



# St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri : 9.00am - 2.30pm | Closed on Wednesday**

*In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today, acknowledging their continuing connection to land, water and community.*

### Parish Contacts

#### Parish Priest

Fr. Mikhael Loke SVD  
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#### Asst. Parish Priest

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#### Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

#### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

#### Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

#### Care and Concern Co-ordinator

Sue Barrett

#### Youth Leaders

Shanna

#### Liturgy Committee Co-ordinator

(currently vacant)

#### Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

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#### R.C.I.A. Coordinator

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Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)  
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#### St. Clare's Primary School

Mr. Michael McInerney (Principal)  
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#### San Damiano College

Mr. Peter Edwards (Principal)  
5670 7000

### Weekday Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.00am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

### 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday, 25 June 2023

This Sunday we celebrate Christ Our Lord who is always with us. He continues to deliver us from all that threatens, and make life difficult for us. This includes persecutions, sins, and death.

In the first reading, God delivered the Prophet Jeremiah from the deadly plots and hands of evil men. Our world is full of threats against the righteous and innocent. Today, hardly would a day pass without one hearing news of terror. This is the cause of great fear and inquietude for many, especially, for those whose trust is solely on this world rather than being in God.

However, for those who like the prophet, realize that the Lord is on their side, God will surely not disappoint them. As a mighty hero, He will surely act. The threats and gravity of these terrors might appear over whelming. However, they are certainly not greater than what God has handled in the history of humanity.

Today's second reading St. Paul recounts how Christ delivered humanity from the terrors and shackles of death. Thus, Paul draws our attention to a very important aspect of the history of our salvation. This is especially with regards to the relationship between sin and death; and of course, the relationship between the consequences of Adam's disobedience and that of Christ's obedience. For, while Adam's disobedience and sin brought us death, Christ's obedience brought us life.

This is the summary of what Christ did for us. Through his sacrificial death and obedience to His father's will, He dissipated the terrors that threaten our life and restored our peace. Thus, He delivered us from damnation due to the sin, and the fall of Adam and Eve.

In the gospel, Jesus exhorts us: *"Do not be afraid, for everything that is now covered will be uncovered."* This includes the plans of the evil ones who are always threatening to persecute and destroy the just. It suffices to note that, Christ knows that fear and the threat of death can paralyse one. As the Lord of the living and the dead, He knows that physical death is not the end. Rather, it is a transition to eternity. Hence, He further exhorts us: *"Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear him who can destroy both body and soul in hell fire."*

In these comforting and assuring words of Christ, rest our hope and future as Christians: *"Every hair on your head has been counted. So, there is no need to be afraid!"* They simply indicate that the Lord is on our side.

He is ready and capable to deliver us from both the consequences and harmful effects of sin, as well as from all the threats that we face in our daily life.

Finally, all we need to do to merit the protection Christ promised us today, is simply to be on His side by trusting Him. This, calls for being just and innocent in our ways and actions. It means being true Christians. Of course, it also means submitting completely to Christ.

#### Reflected by:

Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp. He is a Catholic Priest and a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans).

**So do not fear,  
for I am with you;**  
do not be dismayed,  
for I am your God.  
I will **strengthen** you  
and **help** you;  
I will **uphold** you with  
my righteous right hand.

- Isaiah 41:10



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### ROSTER SHEETS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Roster sheets for the month of July and August are available at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy and contact the parish office, if you need any changes in the next roster.

## Date Claimer

**Sat. 24 June** : **Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist -Mass @ 8am**  
**Mon. 3 July** : **Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7pm**  
**Tue. 4 July** : **Liturgy Committee Meeting @ 7pm**  
**Fri. 7 July** : **Eucharistic Adoration @ 6.30pm**  
**Followed by Mass @ 7.00pm**

## Roster for the Weekend of 01 - 02 July 2023

### Mass Coordinators

Sat. 01 July 5.30pm - Wilda Fernandes  
Sun. 02 July 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes  
Sun. 02 July 9.30am - Kelemete Tito

### Readers

Sat. 01 July 5.30pm - Sarah Wiss & Malcolm D'Souza  
Sun. 02 July 8.00am - Brian Cunningham & Marcia Canty  
Sun. 02 July 9.30am - Ron Klerks & Tamate Tumanuvao

### Communion Ministers

Sat. 01 July 5.30pm - Paul and Wendy Simpson  
Sun. 02 July 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete & Korina Laban  
Sun. 02 July 9.30am - Winnie Kepu & Filomena T.

