

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



Project Compassion Sunday
10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES: Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>. Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

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.

COMING SOON ... to St Anthony's and St Luke's Parish ...RAP....WATCH THIS SPACE



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
Fr Prem Kumar
(Associate Parish Priest)
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Option 3

Parish Office

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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)
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Welfare groups

St Vincent De Paul Society
1800 846 643. Meets every
second Tuesday at 7:00pm.
Next meeting 20th February 2024.

STOpline

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

11th February 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, the first of forty days of the Lenten Season which takes us to the great light of Easter. We begin Lent once more from this Wednesday. Days of Prayer, Fasting and Good deeds. It is our response to the call for change.



Christians from many denominations recognize the holy season for 40 days leading up to Easter. For centuries, Christians have received a sign of the cross with ashes on their forehead at the beginning of that season as a reminder of mortal nature and an invitation to receive God's forgiveness and new life.

The forty days of Lent is the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, meditating on the suffering and death of Christ for our salvation.

In prayer we deepen our relationship with God. Through Fasting or abstinence, we make good relationship to our own very self. Almsgiving or charity is the expression of our relationship with others. The end result of our prayer and fasting is charity, fixing our relationships.

In this holy season of lent we hear a lot about repentance and conversion. Do not think of it as just changing from a life of sin to a better life. We do need to think of changing the heart so that it truly seeks God and not just religious practice. A change in our personal life, a change in our family life and a change in our school and social life.

The readings of Ash Wednesday remind us to turn towards God. Prophet Joel, speaks so clearly to this call of God to us: return to me with your whole heart, rend your hearts and not your garments! The Second Letter to the Corinthians tells us: We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God, that is bringing our heart together with the heart of God.

The Gospel of Matthew reminds us, it is our hearts, what is hidden, that the God will see and repay us. If we want to have a life in Christ we need to change, depending on our way of life, which is a challenge to change the way that we think of others. Change the way that we behave with other people. Change the way we move with the society; the parishioners, the colleagues and our neighbours. A big change in our attitudes and approaches.

May this Lent be a time of true conversion and reconciliation, preparing us to meet the risen Lord.

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

12th - 18th 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>
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,</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 16th February.


<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
For recently died: Teresa Leotta, Mark Paten, Trevor Linton, Reina Irmer. Anniversaries for Remembrances February: 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 17th & 18th February</i>			Scripture Readings
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<u>This 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 <u>Next Sunday, First Sunday of Lent</u> First Reading: Gen 9:8-15 Psalm: 24:4-9 Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:18-22 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15
First Reading	Vern D	Loretta M	
Second Reading	Tanina D	Margaret M	
Welcome & POF	Roisin B	Louise W	
Communion Ministers	Betty A, John E, Therese E	Volunteer, Lena B Volunteer	
Music	Group 1	Group 2	
PowerPoint	Alan B	Clinton T	
Counting	-----	Group 3	

<i>Parish Diary</i>
Monday 12th February 1:00pm Rosary Group 2:00pm Activities Group 7:00pm Baptism Preparation Wednesday 14th February 11:00am Lenten Programme Friday 16th February 9:00am Stations of the Cross 10:00am Morning Tea following the Anointing Mass 10:00am Devine Mercy Prayers
CHANGE OF DATE FOR FEBRUARY 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 our parish. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea following the Mass.

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


2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION All are invited to the 'The second Rite of Reconciliation', on TUESDAY, 19th March at 6:30pm , at Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale.

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.

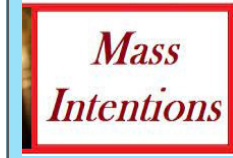
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PARISH VISITING PROGRAMME
Our Parish offers Communion/visits to the Sick at Homes, hospitals or Residential Care facilities. Please contact the Parish Office on 3822 2139 if you would like to arrange for a Priest or Communion Minister visit.

<i>Parish Lenten Programme</i>
 <div> 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. </div> <p>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:-</p> <p><u>Mondays at St Luke's, Capalaba.</u> Weekly gatherings will be at 7:00pm commencing on Monday 12th February.</p> <p><u>Wednesdays at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale</u> Weekly gatherings will be at 11:00am commencing on Wednesday 14th February</p> <p>Please contact the parish office at Birkdale if you have any enquiries:- Phone: 3822 2139 or Email: birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au</p>

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.
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