

# Sacramental Programme for children 2024

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** For Children who received Confirmation in 2023 or before.

Parent Information Night – TUESDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 at 6:30 pm, Parish Centre

First Holy Communion- SATURDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 at 6:15pm and  
SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 8:00am.



**CONFIRMATION:** For Students in Year 3 or above

Parent Information Night – WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 at 6:30pm, Parish Centre

Date of Confirmation - THURSDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024 at 6.30 pm



**PENANCE (Reconciliation):** For Children who received Holy Communion in 2023 or before.

Parent Information Night-THURSDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 at 6:30pm, Parish Centre

Date of Reconciliation - THURSDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 at 6:30pm



\*For more information, please Contact the Parish Office.

Phone: **07 3822 2139** OR Email: [birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au)

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 14<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm and Sunday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rehearsals start Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. Don't miss this chance to be part of something special. For more details and audition package, visit [www.passionplay.org.au](http://www.passionplay.org.au) or contact us at [info@ipp.org.au](mailto:info@ipp.org.au).

## 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.

## 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

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

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

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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  
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**St Mary MacKillop OSHC**  
(Before - After School/Vacation Care)  
10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale QLD 4159  
Phone: 0477 550 445  
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[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 23rd 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

### 21st January 2024

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

Repent! Here we are in Ordinary Time and it sounds like Lent! The beginning of the ministry of Jesus begins with calling to repentance. Repent in this setting is not just a call for some 'terrible sinners' but a call which means to change the direction of one's life. And we see with clarity where Jesus is pointing us: Believe in the Gospel!

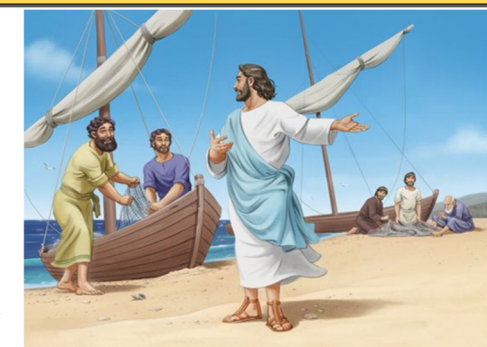
We have Jonah preaching repentance in the city of Nineveh. The preaching of Jonah was completely successful and the whole city repented including the rulers. Although Jonah did not want the city to repent but rather wanted it destroyed, we see that the people respond to Jonah's preaching and God's protection and love is experienced by them once again.

God's only intention is our salvation and our good. Whenever God is presented as angry father in the Scriptures, it is because God loves us and the hope is that God's anger will bring us to repentance and then God's compassion is experienced by the people.

The Gospel invites us to repent and believe in the Good News. And what is the Good News? How often we hear the Good News? It is that happiness and peace that we will enjoy if we are willing to turn to the Lord. The Good News is that nothing can take Christ away from us. No one, no situation in life, nothing can destroy the joy that we have in being united to the Lord. It is the experience of sharing in the life of Christ. It is believing that God loves us and sends His Son for our salvation!

It's not enough to avoid evil, but we have to do good. We all need what God can offer us, in changing our own lives, which is perhaps the most difficult of all of the challenges we face. Once we respond positively to the invitation of God, we are already enjoying the fruits of repentance, which is ultimate joy and freedom. The first disciples truly enjoyed it in its fullness as far as they stayed closer to Jesus. It is a challenge to change our attitude towards God and other people. Once we get closer and know more, our attitudes will get changed. Change in our attitude will help us to accept God and life in a better way. The end result of change in attitude is always the true achievement.

Let us pray for the 'Conversion of life', that is an ongoing requirement, if we are to share in the life of Christ. Lord's blessings, Fr Regi





22nd —28th 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 9th February.

<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. <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.	Tessie Gorogo, Michael McGrath, 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, 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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<i>Roster 27th &amp; 28th January</i>			<i>Scripture Readings</i>	
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<b><u>This Sunday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm: 24:4-9 Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20  <b><u>Next Sunday, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> First Reading: Deut 18:15-20 Psalm: 94:1-2, 6-9 Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28	
First Reading	Janet B	Tim F		
Second Reading	Martin M	Peter M		
Welcome & POF	Matty M	Rob S		
Communion Ministers	Paulina P, Elaine R, Catherine R	April M, Kayla S, Maria S		
Music	Group 3	Group 4		
PowerPoint	Emma M	David C		
Counting	-----	Group 4		

<i>Parish Diary</i>	
<b>Monday 22nd January</b>	
1:00pm	Rosary Group
2:00pm	Activities Group
<b>Tuesday 23rd January</b>	
7:00pm	St Vincent de Paul Meeting
<b>Wednesday 24th January</b>	
11:00am	Rosary Group
<b>Friday 26th January</b>	
9:00am	Rosary
10:00am	Divine Mercy Prayer

<i>Divine Mercy Prayers</i>
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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
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<i>Columbarium</i>
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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 <b>3822 2139</b> 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 .


An illustration on a light pink background showing a glass teapot with a yellow tea bag, a white mug filled with brown liquid, and a slice of pink cake with white frosting and sprinkles.

<b><u>Mass Intentions:</u></b> <i>Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church.</i> Please <b>PRINT</b> the <b>NAME</b> and <b>DATE</b> .	<div> <div>Mass Intentions</div> </div>
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	<b>Are you New to the Parish?</b>  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.  <b>NAME:</b> _____  <b>PHONE:</b> _____ <b>EMAIL:</b> _____
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to all our teachers, school staff, students and families returning to school after the Christmas—New Year break. <b><i>Please keep them in your prayers for a successful 2024 full of fun and learning.</i></b>

	<b>PIETÀ</b> contains daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and visio divina that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings.  Individual books will be available to purchase or you are welcome to join either of the Parish Lenten Groups that will be following the programme:- <b><u>Mondays at St Luke’s, Capalaba.</u></b> Weekly gatherings will be at 7:00pm commencing on Monday 11th February. <b><u>Wednesdays at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale</u></b> Weekly gatherings will be at 11:00am commencing on Wednesday 14th February Please contact the parish office at Birkdale if you have any enquiries:- Phone: 3822 2139 or Email: birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au
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	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 <b>Thursday 1st February from 9.30am until 1pm</b> 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 by email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au.
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