### Altar Servers

Sat. 01 July 5.30pm - Saneth  
Sun. 02 July 8.00am - Antonio and Andrew  
Sun. 02 July 9.30am - Malachi and Talalei

### Choirs

Sat. 01 July 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir  
Sun. 02 July 8.00am - Fill in Choir  
Sun. 02 July 9.30am - Ekalesia Choir

Counters - **Malcolm, Wilda and Noel**

Cleaners - **Ekalesia Group**

Floral Arrangement - **Suli**

## Collection: Week-ending: 18 June 2023

Envelopes Received	: 31
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,152.55
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 107.50
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>: \$ 2,260.05</b>

## The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 25th June 2023

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 20: 10-13

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

**Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 5: 12-15

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me,  
says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 10:26 - 33**

*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*



F.Bowden, L.Seeto, J.Collins, M.Dunlop, D.Curtis, M.Pierce, R.Henwood, V.Reid, V.Gspejon, V.Dancey, S.Daniel, A.Purkis, L.Guadez, K & S Talatonu, B.Hodgson, M.Finnerty, G & M. Glorioso, D.Hall, J.Lachlan, A.Van Uitregt, V.Toalepai, K.Brown, M.Trehane, J.Maloney, J&A Dent, Gladdis Gorosito, Asiata J.Lealaitafea, A.Carter, E.B Sebuano, Pona Vai, N.Dunmore, V.Venables, T.Gibson, F.Petelo, Helen Guadez, M.Vaigafa, Verity Madsen, Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto M, John Daley, Mikaele Tito, Nora Philips, Alzira D'souza, Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse, Tuala, V&M L Petelo, Zhaylee Curtis, Sesilia Muevae, Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewiez, Rob Canning, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef W. Carroll, Daisy A. Thomas, Patricia Donovan, John Engberg, June Curyer, Baby Charlotte, Joan Hughes, Coleen Goodwin, Mary Farrell, Eric Alfred, Austine Jonse



## **YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE**

### **Weekend Community Mass**

### Centre Location

St. Clare's Primary School, 2 Combs St, Yarrabilba

### Mass will be held at

**4.00pm on Sunday:**

**25th June**

**&**

**2nd July 2023**

## **SOLEMNITY of the NATIVITY of ST. JOHN the BAPTIST**

*"He must increase, but I must decrease."*

St. John 3:30



- June 24 -



God of hospitality and mission, through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, we pray that you will grant us the courage to witness to your Word in what we say and do. May we be hope-givers in our world which is struggling with the effects of this pandemic. We ask this with confidence through Jesus the Christ and the Spirit of Hope. Amen!



## Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul - 29th June -

Together, these two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion. Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock.

The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/sts-peter-and-paul-501>

**Today the Lord repeats to me, to you...: Follow Me!  
Waste no time in questioning or in useless chattering; do not dwell on secondary things but look to what is essential and follow Me.  
Follow Me without regard for the difficulties.  
Follow Me in preaching the Gospel.  
Follow Me by the witness of a life shaped by the grace you received in baptism.....  
Follow Me by speaking of Me, to those with whom you live, day after day, in your work, your conversations and among your friends.  
Follow Me by proclaiming the Gospel to all, especially to the least among us, so that no one will fail to hear the word of life, which sets us free from every fear and enables us to trust in the faithfulness of God.  
Follow Me!**

**Sts Peter & Paul  
Pray for us!**

**Pope Francis  
Homily 29 June 2014**

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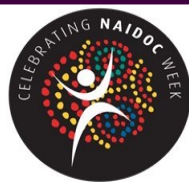


