

# 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)



**Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)**  
23 & 24 February



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



## Congratulations!!!



We extend our congratulations to Adaline Casley, Hendrix Tanzer, Harrison Walsh, Luca and Henry Convary, Boroklyn and Amelia Burley and Vivian O'Toole who were baptised in our parish in the month of March.

We welcome them to the parish family. Let us appreciate their parents for sharing the flame of faith with their children.

## Good Friday Collection 2024

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday Collection. This collection is also used to maintain over 70 Churches and Shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity is appreciated.

*Please also pray for peace and harmony in the birthplace of Jesus.*

## 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)  
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Option 3

### 24th March 2024

### Palm Sunday



### 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  
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**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

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

Holy Week has begun. This weekend we celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday because the theme of Jesus' suffering and death begins with the reading of the Passion Story. We actually begin with the blessing of the palms in imitation of the triumphant entry of Jesus to Jerusalem.

The Palm Sunday liturgy therefore is devoted to the suffering of Jesus. Ironically the 'same' people who cheered Jesus one day, condemned him the next. We should notice the mood change as the week's events unfold.

So, the Great Week is upon us. We can choose to enter fully into the week or stand simply as spectators. The challenge is to immerse ourselves into the most important week of our Christian lives by participating in all the liturgies, including the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday liturgy, Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Importantly one liturgy follows the other yet they combine to tell the story of salvation history. It is an awe-inspiring mystery and as a Parish we are invited to take time to deepen our understanding of our participation in this mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection, for we too die and rise with Christ.

We have been carried in the womb of the Lenten church up to Jerusalem which demands of us a courage like never before because dying is part of life and Jesus shows us the way. We "die" not alone but with him and the good news is that death is destroyed forever by him. Yes, we suffer but never in vain because Alleluia is our song or our praise of the Easter Light of the world.

Let us this time therefore gather as ONE when and where it can during the coming week. The Liturgies are designed by the church for a purpose and the Sacred Triduum (the Great Three Days) gives us every opportunity to be enlivened spiritually with the strong conviction that Jesus Christ is not only the beginning and the end but our LIFE.

Together this week may we walk by faith. I wish you a grace-filled Holy Week.

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



25th—31st March 2024

MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY	6:00 PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE
WEDNESDAY	5.00 PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
THURSDAY		SEE EASTER MASS TIMES ON PAGE 3 OF THE NEWSLETTER
FRIDAY		SEE EASTER MASS TIMES ON PAGE 3 OF THE NEWSLETTER
SATURDAY		SEE EASTER MASS TIMES ON PAGE 3 OF THE NEWSLETTER
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	<i>First Friday of the Month, (10.00 am to 11.00 am) at St Mary Mackillop Church, BIRKDALE.</i> <i>Next Adoration 3rd May</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:** Walter Graves, 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 30th & 31st March**

Readers	6:15pm	8:00am
First Reading	Matty M	Rob S
Second Reading	Tanina D	Christine M
Welcome & POF	Mary S	Loretta M
Communion Ministers	Lesley L, Janet B, Vern B	Kerry B, Kayla S, Volunteer
Music	Group 1	Group 2
PowerPoint	Lisa K	Chris M
Counting	-----	Group 5

**Scripture Readings**

**This 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

**Next Sunday, Easter Sunday**  
 First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43  
 Psalm: 117:1-2, 16-17  
 Second Reading: Col 3:1-4  
 Gospel: John 20:1-9

**EASTER CELEBRATION TIMES**

<b>23/03/2024 SATURDAY</b>	<b>4.30 pm</b>	<b>St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills</b>
<b>PALM SUNDAY Vigil Mass</b>	<b>6.15 pm</b>	<b>St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale</b>
<b>24/03/2024 SUNDAY - PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>	<b>St Luke's Church, Capalaba</b>
	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale</b>
	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills</b>
<b>28/03/2024 HOLY THURSDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale</b>
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills</b>
<b>29/03/2024 GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>St Luke's Church, Capalaba</b>
<b>Passion of the Lord</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale</b>
<b>Passion of the Lord</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>St Luke's Church, Capalaba</b>
<b>30/03/2024 SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills</b>
	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale</b>
<b>31/03/2024 EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>7.00 am</b>	<b>St Luke's Church, Capalaba</b>
	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale</b>
	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills</b>

**Parish Diary**

**Monday 25th March**  
 1:00pm Rosary Group  
 2:00pm Activities Group

**Tuesday 26th March**  
 6:30pm Vincentian Spirituality


**Wednesday 27th March**  
 11:00am Rosary Group

**Parish Office**

*The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 29th March until 7th April (reopen on 8th April). Wishing you all a very Blessed Easter*



**Exploring Vincentian Spirituality**  
 6:30pm Tuesday 26 March in the chapel  
 For more information contact Matty 0402 284 289



**P** Extra parking will be available on the grassed area adjacent to the Parish Office for the Easter Celebrations. Please be courteous and use good judgement when using this area and park away from the large trees.

**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.

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

**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](mailto:birkmmack@bne.catholic.net.au)

The Parish Office will then be in touch with you to send you our weekly newsletter.

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

