

The Message Stick, symbol of the ancient culture of this land, passed through our Parish on Friday 24th November. It was blessed on Pentecost Sunday, 2023 to begin it's journey across our Archdiocese, returning to Brisbane on Pentecost Sunday 2024 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen., Mother Church of the Archdiocese, and built on the traditional lands of the First Nations People of Australia.



Gaza Crisis Appeal

Caritas Australia is working closely with our partners on the ground to address immediate needs, including access to food and water, emergency shelter, and essential hygiene items. Emergency shelter has been provided for over 1,200 people, and cash support has reached over 9,300 families. With your compassionate generosity, our partners can contribute to sustaining emergency response efforts and offering relief to those affected by the recent hostilities. Donate now.....

[Gaza Conflict Appeal](#) | [Caritas Australia](#)



FREE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS RESOURCES FOR KIDS

Evangelisation Brisbane's Children and Families team has created a collection of resources to help children engage with the upcoming liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas, including:

- Advent candle holder and baby Jesus Christmas tree ornament craft activities
- Little Nativity pray and play pack
- Weekly Advent Minute video series
- Christmas carol lyrics and action videos
- Nativity story animated video
- A printable Advent Calendar with daily activity ideas.

All of these resources can be accessed for free at tinyurl.com/adventchristmasresources2023

ADVENT VESPERS

First Solemn Vespers for Advent with readings and music

Come Lord Do Not Delay: Isaiah 40:4

Sung by: Cathedral Schola

Director of Music: Christopher Trilkis

2ND DECEMBER 2023 | 5:00PM

FREE ADMISSION | ALL WELCOME

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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(Parish Priest)
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(Associate Parish Priest)
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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
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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.
Next meeting 5th December 2023.

STOpline

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

26th November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

Come.....

Inherit the Kingdom Prepared for You

Do you allow the love of Christ, who is your Lord and King, to rule in your heart? Augustine of Hippo (354-430 A.D.) said, "Essentially, there are two kinds of people, because there are two kinds of love. One is holy, the other is selfish. One is subject to God; the other endeavours to equal Him." Jesus came not only to fulfil the law of righteousness (Leviticus 19), but to transform it through his unconditional love and mercy towards us. The parable of the goats and sheep has a similar endpoint as the parable of the rich man who refused to give any help to the poor man Lazarus who begged daily at the rich man's doorstep (Luke 16:19-31). Although Lazarus was poor and lacked what he needed, he nonetheless put his hope in God and the promise of everlasting life in God's kingdom. The rich man was a lover of wealth rather than a lover of God and neighbour. When Lazarus died he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom to receive his reward in heaven. When the rich man died his fortunes were reversed and he was cast into the unquenchable fires of hell to receive his just desserts.

The day of God's righteous judgment will disclose which kind of love we chose in this present life - a holy unselfish love directed to God and to the welfare of our neighbour or a disordered and selfish love that puts oneself above God and the good of our neighbour. When the Lord Jesus comes again as Judge and Ruler over all, he will call each one of us to stand before his seat of judgment to answer the question - who did you love and put first in this life? Inordinate love of self crowds out love of God and love of neighbour. Those who put their faith in Jesus Christ and follow his way of love and righteousness will not be disappointed. They will receive the just reward - life and peace with God in his everlasting kingdom.

Let us entrust our lives into the hands of the merciful Saviour who gave his life for us. And let us ask the Lord Jesus to increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and enkindle in us the fire of his merciful love and compassion for all.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, be the Master and Ruler of my life. May your love rule in my heart that I may only think, act, and speak with charity and good will for all.

source: mobilegabriel.com



27th November—3rd December 2023		
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,</i> <i>(10.00 am to 11.00 am) at</i> <i>St Mary Mackillop Church,</i> <i>BIRKDALE</i>	Second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on Friday 8th December.

