#### SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION & PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT ... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

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. This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane Code of Ethical Behaviour for employees and volunteers who work in service of the Church as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State.

#### Congratulations!!!

#### Columbarium We are now taking reservations for nich-

es or plaques. If you would like to dis-

cuss your requirements or have any

questions about the process, please con-

tact the Parish Office on

3822 2139 to arrange a suitable time.

Popes Prayer Intention for October 2023

For the Synod We pray for the Church, that she may

level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit

adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every

Baptism

We extend our congratulations to the children who were baptised in our parish in the month of October. We welcome them to the parish family. Let us appreciate their parents for sharing the flame of faith with their children.

Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team is excited to host a three-day guided retreat for men this November: 'Awake, Attentive, Called'.

The weekend-long retreat will provide opportunities for personal prayer and reflection, as well as time to explore the breathtaking grounds and outdoor meditation activities of the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. Participants will also get the chance to meet other men walking the faith journey and take part in occasional group discussions.

Join with other men from across the Archdiocese for this transformational weekend of fellowship, prayer, reflection and faith sharing.

Dates: 6:00pm Friday 24 November to 12:00pm Sunday 26 November 2023

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston) Live in individual - \$425 (includes all meals and accommodation); live Cost: out individual - \$230 (includes morning teas, lunch and dinners)

Monday 20 November 2023, register online at RSVP: tinyurl.com/guidedmensretreat2023

## 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.

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29th October 2023

"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

12 Hardy Rd Birkdale, Qld 4159, Phone: 3822 2139 Email: birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au www.stmarvmackillopparish.org.au, Facebook: 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 Old 4159 Phone: 3822 5500 Email: pbirkdale@bne.catholic.edu.au www.marymackillop.qld.edu.au St Mary Mackillop OSHC (Before - After School/Vacation Care) 10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale QLD 4159 Phone: 0477 550 445 Email: birkdaleoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au

### Welfare groups

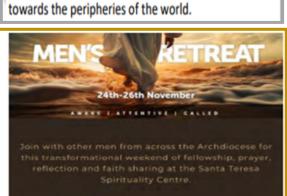
St Vincent De Paul Society 1800 846 643. Meets every second Tuesday at 7:00pm. Next meeting 7th November 2023.

**STOPline** 

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

Dear Parishioners and visitors, Jesus had answers for every question that was raised to him, which always had a ♡ God challenging call, to give space in life for God and neighbour. We may think that to love God is easy, but the true love of God is reflected through the love of the other. The message of the Gospel is loud and clear: Love is the greatest of all commandments and loving fellow human beings is as important as loving God. All the commandments of the Scripture are based on the two aspects, namely loving God with one's whole heart, whole soul, whole mind, and whole strength and loving one's neighbour as one's own self. Love of God and love of the neighbour are two sides of the same coin, not two different kinds of love. They complement each other. Absence of the love of the neighbour means absence of the love of God too. For some people, their search for God is limited to theoretical knowledge. But only the experiential knowledge, gained through loving service of care and concern can lead us to the true knowledge of God. It is the only way to reach God who is beyond our intellectual grasp. Love of the neighbour is the characteristic mark of Christian spirituality, that determines the identity as authentic Christians. It may be easy for us to say "we pray to God and we love God", But is it reflected in our thoughts, words and actions? The 'neighbour' may be a person who do not believe what we believe. A person of different faith, creed and colour, holds a different political view or with a different sexual orientation. They are the neighbours; we are called to love, as we love God. The constant temptation to separate the love of God from the love of the neighbour has done great harm to peace and harmony in the world. The call is to be tolerant towards others, growing in mercy and compassion.

infinite love of God.







30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus loved everyone even though He questioned some of their attitudes and actions. When we really love a person, we love with the good intention and looking forward to the total wellbeing of that person. It doesn't mean we support everything the other person believes or does, but we love those individuals as God's children.

Religious faith should liberate human minds. Jesus offers us in his teaching of love true freedom of the children of God. He offers us the courage to break the moulds of our fixed concepts in which we limit the

We are invited to live more profoundly the love given to us in Christ Jesus. We are invited to show that love for all people and especially to those who are with a different opinion. Let us be true believers who can be channels of God's infinite peace and love.

