

Sacramental Programme for children 2024

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

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

First Holy Communion- SATURDAY, 18th MAY 2024 at 6:15pm and

SUNDAY 19th MAY 8:00am.



CONFIRMATION: For Students in Year 3 or above

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

Date of Confirmation - THURSDAY, 29th AUGUST 2024 at 6.30 pm



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

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

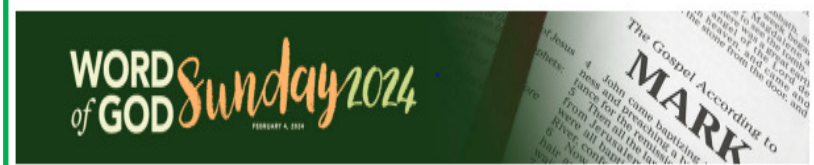
Date of Reconciliation - MONDAY, 11th MARCH 2024 at 6:30pm



*For more information, please Contact the Parish Office.

Phone: **07 3822 2139** OR Email: birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings



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.



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



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
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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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birkdaleoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
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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
Phone: 1300 30 45 50

4th February 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", published on 30th September 2019, establishes that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. In Australia we celebrate it on the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. A day specially devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

The timing of the document is significant as 30th September is the Feast of Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ".

The title of the document, “Aperuit illis”, is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how “He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures”.

Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God.

Pope Francis declares that the celebration has “ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity”. The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, continues Pope Francis. It belongs “to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words”. The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is “the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity”.

The Pope uses the scene of the Risen Lord appearing to the disciples at Emmaus to demonstrate what he calls “the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist”. Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, “they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history, and are central to the faith of His disciples”.

“The role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is primordial”, “Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone”. It is the Holy Spirit who “makes Sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of His holy people”.

Pope Francis invites us “never to take God's Word for granted”, “the great challenge before us in life is to listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy”.

.....Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi



5th - 11th 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	NO MASS
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 16th February.

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
For recently died: Trevor Linton, Reina Irmer, Stephen West (husband of Lesley West - RIP 2019), Greg Vout. <u>Anniversaries for Remembrances February:</u> Gladys Wicks, Maria Otilia Patelesio, Kelly Delaney, Pearl Montgomery, Clare Salisbury, Elva Park, Gaetano Cameli, Thelma Rubach, Giovanni Patti, Monica Evans, Ian Jackson, Br Kevin McGhee MSC, William Davies, Sheila Evans, Ned Matic, Patrick Conroy, Balbena Montgomery, Jackie Watkins, Celeste Quinn, Jos Peters, Vicente Reyes Sr, Mildred Ball-Wilson, Christine Leane, Alan Wyatt, Harry Ball-Wilson, Bob Lough, John McIntyre, Jill Martin, Bill Kelly, Ida Garbuio, Tony Alcock, Robert Montgomery, Daphne Weeks, Gina Biscontin, John Stangret, Adrian Delacour, Alan Wyatt, Joseph McNamee, Peter Sherry, Migueli Gutierrez, Doreen Bergin, Nadia Sklyarova, Geoffrey Scandrett, Warren Smith, Margaret Silveira, Evelyn Holmes, Trevor Copas, Greg Lawler, Beryl McNulty, Vincent Webster.	Brian Prove, 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 10th & 11th February</i>			Scripture Readings
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<u>This Sunday, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 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 <u>Next Sunday, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> First Reading: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46 Psalm: 31:1-2, 5, 11 Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1 Gospel: Mark 1:40-45
First Reading	Suzy P	Priya M	
Second Reading	Tom M	Eddie M	
Welcome & POF	Brigid B	Therese T	
Communion Ministers	Anne Maree C, Janet B, Vern B	David M, April M Kayla S	
Music	Group 3	Group 4	
PowerPoint	Emma M	Chris M	
Counting	-----	Group 2	

<i>Parish Diary</i>	
Monday 5th February	
1:00pm	Rosary Group
2:00pm	Activities Group
Tuesday 6th February	
7:00pm	St Vincent de Paul meeting
Wednesday 7th February	
11:00am	Rosary Group
Friday 9th February	
9:00am	Rosary
9:30am	OPENING SCHOOL MASS
10:30am	Devine Mercy Prayers

<i>Opening School Mass</i>
Will be celebrated at 9:30am on Friday 9th February in the Church. Parishioners are most welcome to attend.

<i>Mass of Anointing</i>
<u>CHANGE OF DATE FOR FEBRUARY</u> Anointing Mass will be celebrated on Friday 16th February at 9.30am. All are welcome to give support to the sick, elderly and house-bound of the parish. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea following the Mass.

<u>14th February — Mass Times</u>
St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale – 9:00am St Anthony's, Alexandra Hills – 6:30pm

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 12th 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 thank God for the gift of life.
We wish all the blessings to those who are celebrating their birthdays in the month of February.*

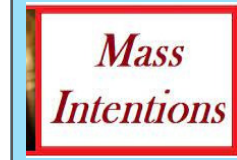
COLUMBARIUM

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.



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.



Mass Intentions:

Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church.

Please **PRINT** the NAME and DATE.