## CHILDREN'S Ministry



Sessions will be held at the Parish Hall at 9.30am every Sunday. Parishioners who have children between the ages of 5 up to 13, are encouraged to send their children to attend this weekly faith-forming, fun-filled and learning sessions. For further information, parents or guardians can contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator, **Teresa Vaigafa - 0434570 123**. **We are also currently seeking volunteers to help in this Ministry every Sunday morning at the 9.30am Mass. You would need to have a blue card (if you don't have one, the Parish Office can assist to help you apply for one).**

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."  
Matthew 19:14*

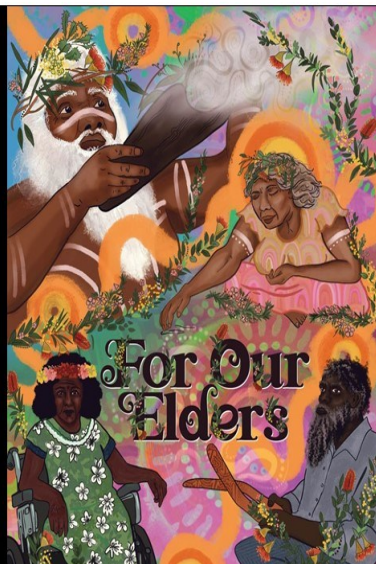


## FOR OUR ELDERS

2-9 JULY 2023

Heavenly Father,  
may your Healing Love  
go out into the world, to the place  
where you sustain the creation.  
Raise good leaders to channel your  
words of life, to guide us to paths of  
truth and righteousness.

May all of us take our part in  
telling and living the story of Jesus.  
In your mercy, may you the Creator  
who called forth life, Jesus, who bore  
the Word for the life of the world,  
and the Spirit whose breath makes  
language possible sustain us  
in all ways.  
Amen.



Young parishioners aged 13 and above, are invited to join the Kolbe Youth Ministry. Come participate and enjoy the fellowship with others in your age group, to strengthen your faith journey and get involved in our parish events during the year.



**Our next Kolbe Youth Gathering will be at  
6.00pm on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

## Sacramental Preparation for Children

### Baptism

Infant/Children Baptism Information Brochure is available at the entrance of the church. Arrangements can be made by contacting our Parish Office (during office hours).

**Our Parish's Children Baptism Coordinator is Mrs. Helen Swindells. We currently need more volunteers to help in this ministry; please contact the Parish Office for more details.**

## PARISH PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

As the current financial year is coming to an end on 30 June 2023, we wish to extend a grateful thanks to each and every one of you who have faithfully and very generously supported the Parish financially through the past year in the midst of your personal life circumstances. We just want you to know that your contributions are greatly valued. In saying this, as you know, we are now facing increasing cost of living which directly impacts our operational costs every week. This is especially so with our key expenses such as utilities (electricity and rates) as well as church and ground maintenance including equipment, machinery and repairs due to damages caused by continuous weather events as well as wear and tear. Needless to say, these expenses are heavily impacting our overhead costs every month.

On that note, we are humbly asking if you would kindly consider reviewing your personal contributions to see if there is any possibility of an upward revision. This will certainly help us in planning for the next half of this year, particularly to deflate our increased running costs and also to enable the parish to fund more spiritual development programs for our different ministries and also to provide for parish community events.

To those of you who are still uncertain about joining our Planned Giving Program, we urge you to talk to one of us so that you can get a better understanding on how your contributions help keep our Parish afloat financially so that we can continue to provide spiritual and pastoral shelter for all who seek to share our space here in this part of Logan. You may action your planned giving in any one of the following ways:

- ◆ **By making a Direct Debit. *(This method is highly recommended)***
- ◆ **By using the weekly planned giving envelopes.**

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES  
FROM THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH**

- ◆ **By downloading & using Planned Giving App:**



*Your continued support to our parish is greatly appreciated  
and we remain very grateful for your generosity!*



## **The Annual Parish Financial Report**

**2022 - 2023**

**will be presented at all weekend  
Masses on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

*Fr. Mikhael  
&  
Parish  
Finance  
Committee*