

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.

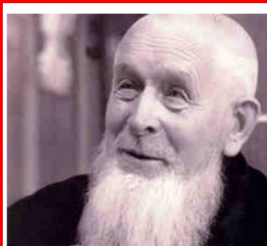
Parent Information Night-THURSDAY, 29th FEBRUARY 2024 at 6:30pm, Parish Centre

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



INVITATION—9TH AND 10TH MARCH 2024: A most inspiring short video (approximately 13 minutes) will be shown in the hall after the 6.15 pm Mass on **Saturday 9 March** and again on **Sunday 10 March** after the 8 am Mass. It is a realistic, honest portrayal of Brother Zeno Zebrowski's life and so beautifully narrated. Through his own humility, Zeno sought to make his Immaculate Mother proud and to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, her Son. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after both Masses.



**Second Sunday of Lent
24 & 25 February**



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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.

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

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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St Mary MacKillop OSHC

(Before - After School/Vacation Care)

10 Hardy Rd, Birkdale QLD 4159

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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 5th March 2024.

STOpline

To report 'reportable conduct' under the Archdiocesan Whistleblower Policy

email to: aob@stopline.com.au

Phone: 1300 30 45 50

The event of transfiguration marks a decisive moment in the ministry of Jesus. It is a revelatory event which strengthens the faith of the disciples. It prepares them for the event of the Cross and prefigures the glory of Resurrection. The mystery of transfiguration is constantly re-lived in the Church; the people on its own way to the eschatological encounter with the Lord.

The disciples who have enjoyed on the mountain, the splendour of the Trinitarian life and of the communion of saints, and as it were caught up in the horizon of eternity, are immediately brought back to daily reality, where they see "Jesus only", in the lowliness of his human nature, and are invited to return to the valley, to share with him the toil of God's plan and to set off courageously on the way of the Cross.

The transfiguration experience is a bright shining moment in the life of Jesus. It is nothing compared to the Good Friday that Jesus had in his mind. Every Christian is called to know the true identity of what being a follower of Christ- that God made flesh dies for the salvation of the world.

The Church contemplates the transfigured face of Christ, to prepare the faithful to mediate the disfigured face of Christ at Calvary. There is a tendency to reject the disfigured faces of Christ in the world in the context of transfigured face of Christ. Lenten season is the time to go and serve the disfigured faces of Christ in the world like Mother Theresa and St. Damien and the thousand missionaries of the world.

It means that we find meaning to our daily crosses in crucifixion. Without cross, there is no glorification. The transfiguration points out that the scandal of cross is the gateway to glorification. This is God's way of glorification- a power made perfect in weaknesses, - a salvation through suffering, - sweet life won by bitter death on the cross.

The Lenten season is a period of fasting, prayer and almsgiving, that are recommendations aimed at maintaining a balance that ensures bodily health, spiritual health and social health. Anything that is turned inward will not grow to its fulfilment. Capacity for growth necessarily implies a sense of transcendence.

The season of Lent is an invitation to leave behind our self, and to discover our true self in transcendence, leading to our transfiguration.

Lord's Blessing, Fr Regi



26th February - 3rd March 2024		
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY		NO MASS
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 8th March.

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
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For recently died: Luigi Zanatta, Paul McMahon, Helen Meade ,Teresa Leotta, Mark Paten, Trevor Linton. 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, 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.	Julie Chivers, 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 2nd & 3rd March</i>			Scripture Readings
Readers	6:15pm	8:00am	<u>This Sunday, Second Sunday of Lent</u> 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 <u>Next Sunday, Third Sunday of Lent</u> First Reading: Exo 17:3-7 Psalm: 94:1-2,6-9 Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Gospel: John 4:5-42
First Reading	Suzanne G	Amal R	
Second Reading	John E	Mel D	
Welcome & POF	Therese E	Rob S	
Communion Ministers	Mary D, Tom M, Vern D	Lena B, Elaine H, Christine M	
Music	Group 1	Group 2 and school choir	
PowerPoint	Lisa K	Chris M	
Counting	-----	Group 1	

<i>Parish Diary</i>
Monday 26th February 1:00pm Rosary Group 2:00pm Activities Group Wednesday 28th February 11:00am Lenten Programme Friday 1st March 9:00am Stations of the Cross 10:00am Eucharistic Adoration

<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>

Adoration from 10:00am - 11:00am (following the 9:30am Mass) on <i>the first Friday of every month.</i>
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World Day of Prayer 2024
Palestine
"I beg you...bear with one another in love"

Friday 1 March 2024
The Salvation Army Bayside, 1-9 Macarthur Street, Alexandra Hills
11:30am
Refreshments provided after the service
Local contact 0412999744
Contact baysidesalvos@salvationarmy.org.au for more information

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: _____

CELEBRATE

FR PREMS

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) 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:

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

