

# 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 - MONDAY, 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)

## PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

God of all peoples, Lord of the journey  
who always walk with us,  
in this land you have blessed us  
with the first inhabitants of the land  
who have loved it through the ages:  
for them we give you thanks.  
You have blessed us in the settlers  
who made this land their home,  
and forged a nation with their toil:  
for them we give you thanks.  
You have blessed us in the many peoples  
of different languages and cultures  
who have found a new home here:  
for them we give you thanks.  
We ask that you make a home among us,  
so that justice and truth may flourish here  
and all Australians may walk together  
into the future you are preparing:  
for that we give you thanks.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.  
+ Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane



## 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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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

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[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

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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 6th February 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

28th January 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### AUSTRALIA DAY MESSAGE

Australia Day is marked in different ways by the different peoples who form the rich tapestry of this nation lying beneath the Southern Cross.

For some it is a moment to look back with pride on the many achievements of Australia since 26 January 1788. What began as a penal colony became in a relatively short time a peaceful and prosperous nation. It also became a stable democracy, sealed by Federation. None of this was easy, and Australia Day can be a time to give thanks for the sacrifices made.

For others who have come to this land more recently, often escaping the horrors of war, persecution and poverty, it is a moment to give thanks for the new home they have found in this country where they have been able to recover hope and rebuild their lives. Australia has given them much, but they too have given Australia much; and for that we all give thanks on the national day.

For the first inhabitants of the land Australia Day looks different. We cannot forget the injustice and dispossession they have known since 1788. Often they were displaced from their land; and Australia has slowly come to understand that to break the bond between Aboriginal peoples and the land was to do them great violence, communally and individually. The cornerstone of Aboriginal cultures was shaken, with devastating consequences for Aboriginal peoples' sense of identity. This was made worse when children were removed from their families. To this day, we see the effects of this, described at times as intergenerational trauma. We who are not culpable are nonetheless responsible to do what we can to heal the wounds of injustice, since until those wounds are healed the claim that "all are equal" in this land will be little more than empty words. From 1788 until now, all have not been equal here; and they never will be until we remember in a way that reckons truthfully with the past and commits to doing what is necessary to heal the wounds. Until they are healed our national potential will never be fully realised, and Australia Day will not be the time of shared celebration it is meant to be.

A national day can be for us all a moment of deeper reflection when we recognise that Australia, with its many peoples, is capable of great compassion and of a wisdom that understands the truth. It can be a day to recognise what this country can be, a land where all are in fact equal and can walk together into the future God is preparing.



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29th January - 4th February 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>
<b>For recently died:</b> Trevor Linton, Reina Irmer, Stephen West (husband of Lesley West - RIP 2019), Greg Vout. <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.

<i>Roster 3rd &amp; 4th February</i>			Scripture Readings
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<b><u>This 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  <b><u>Next Sunday, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b> First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Psalm: 146:1-6 Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39
First Reading	John E	Melissa D	
Second Reading	Therese E	Maria S	
Welcome & POF	Suzanne G	Amal R	
Communion Ministers	Mary D, Tom M, Vern D	Lena B, Kerry B Elaine H/Vol	
Music	Group 1	Group 2	
PowerPoint	Paul M	Chris M	
Counting	-----	Group 1	

<i>Parish Diary</i>
<b><u>Monday 29th January</u></b> 1:00pm Rosary Group 2:00pm Activities Group <b><u>Wednesday 31st January</u></b> 11:00am Rosary Group <b><u>Friday 2nd February</u></b> 9:00am Rosary 10:00am Adoration

**MASS FOR AUSTRALIA DAY**  
 Friday 26th January at 9:30am  
 Followed by morning tea




PARISH OFFICE  
 CLOSED FOR  
 AUSTRALIA DAY  
 FRIDAY  
 26TH JANUARY 2024

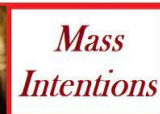
<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Adoration from 10:00am - 11:00am (following the 9:30am Mass) on <i>the first Friday of every month.</i>


***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.



***Mass Intentions:***  
*Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church. Please PRINT the NAME and DATE.*





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



**PIETÀ** 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:-


**Mondays at St Luke's, Capalaba.**

Weekly gatherings will be at 7:00pm commencing on Monday 11th February.

**Wednesdays at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale**

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



We extend our congratulations to Acelyn and Ivie Stephenson, Willow Nelisi, Ruby and Violet Caterson and Liliana and Jack Murtagh who were baptised in our parish in the month of January.

We welcome them to the parish family.

Let us appreciate their parents for sharing the flame of faith with their children.



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.*

In his Angelus address, the pope said that a Year of Prayer starting on January 21 will be “a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one’s personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world”.  
 To read the full story: <https://catholicleader.com.au/>

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