

# 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



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)



**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
16 & 17 March**



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2024.**

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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

## 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](mailto:birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au) if you would like to arrange for a Priest or Communion Minister visit.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
invites you to the annual

## CHRISM MASS

Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm

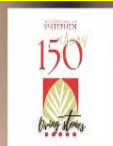
Cathedral of St Stephen  
249 Elizabeth Street,  
Brisbane 4000

A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE

ALL WELCOME

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM

A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS



## 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.



## 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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[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  
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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  
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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 19th March 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

17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Dear Parishioners and visitors,**

If we want to receive the abundant new life and the fruit of the Spirit which the Lord Jesus freely offers us, then the "outer shell" of our fallen sinful nature must first be broken and be put to death. In baptism our "old nature" which was enslaved by sin is buried with Christ so we may rise to new life with Christ through the cleansing waters of baptism. Paul the Apostle describes this death and rebirth in Christ as a "new creation" which Christ accomplishes in us through the power of his saving death and resurrection (2 Corinthians 5:17).

This process of death to the "old fallen self" is both a one-time event which occurs in our baptism, and it is also a daily, on-going cycle of growth in which the Holy Spirit buries us more deeply into Jesus' death to sin so we might rise anew in the power of God's love, righteousness (moral goodness), and holiness. There is a great paradox here. Death leads to life. When we "die" to our selves - to our rebellious sinful nature and wilful rejection of God's commandments - we receive God's forgiveness and the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit which frees us to love and serve others, and follow God faithfully. It is God's free gift of grace (his blessing and favour towards us) and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit that enables us to live and serve joyfully as sons and daughters of God.

### Pruning and bearing good fruit in Christ

How can I practically "die" to myself so that the Lord Jesus can live in me and transform me into his likeness and holiness? It certainly means that what is contrary to God's will must be "put to death" within me. God gives us grace to say "yes" to his will and the strength we need to reject whatever is contrary to his commands and plan for our lives. The Lord Jesus promises that we will bear much "fruit" for him, if we choose to deny ourselves for his sake and embrace his will for our lives.

Jesus used strong language to describe the kind of self-denial he had in mind for his disciples. "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (John 12:25). What did Jesus mean when he said that a follower of Christ must hate himself or herself? The expression to hate something often meant to prefer less. Jesus says that nothing should get in the way of our preferring him and the will of our heavenly Father above all else. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "what is sown in the earth is subject to decay, what rises is incorruptible" (1 Corinthians 15:42). Do you believe in the power and victory of Christ's saving cross and resurrection? And are you ready to reject whatever is contrary to God's commands and to trust him for the strength and joy to embrace his will for your life?

source: [mobilegabriel.com](http://mobilegabriel.com)



18th—24th March 2024

MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY		<b>NO MASS. 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION AT BIRKDALE</b>
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,                      (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 <b>Friday 12th April.</b>

<i>We remember and pray</i>	<i>We pray for the sick</i>
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**For recently died:** Arrigo Dal-Maso, Luigi Zanatta, Paul McMahon, Helen Meade, Teresa Leotta, Mark Paten.

**Anniversaries for Remembrances March:** Sasha Thomsen, Francis Thomsen, Annie Geale, Bob Paino, Jo Donnellan, Kathleen Howard, Dorothy Copas, Tullio Tonini, John Scholtes, Molly Hudson, Gerard Copas, Angelo Sparti, John Beers, Augustina Searson, Pacencia Marcelo, Eileen Margaret Gilhooley, Martha & Bill Kluck, Paul Gauci, Jodie-Anne White, Adrian Hadley, Georgina Fleming, Thomas Miles, Reynaldo Cane, Adela McCullagh, Lionel Logan, Emily Eeles, Salvatore (Sam) Greco, Val Hume, Patrick Flynn, Assunta Lippi, Forina Bunin, Maria Bolton, Patricia Briscoe, David Cooper, Del Forsyth, Annie Quantock, Laszlo Lengyel, Ambrose Gorogo, Roy Kok, Roslyn Cairns, Ahlia Rafferty, Rosa Tucket, John Kelly, Mark Ramage, Cecchin Giovanni, Jack Maclean, Frank Sherry, Daniel Sherry, Johanna Ruygrok, Patrick Devine, Tom Topatig, Santa Aquili, Doris Watson, Mary Linthwaite, Betty Poloni, Paul Moloney, John Turner, David Hume, Mervyn Cosgrove, Christine Leane, Malcolm Simpson, Luigi Cal, Martin Salvatierra.

Peter Murphy, 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, 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, Noela Murphy, Christiana Becker, Pauline McNamee, Gina Mather.

**Roster 23rd & 24th March**

Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Janet B	Louise W
Second Reading	Martin M	Tim F
Welcome & POF	Christine M	TBA
Communion Ministers	Elaine R, Mary S, Catherine R	April M, Kayla S, Matty M
Music	Group 3	Group 4
PowerPoint	Lisa K	David C
Counting	-----	Group 4

**Scripture Readings**

**This Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A Readings)**  
 First Reading: Ezek: 37:12-14  
 Psalm: 129  
 Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11  
 Gospel: John 11:1-45

**Next Sunday, Palm Sunday**  
 First Reading: Isa 50:4-7  
 Psalm: 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
 Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11  
 Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

**EASTER CELEBRATION TIMES**

19/03/2024 TUESDAY—2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation	6:30pm	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
23/03/2024 SATURDAY	4.30 pm	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills
PALM SUNDAY Vigil Mass	6.15 pm	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
24/03/2024 SUNDAY - PALM 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
28/03/2024 HOLY THURSDAY	6.00 pm	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
	7.00 pm	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills
29/03/2024 GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross	10.00 am	St Luke's Church, Capalaba
Passion of the Lord	3.00 pm	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
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30/03/2024 SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL	6.00 pm	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills
	7.00 pm	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
31/03/2024 EASTER 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


**Parish Diary**

**Monday 18th March**  
 1:00pm Rosary Group  
 2:00pm Activities Group

**Tuesday 19th March**  
 6:30pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

**Wednesday 20th March**  
 11:00am Lenten Programme

**Friday 22nd March**  
 9:00am Stations of the Cross  
 10:00am Divine Mercy Prayers



*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 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.

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



**Thank you:** Thank you very much for watching the video and sharing with me my passionate belief in the work of this remarkable man, Brother Zeno Zebrowski. Marie



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

