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**Going Deeper**

Going Deeper is a ten-session online series about the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. Together we dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?' You can register any time in September and work through the course at your own pace.

Whatever your faith background or experience, Going Deeper is for you. Visit the Going Deeper website to find out more and to register: [www.goingdeeper.org.au](http://www.goingdeeper.org.au)



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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.



**Multicultural Mass 2023**



This year's Multicultural Mass will be held on Sunday 24th September, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese.

The Mass is held annually in recognition of World Day of Migrant and Refugees and will this year highlight the 2023 theme "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay".


**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)


Mass will be followed by cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds.

Parishioners from any and all cultural backgrounds are encouraged to attend to celebrate the richness of Brisbane's diverse Archdiocese.



**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	17th September 2023	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<p><b>Fr Regimon Gervasis Mcbs (Parish Priest)</b> Email: <a href="mailto:gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au">gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au</a></p> <p><b>Fr Prem Kumar (Associate Parish Priest)</b> Emergency Contact: 3822 2139, Option 3</p>	<p><i>Dear Parishioners and visitors,</i></p> <p><b>Lord, How Often Shall I Forgive My Brother?</b></p> <p>Does mercy overlook justice? Justice demands that everyone be given their due. So when is it right to show mercy and pardon to those who have acted unjustly or wrongly? The prophet Amos speaks of God forgiving transgression three times, but warns that God may not revoke punishment for the fourth (see Amos 1:3-13; 2:1-6). When Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he characteristically offered an answer he thought Jesus would be pleased with. Why not forgive seven times! How unthinkable for Jesus to counter with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times that.</p> <p><b>No limit to granting forgiveness and pardon</b></p> <p>Jesus makes it clear that there is no limit to giving and receiving forgiveness. He drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money - millions in our currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province - more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however, bring himself to forgive his neighbour a very small debt which was about one-hundred-thousandth of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater!</p> <p><b>Forgiving others is a sacred duty</b></p> <p>If God has shown mercy to us in granting us pardon for our sins, then we, in turn, must show mercy and forgiveness towards every person who has offended us. The willingness to forgive those who offend us is a sacred duty. If we expect God to pardon us and show us his mercy when we sin and disobey his commandments, then we must be willing to let go of any resentment, grievance, or ill-will we feel towards our neighbour. Jesus teaches us to pray daily for the grace and strength to forgive others in the same measure in which God has forgiven us (Matthew 6:12,14-15). If we do not show mercy and forgiveness to our fellow human beings, how can we expect God to forgive us in turn? The Apostle James says that "judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy" (James 2:13).</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b> Lord Jesus, you have been kind and forgiving towards me. May I be merciful as you are merciful. Free me from all bitterness and resentment that I may truly forgive from the heart those who have caused me injury or grief. <a href="http://source:mobilegabriel.com">source: mobilegabriel.com</a></p>	
<p><b>Parish Office</b></p> <p>12 Hardy Rd Birkdale, Qld 4159, Phone: 3822 2139 Email: <a href="mailto:birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au">birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au</a> <a href="http://www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au">www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au</a>, Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/stmarymackillopparishbirkdale">stmarymackillopparishbirkdale</a></p> <p><b>Office Hours</b> Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9am to 2pm Lisa Knight (Parish Secretary, WH&amp;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><b>Education</b></p> <p><b>St Mary MacKillop Primary School</b> Principal: John Spillane 10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale Qld 4159 Phone: 3822 5500 Email: <a href="mailto:pbirkdale@bne.catholic.edu.au">pbirkdale@bne.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.marymackillop.qld.edu.au">www.marymackillop.qld.edu.au</a> <b>St Mary MacKillop OSHC</b> (Before - After School/Vacation Care) 10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale QLD 4159 Phone: 0477 550 445 Email: <a href="mailto:birkdaleoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au">birkdaleoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au</a> <a href="http://catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au">catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au</a></p>	<p><b>Welfare groups</b></p> <p><b>St Vincent De Paul Society</b> 1800 846 643. Meets every second Tuesday at 7:00pm. Next meeting 12th September 2023.</p>	
<p><b>STOpline</b></p> <p>To report 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy email to: <a href="mailto:aob@stopline.com.au">aob@stopline.com.au</a> Phone: 1300 30 45 50</p>		



MASS TIMES		18th - 24th 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 Friday 13th October.

<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 September:</b> 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.	Gwen Dillon, 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 23rd &amp; 24th September</i>			Scripture Readings
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<b><u>This Sunday, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> First Reading: Sir 27:30-28:7 Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 9-12 Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35  <b><u>Next Sunday, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> First Reading: Isa 55:6-9 Psalm: Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Second Reading: Phil 1:20-24, 27 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16
First Reading	Matty M	Rob S	
Second Reading	Janet B	Tim F	
Welcome & POF	Martin M	Peter M	
Communion Ministers	Paulina P, Elaine R, Catherine R	April M, Kayla S, Maria S	
Music	Group 3	Group 4	
PowerPoint	Lisa K	David C	
Counting	-----	Group 4	

### Parish Diary

**Monday 18th September**  
1:00pm Rosary Group  
2:00pm Activities Group

**Wednesday 20th September**  
11:00am Rosary Group

**Friday 22nd September**  
9:00am Rosary  
10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration from 10:00am - 11:00am (following the 9:30am Mass) on Friday 4th August *and the first Friday of every month.*

### 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.

### Small Coins for East Timor


The collection box for your SMALL COINS is in the Church each week.  
Total collected to date is \$19,118.95.  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Mass Intentions


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

### Rosary

The month of October is dedicated as the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed before each Parish Mass during the month of October, commencing 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass.



### CAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS



The car park outside the church (western side) is being redeveloped to accommodate additional car parking. The current parallel parking will be replaced by parking bays that will be front in, reverse out. Construction work is scheduled to commence on **Monday 18th September 2023** and will continue for several weeks. Vehicular access to this side of the church will be prohibited during this time.

### Spiritual Gifts Workshop

**Saturday 23rd September and Saturday 30th September 9am - 11.45am**

St Rita's Catholic Church, 37 Benfer Rd, Victoria Point  
The workshop includes worship, listening to the Holy Spirit and presentations from Catholic teaching on each of the gifts.

To register, please contact Angela on 0407 674 373. Morning tea provided.


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### 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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