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
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For recently died: Leo Topatigh, Gary Lopez, Gary Poke.
Anniversaries for Remembrances November: Mary Barry, Steve Raumer, Joan Brown, Michele Battel, Fiore Santarossa, Kathleen Wellington, Richard Wellington, Mona Irving, Anita Shellard, Paul Hayes, Catherine Moore, Michael Peterson, Brian Mullan, Damian Graves, Freda Graves, Ralph White, Anthony Lock, Greg Lawler, David Lopez, Clarence Wilcox, Doreen Heift, Frank Webb, Bill Maclean, Danuta Plantos, Georgina Fleming, Gordon Fleming, Geraldene Barry, Danuta Kupidura, Bill Conway, Emilia Battel, Marian Dodunski, Linda Pasqualini, Arthur Irving, Denise Irving, Raymond Vagg, Anthony Chivers, Steven Brigg, Phillip Phillips, Joseph Camilleri, Josephine Romero, Alex Parlato, Alice Harmey, Vincenza Sciacca, Felix Aguiar, Irene Rynne, Veronica Brown, Franseco Santarossa, Peter McGleenon, Amanda Bell, Jane Swann, William Groeger, Edward Briggs, Margaret Duncan, Tom Gall, Bruce Molloy, Mary Boyd, Hugh Kearney, Kevin Gilhooley, Nono Antonio, Rosmer Cartagena, Celena McGovern, Tarcisio Ragagnin, Dave Smith, Rita Fantov, John Richardson, Ian Raumer, Marie Steele, Bill & Martha Kluck, Anastacia Weiland, departed family and friends of Tess Zwolak, Sr. Joe Maria C.M.C

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.

<i>Roster 2nd & 3rd December</i>			<i>Scripture Readings</i>	
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<u>This Sunday, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</u> First Reading: Ezek 34:11-12,15-17 Psalm: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 <u>Next Sunday, First Sunday of Advent</u> First Reading: Isa 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 Psalm: Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:3-9 Gospel: Mark 13:33-37	
First Reading	Therese E	Maria S		
Second Reading	Suzanne G	Amal R		
Welcome & POF	John E	Loretta M		
Communion Ministers	Mary D, Tom M, Vern D	Lena B, Kerry B, Elaine H		
Music	Group 1	Group 2		
PowerPoint	Paul M / Lisa K	Chris M		
Counting	-----	Group 1		



St Mary MacKillop Birkdale
Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December -
 6:30pm Christmas Carols
 7:00pm (Children’s Pageant) and Mass
Christmas Day Monday 25th December - 8:00am
St Anthony’s, Alexandra Hills
Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December - 5:00pm
Christmas Day Monday 25th December - 9:00am
St Luke’s, Capalaba
Christmas Day Monday 25th December - 7:00am

Parish Diary

Monday 27th November
 1:00pm Rosary Group
 2:00pm Activities Group
Tuesday 28th November
 7:00pm St Vincent de Paul meeting
Wednesday 29th November
 10:00am Rosary Group (change of time for this week only)
 12 noon Parish Christmas Lunch
Friday 1st December
 9:00am Rosary
 10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers

We are inviting children to help tell the Christmas story at Christmas Eve Mass again this year. There are a variety of speaking and non speaking roles suitable for various ages. Costumes are available. Children must be available before 7pm Mass on Christmas Eve , as well as a number of rehearsals. These will be held at the church from 3:30 – 4:30 pm on:

Tuesday, 12 December
Thursday, 14 December
Tuesday, 19 December
Thursday, 21 December



For more information, please contact Lisa Knight in the Parish Office or Tania Logan on 0407436643 or britania@optusnet.com.au

CAR PARK
 A reminder that it we now have front in, reverse out parking. Some of the bays are allocated and marked for SENIOR and DISABILITY parking and we ask that you use these accordingly.
 Parking along the exit road marked with a yellow line is not permitted.

For those attending the **CHRISTMAS GATHERING** on 29 November, meet around 12.00 noon inside the restaurant at the Alexandra Hills Htel. Booking is in the name of 'Mary MacKillop'. Order & pay for your own lunch. Choose from the menu or the roast of the day. [Roast is \$10.95 or \$9.95 if you order a drink with it.] Lucky door prizes!

THE SIGN: Advent Program 2023 on sale now!
 Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with **The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023**—a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024).
Books Available in the Church—\$5.00



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: _____