.....Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi

30th October - 5th November2023					
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 MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE (for this week only)			
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 MACKILLO	OP 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	
<u>MONDAY</u> 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba <u>TUESDAY</u> 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale		First Friday of the Month, (10.00 am to 11.00 am) at	Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass		

St Mary Mackillop Church,

BIRKDALE

**SATURDAY** 4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills. OR by appointment (phone 3822 2139 or 3820 0100)

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<u>For recently died:</u> Gary Poke, Geoff Lovett, Rebecca Harvey, Judy Mullan, Beth Riegler, Shona Kwock-Sun, Laura Cal. Anniversaries for Remembrances October: Chuito Daboin, Sam Catavitello, William Watson, Sarah Ahrens, Alberto De Monte. Vin Williams, Marian Dobunski, Fr John McGhee msc, Marjorie White, Sydney Rozario, John Chambers, Bob Garth, Candido Balito, Martin Curran , Paul Hayes, Pauline Boevink, Bill Allam, John Sheehan, Alice Groeger, Horrie Tranter, Joseph McNamee, Mary Leane, Pat Fitzpatrick, Leslie Marks, Galiano Tesser, Ronald Cowsell, Therese Bratic, Gina Basso, Flo Mossop, Kay Cook, Helen Masade, Margaret Price, Jan Campbell, Kathleen Kearney, Maria Nguyen–Thi-Dieu, Keith Donelly, Salvatore Ragonesi, Kathy Walsh, David Hines, Daniel Costello, Laureen Smith, Ryan Hogan, John McDonald, Florio Basso, Susanne Conroy, Dennis Manche, Forbes Peters, Myrtle Peters, John Humphries, Mark Thiedecke, Giuseppe Citeroni, Bozica Puljic, Michael Wellington.

Roster 4th & 5th November

8:00am

Melissa D

Maria S

Amal R

Kerry B,

Elaine H,

Volunteer

Group 2

Chris M

Group 4

6:15pm

John E

Therese E

Suzanne G

Mary D,

Tom M,

Vern D

Group 1

Paul M / Lisa K

Readers

Music

PowerPoint

Counting

**First Reading** 

Second Reading

Welcome & POF

**Communion Ministers** 

Gary Lopez, Andrew Hodgson, Cody-Lea Knight, Gwen Dillon, Raymond Davis, Michelle Russell, Helen Meade, Ned Robinson, Hilda Adam, Ava Voorn, Finn Voorn, Mike Quilty, Heather Voigt, Maureen Phillips, Terry Coles, Jo Murphy, Michael McGrath, Rosita Ganac, 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.

We pray for the sick

will be on

Friday 10th November.

#### **Scripture Readings**

This Sunday, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Exo 22:20-26 Psalm: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51 Second Reading: 1 Thess 1:5-10 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Next Sunday, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10 Psalm: Ps 130 Second Reading: 1 Thess 2:7-9, 13 Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Parish Diary				
Monday 30th October				
1:00pm Rosary Group				
2:00pm Activities Group				
<u>Tuesday 31st October</u>				
8:30am Chapel open for Prayer				
Wednesday 1st November				
11:00am Rosary Group	Nov			
Friday 3rd November	thos			
9:00am Rosary	faith			
10:00am Adoration	be p			
Eucharistic Adoration				
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Adoration from 10:00am - 11:00am(following the 9:30am Mass) on <i>the first Friday of</i>	Nov			
every month.	wou			
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Masses for All Saints and All Souls Day				
Wednesday 1st Nevember (All Saints)				
Wednesday 1st November (All Saints)				
5:00pm at St Anthony's Church,				
1 St Anthony Drv, Alexandra Hills				
Thursday 2nd November (All Souls).				
9:00am at St Mary MacKillop Church,				
BIRKDALE. NOTE: No Mass at St Anthony's				
Church, Alexandra Hills on Thursday this				
week.				
CAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS				
Line marking for the parking bays will be				
completed on FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER	Re			
(weather permitting) and the car- park will be unavailable on that day.				
A reminder that it will be front in,				
reverse out parking.				
Parking along the exit road is not permitted.				
Please be thoughtful of people with				
disabilities or mobility difficulties.	1			
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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.

NAME:

PHONE:



rember is the month in which we commemorate se who have gone before us marked with the sign of h. During November, the Book of Remembrance will placed in the Church. You are invited to write the nes of those you wish to be included in the Book of nembrance on the list provided. You will also find ember Mass Offering envelopes to complete if you ald like a commemoration Mass to be celebrated. npleted envelopes with offerings can be placed on the ection plates or returned to the Parish Office.





## acramental Journey for Reconciliation 2023

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) 2023 PENANCE (Reconciliation): For Children who received Holy Communion in 2022 or before. onciliation Experience: rsday 16th November 2023 at 6:30pm.

Please keep these families in your prayers

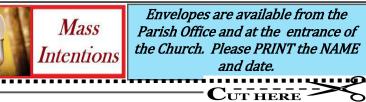
### **RCIA** Journey

r Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) ogramme will commence in November. To enrol and rn more about Catholic Faith and join the faith please contact the Parish office: 3822 2139 Email: birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au

#### Correction

In last weeks newsletter in the Anniversaries for emembrances section the name Helen Meade was recorded incorrectly. The name should have been Helen Masade. The error has now been corrected.

Apologies for any concern or upset caused to the families.



EMAIL: