

Season of Creation Mass and Discussion

Catholic Earthcare and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission (CJPC), are hosting a Season of Creation with Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Parishes and community groups are encouraged to bring a jar of water (river, sea or rainwater) from their area to add to an Archdiocesan urn that will be blessed and used to bless the congregation.

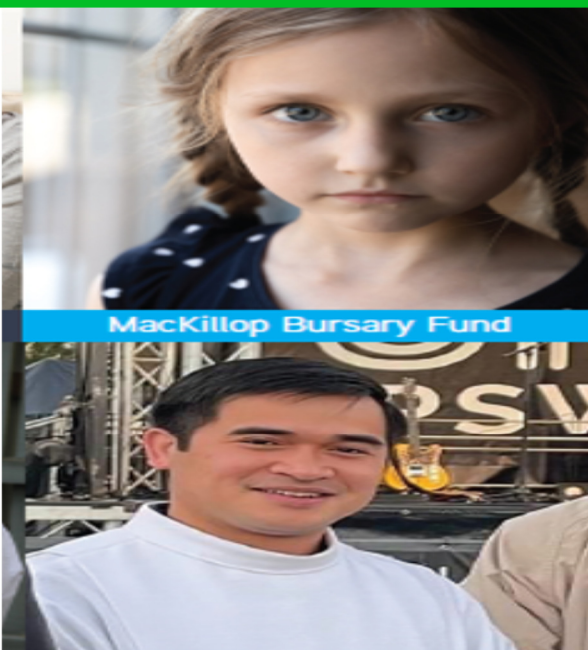
Mass is followed by a free workshop in the Hanly Room (in the Francis Rush Centre) from 7pm to 8pm. Please consider who could represent your parish at the Mass.

Date: Saturday, 9th September 2023
Time: 6:00pm Mass followed by discussion event
Location: Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth, Brisbane

Season of
Creation Mass
LET JUSTICE & PEACE FLOW



NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
3 - 9 September 2023



MacKillop Bursary Fund



2023 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church - Our Mission - Our Community

Thank you for being
the face of
Christ for others

Your support of the Annual Catholic Campaign will support those in dire circumstances and give children living in hardship access to a caring Catholic school community. Through this gift, you live the Gospel by caring for our elderly priests and educating seminarians who will lead the future Church.

Thank you for all you do to support those in need in our local community

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

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(Associate Parish Priest)
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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
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Education

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Welfare groups

St Vincent De Paul Society
1800 846 643. Meets every
second Tuesday at 7:00pm.
Next meeting 12th September 2023.

STOpline

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

3rd September 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

As we celebrate Father's Day this Sunday, let us give thanks to God for all the dad's in our parish. The grandfathers, the uncles, the brothers and cousins, in fact, all those men who provide the love of a father to us.

A father is the man who is just and gentle. A person who we feel makes us stronger in ourselves.

Success and failures, another two realities in life. Everyone in their life enjoy the sweetness of their glorious days but also taste the bitterness of the dark moments. Peter was placed in charge of the Church by Christ. Everything seemed to be wonderful.

Jesus now predicts about the passion and death; he is to face for the salvation of humanity. Even though, at the end of the day, there was the glory of the resurrection, the disciples got stuck in the suffering part of Christ's life. They were not happy with what they never expected. Peter, as usual, was the first to respond, "this must not happen to you". "Get behind me Satan", was the reply he received from Jesus.

This Gospel passage comes immediately after last Sunday's Gospel when Jesus called Peter, "Blessed", for proclaiming that Jesus was the Christ. He told him that he was the rock upon which Jesus would build His Church. He told Peter, that Peter's decisions on earth, would have power in heaven.

How did Peter fall so quickly? He fell because he was reasoning things out the way people of the 'world' would reason. He was not thinking the way God thinks. He lacked real wisdom. The way of the 'world' would be, "Save your life. Don't let anyone kill you." The way of the Lord would be, "Make the sacrificial love of God real. Sacrifice yourself for others."

It is easy for us to think the way the 'world' thinks. Everything around us may tell us to take not give, to be concerned about ourselves first and others second, or third or fourth. Fit God in somewhere, if you care and that is the thought process of the 'world'.

We were joined to a 'new world' when we were baptized. Each of us is a key part of the new world, the Kingdom of God. There may be hundreds of people in each of our lives, who look to us to illuminate their darkness with the Light of Christ. The problem is that we can easily be enticed by all that is around us and easily reject all that is within us. And so, we often straddle major issues in life.

Even though we recognize our dignity as sons and daughters of God, we often let ourselves get involved in actions that are far less than holy. We think that we are OK, because we are firmly planted on the Lord's dock, but Jesus invites us to join him to carry the cross, so that all of us shall have the eternal joy and peace. let us choose God, denying the self.

Congratulations to the candidates who were sealed with the fruits and gifts of the Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation last Thursday.

Thanks to the sacramental program team for their wonderful work as always and all the ministers who helped with the celebration. Thank you also to the families of the candidates for sharing the flame of faith with their children.....Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi



MASS TIMES 4th - 10th 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>
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.

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
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For recently died: Rebecca Harvey, Judy Mullan, Beth Riegler, Shona Kwock-Sun, Laura Cal, Derek Phillips, Menuli Perera.
Anniversaries for Remembrances September: Gino Bunin, Storgato Carmelo, Thelma Ferris, Grace Longwill, Agnes Sherry, Gianni Tocchetti, Emilia Santarosa, Joshua Baulch, Bertie Perera (father of Lorraine Kumar), Celsa Obligado, Arthur Pitts, Herbert Chiverall, Herbert Chiverall Snr, Patrick Maxwell, Todd Hayes, David Colman, Ann Walsh, James Knight, Tom Lanigan, Theresa Fitzgerald, Iris Morley, Michael McLaughlin, Gordon & Ruby Rixon, Leo Smith, Porferia Balito, Brian Burnheim, Neville O'Sullivan, Joshua Baulch, Val Fagan, Margaret Frost, Michael Hogan, Ursula Briggs, John Baldacchino, Dolly Kenny, Tony Waller, Patrick Crotty, Kath & Bill Buckpitt, Edith Splatt, Terry Britt, Brian Martin, Vince Mawn, Clarence Wilcox, Avis Moores, Joe & Kit Whittaker, Frances Reason, Leonardo Leotta, Carmel Hickey, Teresa Myrda, Shirley Swann, Ron Reily, Katherine Vitali, Mary Murphy, Thomas McNamee, Anastacia Wieland, Fabio Ferri, Allan Salisbury, Claire Coulson, Angelo Santarossa, Nessa McGleenon, Tom Curran, Linda Connah, Catharina Mollee, James Hume.

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.

Roster 9th & 10th September		
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Tom M	Eddie M
Second Reading	Brigid B	Therese T
Welcome & POF	Suzy P	Priya M
Communion Ministers	Anne Maree C, Janet B, Vern B	David M, April M, Kayla S
Music	Group 3	Group 4
PowerPoint	Emma M	Chris M
Counting	-----	Group 2

Scripture Readings
<u>This Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> First Reading: Isa 22:19-23 Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8 Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20
<u>Next Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> First Reading: Jer 20:7-9 Psalm: Ps 62:2-6,8-9 Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Parish Diary

Monday 4th September

1:00pm Rosary Group

2:00pm Activities Group

Wednesday 6th September

11:00am Rosary Group

Friday 8th September

9:00am Rosary

10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers

10:00am Parish Morning Tea

Sunday 8th September

10:00am Golf at Howeston

Mass of Anointing


Anointing Mass will be celebrated on the second Friday of each month at 9.30am.
The next Anointing Mass will be on **Friday 8th September.**
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.

Sacramental Journey for Confirmation

Congratulations to the candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week


Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Sincere thanks to all the members of the Sacramental Team—Christine, Jen, Megan and Lisa, to the teachers from our school who helped with the workshops and to the musicians and volunteers who served the refreshments after the celebration. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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 September.

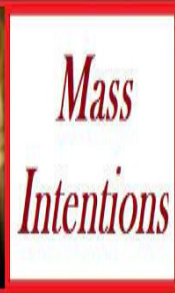


Happy Fathers Day

We thank God for all the fathers and father figures in our Parish

A Prayer for Fathers


God our Father,
We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for our own fathers as they care for their families; Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience.
We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.
We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.
We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen



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

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



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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