



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

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.00am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	7.00pm
Saturday	8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday, 2 July 2023



The Call to Discipleship

Today's Sunday gospel reading presents a catechesis on discipleship, with two steps. In the first step, Jesus defines the disciple's path: the disciple must be able to make Jesus his/her first choice and follow his teacher on the path of love and dying to oneself. In the second step, Jesus promises a reward to those who generously and lovingly welcome the missionary-disciples of the "Kingdom." This second step reflects itself in the first reading.

The first reading describes the generous hospitality that Elisha finds in the home of a Shunammite woman. The woman does not limit herself to offering Elisha a meal, whenever he passed through Shunem on his journey to and fro Mount Carmel; but in a hospitable gesture, built him a small room and furnished it accordingly. This was because she recognized that Elisha was a holy man of God, through whom God acts in the world. Helping Elisha, the woman shows her adherence to God, expressing her willingness to collaborate with God in the project of salvation that God has for the world. In response to the woman's generosity, Elisha blesses her by prophesying the birth of a son. The reward has a special value, given the almost impossibility of having children that weighs on the couple, due to the advanced age of the husband.

History seeks to teach that collaborating with God in carrying out the plan of salvation that He has for men is a source of life and blessing. God does not fail to reward all those who collaborate with him. This, indeed, is a way of following Jesus on the path of love as faithful disciples through baptism. As a result, the second reading recalls that the Christian is someone who, through Baptism, identified himself with Jesus and following Him on the path of love and permanently renouncing sin.

What really have we sacrificed in following Christ? Following Jesus is not an easy task; it involves a cost – a life of total surrender and preference of Jesus and a loving gesture towards our neighbour. It is a radical path, which often demands sacrifices. When it comes to choosing between Jesus and other values, what should the Christian's option be? Moreover, choosing Jesus and following Him to the cross is not a path of failure and death, but a path of life. In fact, when a man is very concerned with protecting his human security schemes and closes in on his selfishness and self-sufficiency, he ends up losing his real life; but when a man accepts to live in obedience to God's plans and to make his life a gift of love for his brothers and sisters, he finds life definitively.

This is what Jesus means in verse 39: "Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it." Therefore, following Jesus requires dying to oneself for the glory of God and the good of others. It also entails recognizing Jesus in the lives of those who preach the Good News to us. Apparently, there are people who are called by God to leave their lands, families, cultural and social points of reference, etc., in order to dedicate their lives to the proclamation of the Gospel. They are not super-men and women, but men and women like any other, with the same needs for affection, support, solidarity, understanding. It is our responsibility to help them, not only with material means but also with understanding, solidarity, love, hospitality, prayers, etc. This loving gesture will never go unrewarded. May the good Lord continually grant us the grace to remain true and faithful missionary-disciples so as not to lose focus of Him nor prize our self-interest above our Christian calling.

Date Claimer

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 08 - 09 July 2023

Mass Coordinators

Sat. 08 July 5.30pm - Luis Vasques
Sun. 09 July 8.00am - Orlando Diente
Sun. 09 July 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

Readers

Sat. 08 July 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden & Verity Madsen
Sun. 09 July 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes & Destiny D
Sun. 09 July 9.30am - Abel Budiono & Rudolfo Domingo

Communion Ministers

Sat. 08 July 5.30pm - Hazel McCarrick & Patricia Vasques
Sun. 09 July 8.00am - Eseta Alosio & Rachel Matijasevic
Sun. 09 July 9.30am - Joy Wallace & Deb Howkins

Altar Servers

Sat. 08 July 5.30pm - Jazmine & Israel
Sun. 09 July 8.00am - John & May
Sun. 09 July 9.30am - Abigail & Annabel

Choirs

Sat. 08 July 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
Sun. 09 July 8.00am - St. Max Choir
Sun. 09 July 9.30am - Family Choir

Counters - Christine Lapalapa & Noel Swindells

Cleaners - Vaigafa family & Diana Mulcahy

Floral Arrangement - Suli

Collection: Week-ending: 25 June 2023

Envelopes Received	: 31
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 1,932.65
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 141.30

TOTAL	: \$ 2,073.95

The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2nd July 2023

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 88:2-3, 16-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

*Having been buried with him through baptism,
we shall walk in a new life.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness
and into his marvellous light.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37 - 42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.



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, Rob Canning, Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewiez, 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, Zakelyn Curtis.



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:

2nd July

&

9th July 2023

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE NAIDOC SUNDAY 2023 MESSAGE

Ahead of NAIDOC Week (July 2-9), and especially on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church.

As we approach the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, it has never been more important for Catholics to come together and listen to Australia's First Peoples.

Archbishop Mark has pre-recorded a message in which he once again states his endorsement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

"My prayer is that we can journey together in a respectful and peaceful spirit, so that the whole nation can become stronger as a result of this process of reconciliation."

Watch the message in full context by scanning the QR Code at right



Introducing our soon-to-arrive...

