grow in understanding of God's word in the Scriptures.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, may your word take deep root in my heart and transform my way of thinking, discerning, and acting. May your Spirit open my ears to hear and understand the word of God in the Scriptures that I may revere and treasure both the Old and the New Testaments which God has prepared for all who desire to enter his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Help me to be a diligent student and faithful disciple of your word.

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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.





MASS TIMES 31st July - 6th August		
MONDAY		NO MASS
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 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 5th & 6th August</i>		
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	John E	Melissa D
Second Reading	Therese E	Maria S
Welcome & POF	Suzanne G	Amal R
Communion Ministers	Mary D, Tom M, Vern D	Volunteer needed, Kerry B, Elaine H
Music	Group 1	Group 2
PowerPoint	Lisa K	Chris M
Counting	-----	Group 1

Scripture Readings
<u>This 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
<u>Next Sunday, The Transfiguration of the Lord</u> First Reading: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm: Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9 Second Reading: 2 Pet 1:16-19 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

<i>Parish Diary</i>	<i>Volunteers for School Fete BBQ</i>
Monday 31st July 1:00pm Rosary Group 2:00pm Activities Group Tuesday 1st August 7:00pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting Wednesday 2nd August 11:00am Rosary Group Friday 4th August 9:00am Rosary 10:00am Eucharistic Adoration	Our Parish School fete is on Sunday 6th August 2023. If you are able to help out at the BBQ for a few hours, please contact Matty on 0402 284 289 or email: matty.rotary@gmail.com <i>Sacramental Journey for Confirmation 2023</i> <div> <div> Workshops: 30th July 2023 at 9:15am 20th August 2023 at 9.15am 27th August 2023 at 9:15am Confirmation Celebration: Thursday 31st August 2023 at 6:30pm <i>Please keep these families in your prayers</i> </div>  </div>
<i>Parish Office</i>	<i>Congratulations!!!</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 reopen on Tuesday 1st August ant 9:00am.	 We extend our congratulations to Theo Schatz, Willow Nichol and all the children who were baptised in our parish in the month of July. We welcome them to the parish family. Let us appreciate their parents for sharing the flame of faith with their children.
<i>Weekday Masses</i>	<i>Mass of Anointing</i>
There will be no weekday Masses next week on Monday (St Luke's, Capalaba) or Tuesday (St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale).	Anointing Mass will be celebrated on the second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on Friday 11th August. 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.
<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>	<i>Columbarium</i>
Adoration from 10:00am - 11:00am (following the 9:30am Mass) on Friday 4th August <i>and the first Friday of every month.</i>	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>RCIA Journey</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: birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au	
<div> <div> Mass Intentions </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: _____



**AUG 6
2023**

**ST MARY MACKILLOP
FUN in the SUN
SCHOOL FETE**



Sun 6th August 2023

9.30am - 3.30pm

EVERYBODY WELCOME

**St Mary MacKillop Primary School
10 Hardy Rd Birkdale**

