

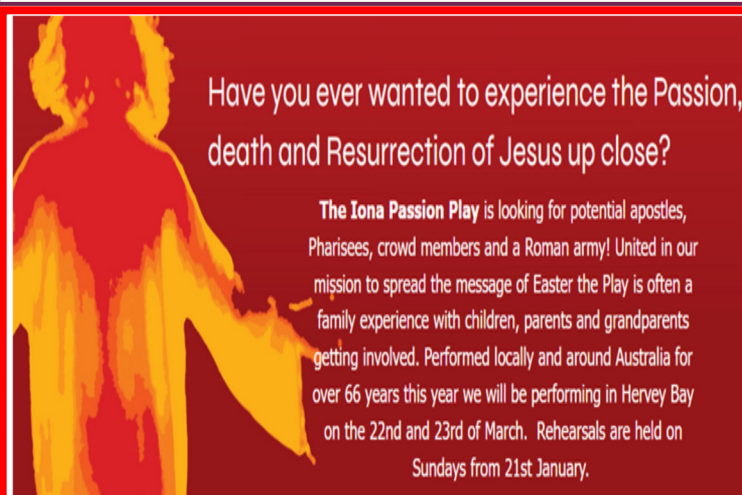
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUR PARISH?

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.

HELP WANTED



Have you ever wanted to experience the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus up close?

The Iona Passion Play is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! United in our mission to spread the message of Easter the Play is often a family experience with children, parents and grandparents getting involved. Performed locally and around Australia for over 66 years this year we will be performing in Hervey Bay on the 22nd and 23rd of March. Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 21st January.

★ Join us in the Iona Passion Play! ★

Experience the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus like never before! The Iona Passion Play is seeking cast and crew, no experience necessary. Auditions on Sunday, Jan 14th, from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm and Sunday, Jan 21st, from 11 am - 12 pm at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West). Family-friendly and performed for over 66 years, join this incredible production in Hervey Bay on March 22nd and 23rd. Rehearsals start Jan 21st. Don't miss this chance to be part of something special. For more details and audition package, visit www.passionplay.org.au or contact us at info@ipp.org.au.

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
Fr Prem Kumar
(Associate Parish Priest)
Emergency Contact: 3822 2139, Option 3

Parish Office

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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
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(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 23rd January 2024.

STOpline

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

14th January 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

Our World leaders try to gather as many as followers they could. People check the Facebook or X or other social media to see how many likes they got for the post and to see how many people are following them. Today in the gospel we find a person with a different attitude. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ is giving witness to Jesus. He is happy to guide his disciples to follow Jesus.

At the birth of Jesus, the angels announced a saviour is born for you in Bethlehem. On the feast of epiphany, the wise men searched for the king of the Jews, who will save his people from bondage and suffering. Now John the Baptist is revealing to the world that Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The imagery of the Lamb of God is one that we see strongly in the Old Testament. In the book of Exodus, when God wanted to save the people from the hands of the Egyptians, God asked them to kill a lamb and mark their doors with the blood. Every year the Jews celebrated the Passover festival and this imagery of Paschal lamb stands for salvation, forgiveness of sins and restoration.

In the Book of Leviticus, we see guidelines for offerings and sacrifices, just about every aspect of life. Animal Sacrifices were necessary in order to make the offerings. Lambs were commonly used in ritual sacrifice and, when a lamb was specified, it was to be a "lamb...without blemish." Thus, the lamb stood as a sign of reunion of human with God.

In this context when John the Baptist introduces Jesus as the lamb of God, he is revealing to us, that through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, we would be saved not only from our failures but also from the power of death. This is the lamb without blemish. This is the last lamb to be offered. This is the one who will restore the humanities lost status as children of God.

The Church bears witness to the Saviour as the church expresses her faith in the real presence of the Son of God in the Eucharist!

"Behold, the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world".

No doubt we have already believed in Christ as the Saviour of the world. But how deep is our faith, that Jesus can really make miracles in our personal life, and help us to live in peace and harmony, with an expectation of eternal life. Are we truly confident to say, "Yes, I have found the Messiah, come and see!"

Lord's blessings, Fr Regi



15th—21st 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>
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 9th February.


<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
For recently died: Stephen West (husband of Lesley West - RIP 2019), Greg Vout, Leo Topatigh, Gary Lopez. Anniversaries for Remembrances January: 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.

<i>Roster 20th & 21st January</i>			Scripture Readings
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<u>This Sunday, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> First Reading: 1 Sam 3:5-10, 19 Psalm: 39:2,4, 7-10 Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 Gospel: John 1:35-42 <u>Next Sunday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm: 24:4-9 Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20
First Reading	Roisin B	Therese T	
Second Reading	Vern D	Loretta M	
Welcome & POF	Tanina D	Margaret M	
Communion Ministers	Betty A, John E, Therese E	Elaine H, Lena B Volunteer	
Music	Group 1	Group 2	
PowerPoint	Alan B	Clinton T	
Counting	-----	Group 3	

<i>Parish Diary</i>
<u>Monday 15th January</u> 1:00pm Rosary Group 2:00pm Activities Group <u>Wednesday 10th January</u> 11:00am Rosary Group <u>Friday 12th January</u> 9:00am Rosary 10:00am Divine Mercy Prayer

<i>Divine Mercy Prayers</i>
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

<i>Columbarium</i>

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.	
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HELP NEEDED

with Cuppa after Mass.

If you are able to assist two other volunteers after Sunday Mass (or supply a plate of food) just four times during the year, please contact the Parish Office .

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<u>Mass Intentions:</u> <i>Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church. Please PRINT the NAME and DATE.</i>	<div> <div>Mass Intentions</div> </div>
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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: _____ EMAIL: _____



We would appreciate donation of costume for the Christmas Pageant .

We need costumes for angels, shepherds, Mary and Joseph.

Teenage and Adult sizes also welcome.



The collection box for your SMALL COINS for East Timor is in the Church each week. Total collected to date is \$19,406.85. *Thank you for your generosity.*



An information day for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a welcomer at The Cathedral of St. Stephen will be held on **Thursday 1st February from 9.30am until 1pm** in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre. Refreshments will be provided. We'd love to welcome you.

Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 07 3324 3006 or

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has advised that scammers are once again targeting Parishioners in some of our Parishes. The emails are supposedly from the Parish Priest requesting the purchase of gift cards. Please be advised that the Parish will never contact you in this manner and will never request gift cards. Do **NOT** open the emails or click on any links. Move the email to your JUNK folder and block the sender if you are able.

