

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUR PARISH?

Our parish is in need of more people in all our Parish Ministries. If you are looking for a worthwhile mission for 2024, please consider volunteering in one of our many and varied ministries.

You will receive training and printed guidelines.

Please contact the Parish Office to complete the required documentation.

*Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all of our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.*

## 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](#)



## 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.

## POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION - DECEMBER



**For persons with disabilities**  
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

## 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

## 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.

## 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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## 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)  
[www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au](http://www.stmarymackillopparish.org.au),  
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, John Spillane

## Education

**St Mary MacKillop Primary School**  
Principal: John Spillane  
10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale Qld 4159  
Phone: 3822 5500  
Email: [pbirkdale@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pbirkdale@bne.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.marymackillop.qld.edu.au](http://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](mailto:birkdaleoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au)  
[catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au](http://catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au)

## Welfare groups

**St Vincent De Paul Society**  
1800 846 643. Meets every  
second Tuesday at 7:00pm.  
Next meeting 9th January 2024.

## 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

31st December 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



## Dear Parishioners and visitors,

I hope you all are still having a wonderful celebration of Christmas. The Sunday after Christmas is usually the Feast of the Holy Family.

The birth of a child is a moment of joy and happiness for the whole family. Many young couples refine their lifestyles when a baby comes. They want the baby to be brought up with the best they have, by being the best people they can be. Children can bring out the best in their parents too. And this is what God has done for us through the birth of His son. The birth of Jesus has brought Joy to the entire humanity and our humanity is made sacred.

Look at the members of the Holy Family and their relationship as a family. Joseph is a loving father who does everything possible to keep the Holy Family together. As an expectant father, he cared for Mary, and joined her in the joy of the birth of the child whom he promptly adopted by naming the baby, Jesus. When danger threatened the life of the child, he didn't leave the family to protect himself. He took them to Egypt, and then, keeping the family together, returned with them from Egypt to Nazareth.

Mary like all other women was a mother in waiting. After the birth of Jesus Mary ponders in her heart the events that involve her child. She is present during the ministry of Jesus and she standing beneath the cross, not breaking down, but standing.

Jesus is the centre of the Holy Family. All children have the right to be the centre of their families. As an infant and a child, he depended on his mother and father and is subject to them. He also knew that their every move will be for his care and concern. As we move to the New Year, we have the Holy Family as a model. Let every family and society work together to protect our children. Let the light of Christmas keep the family relationships strengthened. Let the joy of the holy family last forever in our families.

I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2024.

Lord's blessings, Fr Regi




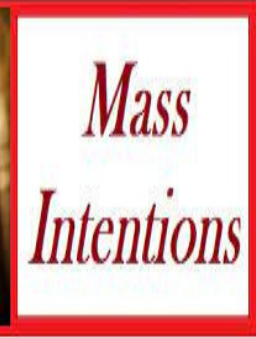
1st—7th January 2024		
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY	6:00PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE
WEDNESDAY	5.00 PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
THURSDAY	9.00 AM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
FRIDAY	9.30 AM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE (2nd Friday of each month is 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,</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 12th January.

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
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<b>For recently died:</b> Stephen West (husband of Lesley West - RIP 2019), Greg Vout, Leo Topatigh, Gary Lopez, Gary. <b>Anniversaries for Remembrances January:</b> Ray Tiernan, Lionel Browning, Nancy Greco, Alberto Bandiera, Joan Bevan, Pastor Calunod Obligado, Tom Curran, Philip Pitts, Alaister Pitts, Nicola Pasqualini, Serena Ragagnin, William Peterson, Brian Cannon, Stefanie Boyd, Melinda Simo-Swer, Tina Toomey, Katerina Grudina, Maree Kearney, Margaret Campbell, Ellen Martin, Else Peters, David Stark, William Maclean, Harry Copas, John Harrison, Br Pat Doolin, Barry Logan, Bette Risson, Garth Brown, Nancy Greco, Frank Shearif, Lionel Browning, John Pearce, Aleida Wishey, Mario Vitali, Charles Brown, Josepha Malaniuk, Liam Maher, John Boon, Doris McInroth, Baby Samuel, Fre Caterina, Margaret Duncan, Ray Stephenson, Theresa & Laurence Gormley, Irene Harrison, Peter Knights, John Bergin, Gianna Santarossa., Winnie D'Souza, Frances Nell, Billie Riley, Jenni McPhee, John Gormley, Thomas McNamee, Helen McNamee.	Dawn Montgomery, Bill Welsh, 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.
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Roster 6th & 7th January			Scripture Readings
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<b><u>This Sunday, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</u></b> First Reading: Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3 Psalm: 104: 1-6, 8-9 Second Reading: Heb11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40  <b><u>Next Sunday, The Epiphany of the Lord</u></b> First Reading: Is 60:1-6 Psalm: 71:1-2, 7-8 Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
First Reading	Suzanne G	Amal R	
Second Reading	John E	Melissa D	
Welcome & POF	Therese E	Maria S	
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	

<i>Parish Diary</i>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
 <b>The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 22nd December and will reopen on Monday 8th January 2024</b>  <b>Monday 1st January</b> 1:00pm Rosary Group <b>Wednesday 3rd January</b> 11:00am Rosary Group <b>Friday 5th January</b> 9:00am Rosary 10:00am Eucharistic Adoration	Adoration from 10:00am - 11:00am(following the 9:30am Mass) on <i>the first Friday of every month.</i>  <b>Mass of Anointing</b>   Anointing Mass will be celebrated on the second Friday of each month at 9.30am. The next Anointing Mass will be on <b>Friday 12th January.</b> 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.
 <b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Prayers</b>  From 10:00am (following the 9:30am Mass) every Friday <u>except</u> the first Friday of the month, at St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE
<b>Mass Intentions:</b> <i>Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church.</i> <i>Please PRINT the NAME and DATE.</i>	




*Fr Regi, Fr Prem, Lisa and the Parish Pastoral Council members would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful New Year and to thank all volunteers who have been involved in our many and varied ministry groups at St Mary MacKillop for their commitment and dedication over the year. Many hands make light work, and we look forward to your continued support in 2024.*

***Special thanks to all those who helped with the Christmas Mass celebrations***



*Wishing you all of God's blessings for the coming year.*



**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: \_\_\_\_\_