



Women's retreat
 9-10 SEPTEMBER
 With Bishop Genevieve, Fr. Anthony, and Fr. Luke

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>

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites couples together with family and friends, to the annual **GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, 11:30am Mass on Saturday, 30th September 2023** followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds. Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel, are also invited to attend with family and friends to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral. If you have photos or stories to share of your wedding at the Cathedral, 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 : Friday 22nd September 2023 cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au 3324 3030

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.



We recommend if you or anyone who know receives a suspicious text, to not engage with the sender and instead forward the message to 0429 999 888 (this is the Australian Government's spam reporting line).
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 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. Please bring a pen and paper. All welcome.

MYSTERY & MISSION THE ART OF LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network & National Liturgical Council are hosting a joint national liturgy & liturgical music conference in **Brisbane from 28 to 30 September 2023**.

Keynote Speakers: Prof Timothy O'Malley (Liturgical & Sacramental Theologian, University of Notre Dame, USA), Sarah Hart (Acclaimed Contemporary Catholic composer, USA), Assoc Prof Maeve Louise Heaney (Theologian & Composer, ACU), Rev Dr Tom Elich (Renowned Liturgist, Liturgy Brisbane Director)

For full information and to register, visit <https://www.stmarysmackillopparish.org.au>

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 28-30 SEPTEMBER, 2023 BRISBANE

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	20th August 2023	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fr Regimon Gervasis Mcbs (Parish Priest) Email: gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au Fr Prem Kumar (Associate Parish Priest) Emergency Contact: 3822 2139, Option 3	<p>Dear Parishioners and visitors,</p> <p>THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 2023</p> <p>The woman in today's Gospel wasn't Jewish; she was pagan. No wonder Jesus responded to her as he did in a world where Jews didn't have dealings with pagans and men didn't have dealings with women. He starts by giving her the silent treatment; then he says to others, "It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs"; and finally he replies to her, "Woman, you have great faith. Let it be done as you wish". That's where the popular perception is turned on its head. She's an outsider, but what matters to Jesus, in the end, is not that she's an outsider but that she's a human being in great need who happens to have great faith. The prophet Isaiah speaks of having a care for justice, by which he means right relationship between God and the human being and between human beings. Tribalism of any kind, the world of "us and them", is never right relationship. It's always wrong. That's why the prophet has God saying that he will bring even foreigners to his holy mountain and that his house will be called "a house of prayer for all people". St Paul too speaks of himself as an apostle sent to the pagans, the outsiders to whom God now extends his mercy, the mercy offered not just to insiders but to all humankind, he says. This radical inclusiveness has its roots in the mercy of God. All have been disobedient, says, Paul, but all have been offered mercy in Jesus. This is the right relationship of God: it takes what is wrong and sets it aright. This too is the heart of the Annual Catholic Campaign. The Campaign is one very concrete sign of the mercy of God at work, entering the world of wrong relationship and setting it aright, breaking down the walls of "us and them" and building bridges so that all people, but especially those most in need, can take their place in the house of God. That mercy flows from Jesus but through us. It's our faith which opens a door into the lives of people in need, and through that door, in mysterious and even hidden ways, comes the healing power of the Risen Lord, for whom there is no wound that cannot be healed, no torment that cannot be calmed. We come in faith, knowing that he listens and responds to real human need. We're well aware of our powerlessness but we know his power. We also know that he responds through our generosity. Your donation, whatever it may be, allows the Lord's mercy to flow through the Church into the lives of needy human beings. The woman in today's Gospel saw the face of a Jewish rabbi but she saw more: she saw the face of God. If we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. That's what the Annual Catholic Campaign is all about. Archdiocese of Brisbane</p>	
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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 29th August 2023.	STOpline To report 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy email to: aob@stopline.com.au Phone: 1300 30 45 50	

MASS TIMES 21st—27th August		
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY	6:00PM	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 (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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation	Eucharistic Adoration	Anointing Mass
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. OR by appointment (phone 3822 2139 or 3820 0100)	<i>First Friday of the Month, (10.00 am to 11.00 am) at St Mary Mackillop Church, BIRKDALE</i>	Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on Friday 8th September.

We remember and pray	We pray for the sick
For recently died: Judy Mullan, Beth Riegler, Shona Kwock-Sun, Laura Cal, Derek Phillips, Menuli Perera, Peter McMahon. Anniversaries for Remembrances August: Ernesto Zanatta, Peg Devlin, Maureen Garty, Joel Casley, Greg Dwyer, Steve Toon, Mitchell Montgomery, Martin Walsh, Neil Bryson, Helena Szwajczak, Patrick O'Connor, Giuseffina Garbuio, Valda Montgomery, Robert Peters, Lorenza Fenech, George Hayes, Ernie Mullan, Tom Power, Patricia Thomsen, Roxanne Allam, Peter Quinn, Christine McQuillan, Hugh Magee, Doreen Webb, Sr Kathleen Prise RSJ, Max Ferris, Antonio Ragagnin, Ellen Hume, Michael Wellington, Rosa Rominelli, Kathy MacLellan, Margaret Ansell-Vosti, Robert Squires, Mary Ward, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee, Modesta Santarossa, Raniero Citeroni, Angela Citeroni, Hazel Padget, Eileen Doherty, John Howard, Michael Czapkowski, Basilio Poloniato, Doris and Ray Sharp, Nissanka Mendis.	Raymond Davis, 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 26th & 27th August		
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Martin M	Peter M
Second Reading	Matty M	Rob S
Welcome POF	Janet B Janet B	Tim F Celia P
Communion Ministers	Paulina P, Elaine R, Catherine R	April M, Kayla S, Maria S
Music	Group 3	Volunteer
PowerPoint	Lisa K	David C
Counting	-----	Group 4

Scripture Readings
This Sunday, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Isa 56:1, 6-7 Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8 Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28
Next Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Isa 22:19-23 Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8 Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Parish Diary

Monday 21st August

1:00pm Rosary Group

2:00pm Activities Group

Wednesday 23rd August

9:00am Scam Awareness Session at St Anthony's Hall, Alexandra Hills

11:00am Rosary Group

Friday 25th August

9:00am Rosary

10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers

Sacramental Journey for Confirmation 2023

Workshops:

20th August 2023 at 9:15am

27th August 2023 at 9:15am

Confirmation Celebration:

Thursday 31st August 2023 at 6:30pm

Please keep these families in your prayers

Happy Birthday

We thank God for the gift of life.

We wish all the blessings to those who are celebrating their birthdays in the month of August.

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



Mass Intentions

Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church. Please PRINT the NAME and date.

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

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The Annual Catholic Campaign will be held on 19th & 20th August 2023



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Your gift today is a blessing to your local community

The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.





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: _____