

# 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)

## The Redlands Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service

will be held at Bayside Salvos, MacArthur Street, Alexandra Hills on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 11:30am, followed by refreshments. All are most welcome.



First Sunday of Lent  
17 & 18 February



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://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.



Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)  
**Information Session**  
on Wednesday 28th February at  
6:30pm  
in St Anthony's Church.  
**ALL WELCOME!!!!!!**



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  
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[www.marymackillop.qld.edu.au](http://www.marymackillop.qld.edu.au)  
**St Mary MacKillop OSHC**  
(Before - After School/Vacation Care)  
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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 20th 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

## 18th February 2024

The purple colours, the ashes and sticks, the lack of flowers, crosses everywhere, all remind us that the season of Lent is embarked on once again with the celebration on the "Ash Wednesday".

Forty days of the Lent: a season of inward looking and spiritual stock taking, which takes us to the great light of Easter. We begin Lent once more, Days of Prayer, Fasting and Good deeds.

The first Sunday of lent this year is with a reading from the Noah section of Genesis. Even still, the goodness of one man, Noah, kept God from destroying humankind. Humanity would eventually reach salvation through water, the water of baptism.

This is the covenant with Noah and us. God will not give up on us. And we can't give up on ourselves. We have fallen in the past, and we convince ourselves that we do not have the power to fight off when temptation shows up. When we fail, we have to forgive ourselves, true, but we have to take responsibility for what we do and seek forgiveness from others and, ultimately, from God.

God promised Noah and us that he will never give up on us. He loves us too much to give us up. No matter what our particular temptation in life is, we can withstand it as long as we face up to it with the Lord.

Although we are tempted continually, and although we may have failed in the past, we have no right to give up on ourselves. No matter what mistakes we may have made, God still is there trying to keep us from falling.

Jesus was out in the desert with the wild beasts. And angels ministered to him. During Lent we reflect on what the wild beasts are in our lives. What are the particular things that devour our spiritual life? With the help of the angels, with God's love we can and will fight them off.

That is what Lent is all about: spending forty days putting up the fight, fighting off the beasts, preparing to announce the Kingdom. We can do it. We can change. His mission for us demands it. His love for us makes it possible.

Today we are warned about selfishness, power and pride, three different temptations in the desert, in life which is faced by everyone. The lent calls us to prayer, fasting and charity, which is the way to overcome our temptations. we pray that this Lent we allow God to work his wonders in us. Look at the rainbow. God has not given up on us. We cannot give up on ourselves..

Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi





19th - 25th 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 <b>Friday 8th March.</b>

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
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<b>For recently died:</b> Helen Meade ,Teresa Leotta, Mark Paten, Trevor Linton, Reina Irmer. <b>Anniversaries for Remembrances February:</b> 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.	John Tucker, Brian Prove, Tessie Gorogo, Michael McGrath, Dawn Montgomery, Bill Welsh, Andrew Hodgson, Cody-Lea Knight, Gwen Dillon, Raymond Davis, Michelle Russell, 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 24th &amp; 25th February</i>			Scripture Readings
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<b><u>This Sunday, First Sunday of Lent</u></b> First Reading: Gen 9:8-15 Psalm: 24:4-9 Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:18-22 Gospel: Mark 1:12-15  <b><u>Next Sunday, Second Sunday of Lent</u></b> First Reading: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Psalm: 115:10, 15-19 Second Reading: Rom 8:31-34 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10
First Reading	Martin M	Peter M	
Second Reading	Matty M	Rob S	
Welcome & POF	Janet B	Tim F	
Communion Ministers	Paulina P, Elaine R, Catherine R	April M, Kayla S, Maria S	
Music	Group 3	Group 4	
PowerPoint	Paul M	David C	
Counting	-----	Group 4	

<i>Parish Diary</i>	
<b><u>Monday 19th February</u></b>	
1:00pm	Rosary Group
2:00pm	Activities Group
<b><u>Tuesday 20th February</u></b>	
7:00pm	St Vincent de Paul meeting
<b><u>Wednesday 21st February</u></b>	
11:00am	Lenten Programme
<b><u>Friday 23rd February</u></b>	
9:00am	Stations of the Cross
10:00am	Divine Mercy Prayers



### REST IN PEACE


Fr Ian Wren died at the Wesley Hospital on 12th February after a long illness. Fr Ian served in the parish of Brighton as a Deacon and the parishes of Grovely, Caboolture, and Birkdale before moving to the Parish of Upper Mt Gravatt as Parish Priest, until his retirement in 2012. During his ministry he also served as the Archbishop's Secretary and held the role of Vocations Director for 5 years from 2004 to 2009 whilst serving as Associate Pastor at The Cathedral of St Stephen. He is affectionately remembered in these communities and has a significant place in the lives of his family and many friends. **The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 23 February, 2024 at 10.00am at The Cathedral of St Stephen.** Following Mass refreshments will be served outside the Hanly Room. The funeral will proceed to the Nudgee Cemetery for the Rite of Christian Burial at 12.30pm.

*May he rest in peace and experience the eternal presence of Christ he has both loved and served.*

### 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.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



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## COME AND CELEBRATE

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**40 YEAR ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY**

**SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT THE 8:00AM**

**MASS. MORNING TEA FOLLOWING MASS.**

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE



*Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent in the Church, commencing at 9:00am. All welcome to come and join.*

### 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** or email **birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au** if you would like to arrange for a Priest or Communion Minister visit.

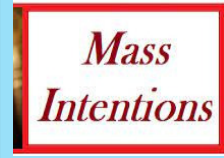
### Parish Lenten Programme

**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. You are welcome to join either of the Parishes 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



**Mass Intentions**

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