Priest-in-Residence at the Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe,

Fr. Nicholas de Groot, SVD (Fr. Nick)

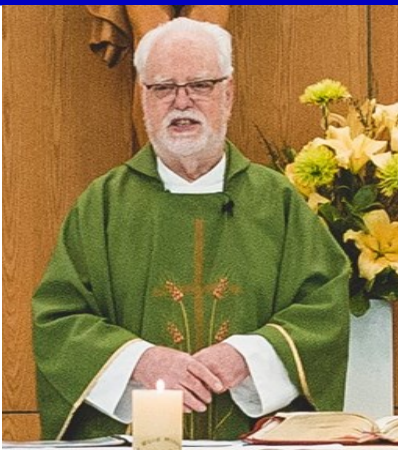
We are privileged and blessed to warmly welcome Fr. Nick to our Parish, who is scheduled to arrive on Saturday, 8th of July. Here is a brief background of his life journey to this point...

Fr. Nick was born in The Hague, Netherlands, in 1943. He comes from a family of 10 children (5 boys and 5 girls). Along with parents and siblings, Fr. Nick migrated to Brisbane, Australia in 1953. He entered the Divine Word Missionaries Society in Marburg, Queensland in 1961. Fr. Nick subsequently pursued the study of Philosophy and Theology in the USA before returning to Brisbane to be ordained on July 1st in 1969.

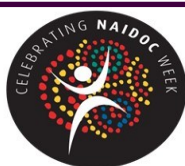
He then went to Rome for further studies in Moral Theology for 3 years and was later assigned to teach in the seminary in Papua New Guinea from 1972 to 1979. Thereafter, Fr. Nick returned to Australia and was asked to become Novice Master at Marburg. He concluded his assignment in Marburg in 1986 when the land was sold. He was then assigned to go to the Philippines to teach in the major seminary there from 1987 to 1990. Following this, Fr. Nick was then invited to return to PNG to study and teach at the Melanesian Institute, which is an Ecumenical Research Institute about the cultural life of the people there. He went on to serve for 16 years in this role before being appointed as the Secretary General to the Bishops' Conference of PNG and the Solomon Islands for a further period of 3 years.

In 2009 Fr. Nick requested to return to Australia with a view to semi-retire. He ministered in the Rockhampton Diocese for 3 years as an Assistant Parish Priest and was then sent to SVD's Interfaith Dialogue Centre, known as the Janssen Spirituality Centre in Boronia, Melbourne. In 2018, Fr. Nick was appointed as SVD Vice Provincial based in Sydney, to support the administration of the SVD Australian Province.

In returning to serve here in Brisbane (as the priest-in-residence at our Parish with effect July 2023), Fr. Nick hopes to (as he puts it) "slow down a little and enjoy reconnecting with family and friends". I am particularly grateful to God for blessing us with Fr. Nick and the immense value of his treasury of wisdom, knowledge and experience from his illustrious career as a Missionary working amidst an assortment of cultures internationally and locally. He will undoubtedly support me and the Parish leadership especially as we embark on our 5-year Parish development plans stemming from our recent Parish Summit. Together with the Parish Community, I welcome Fr. Nick back to the warmth of his home grounds in sunny Queensland!



Fr. Mikhael Loke, SVD

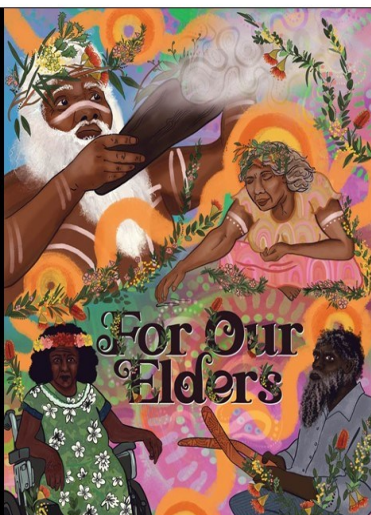


FOR OUR ELDERS

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.



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, Tiresa 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

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, 7th July 2023



Schedule of Preparation for the 2023 Children's Sacrament of 1st Holy Eucharist

Eligibility (who can enrol)	<p>This sacrament is offered to children (Grade 3 & above) who have already received their Confirmation.</p> <p><u>Note:</u></p> <p>⇒ Enrolment Forms are available in folders on the table at the right-hand side of the main entrance to the Church, as you come.</p> <p>⇒ Kindly ensure the forms are duly completed and attached with a copy of the child(ren)'s Baptism and Confirmation Certificates <i>before</i> submitting to the Parish Office by the enrolment dateline below.</p>
Dateline for the submission of Enrolment Forms	Sunday, 18th June 2023
Wed, 12 July	Parents/Guardians' Information Session at 6.30pm with Lorraine Wynne.
Sun, 16 July	Rite of Enrolment @ the 9.30am Mass
Sat, 22 July	1st Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat, 29 July	2nd Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Wed, 2 August 6.30pm	Sacrament of 2nd Rite of Reconciliation & Rehearsal for Holy Eucharist
Sat, 5 August	Sacrament of 1st Holy Eucharist Mass @ 5.30pm

A new life in Christ...

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Sunday**

Sunday 2nd July 2023

Artwork: Jesus, the Living Water by Troy Marigan (Daly River) www.natsicc.org.au

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 of 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!*

Fr. Mikhael & Parish Finance Committee