

## Multicultural Mass 2023

Share your cultural faith expression and celebrate the diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane at the annual Multicultural Mass.

The Mass will be held on Sunday 24th September in recognition of World Day of Migrant and Refugees, highlighting this year's theme, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay".

Mass will be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese. Cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds will follow.

**When:** 2:30pm, Sunday 24th September 2023

**Where:** Cathedral of St Stephen (249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane City)

**RSVP:** [app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23](http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23)

All are invited and all are welcome!



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](mailto: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](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) 3324 3030

## Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

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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.



## 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

12 Hardy Rd Birkdale, Qld 4159,  
Phone: 3822 2139  
Email: [birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au)  
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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  
Phone: 3822 5500  
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**St Mary MacKillop OSHC**  
(Before - After School/Vacation Care)  
10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale QLD 4159  
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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](mailto:aob@stopline.com.au)  
Phone: 1300 30 45 50

### 27th August 2023

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

At an opportune time, Jesus tests his disciples with a crucial question: Who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am? He was widely recognised in Israel as a mighty man of



God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was the Christ, the Son of the living God. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter; but only God. Jesus plays on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest of compliments. The ancient rabbis had a saying that when God saw Abraham, he exclaimed: "I have discovered a rock to found the world upon". Through Abraham God established a nation for himself. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first apostle to recognise Jesus as the Anointed One (Messiah and Christ) and the only begotten Son of God. The New Testament describes the church as a spiritual house or temple with each member joined together as living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5). Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. Jesus then confers on Peter authority to govern the church that Jesus would build, a church that no powers would overcome because it is founded on the rock which is Christ himself. Epiphanius, a 6th century Scripture scholar who also translated many early church commentaries from Greek into Latin, explains the significance of Jesus handing down the "keys of the kingdom": For Christ is a rock which is never disturbed or worn away. Therefore, Peter gladly received his name from Christ to signify the established and unshaken faith of the church.

The Lord Jesus offers us the gift of unshakeable faith, enduring hope, and unquenchable love - and the joyful boldness to proclaim him as the one true Saviour who brings us the kingdom of God both now and forever. Who do you say he is to yourself and to your neighbour?

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, I profess and believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my Saviour. Make my faith strong like Peter's and give me boldness to speak of you to others that they may come to know you personally as Lord and Saviour and grow in the knowledge of your great love.

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MASS TIMES 28th August—3rd September		
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

<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>TUESDAY</b> 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale <b>SATURDAY</b> 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 <b>Friday 8th September.</b>

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
<b>For recently died:</b> Rebecca Harvey, Judy Mullan, Beth Riegler, Shona Kwock-Sun, Laura Cal, Derek Phillips, Menui Perera. <b>Anniversaries for Remembrances August:</b> Ernesto Zanatta, Peg Devlin, Maureen Garty, Joel Casley, Greg Dwyer, Steve Toon, Mitchell Montgomery, Francisco Lavin, Martin Walsh, Neil Bryson, Helena Sz wajczak, 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, Robert Mills, Hugh Magee, Doreen Webb, Sr Kathleen Prise RSJ, Max Ferris, Antonio Ragagnin, Ellen Hume, Alan Campbell, 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, , 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.

<i>Roster 2nd &amp; 3rd September</i>			<i>Scripture Readings</i>
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<b><u>This Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> First Reading: Isa 22:19-23 Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8 Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20  <b><u>Next Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> First Reading: Jer 20:7-9 Psalm: Ps 62:2-6,8-9 Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27
First Reading	Therese E	Maria S	
Second Reading	Suzanne G	Amal R	
Welcome & POF	John E	Melissa D	
Communion Ministers	Mary D, Tom M, Vern D	Kerry B, Elaine H, Volunteer	
Music	Volunteer / CD	Volunteer / CD	
PowerPoint	Lisa K	Chris M	
Counting	-----	Group 1	

<i>Parish Diary</i>	<i>Sacramental Journey for Confirmation 2023</i>
1:00pm Monday 28th August Rosary Group 2:00pm Activities Group  7:00pm Tuesday 29th August St Vincent de Paul meeting 11:00am Wednesday 30th August Rosary Group  6:30pm Thursday 31st August Confirmation Celebration 9:00am Friday 1st September Rosary 10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers	<div> <div> <b>Workshops:</b>            27th August 2023 at 9:15am   <b>Confirmation Celebration:</b>            Thursday 31st August 2023 at 6:30pm  <i>Please keep these families in your prayers</i> </div>  </div>
<i>Parish Office</i>	<i>RCIA Journey</i>
The Parish office will be closed on Friday 1st September for Staff Personal Development Day. If you have an urgent matter, please phone the Parish Office on 3822 2139 and select Option 3. The Office will reopen on Monday 4th September at 9:00am.	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
	<i>Congratulations!!!</i>
	 <p>We extend our congratulations to Henry Anderson, Tyler Roberts and Zachary Roberts who were baptised in our parish in the month of August.            We welcome them to the parish family.            Let us appreciate their parents for sharing the flame of faith with their children.</p>

<i>The Annual Catholic Campaign</i>	
Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop’s call for support. If you didn’t get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out after Mass. Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community. Thank you again for your time and generosity.	 <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.

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