



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 38030862

Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD 38030862
(Away from 6th Aug. to 8th Sept.)

Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

Ron Klerks

STOP line: 1300 304 550

PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

Rodolfo Domingo

Children & Families Ministries and Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells

Community Life Ministries

Lele Faeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

Lawrence Auva'a

Adult Faith Formation Ministries

Alfred Gomez

Outreach Ministry

Winnie Kepu

Affiliated Catholic Schools

St. Francis College - Tel. No 3489 4800

Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)

St. Clare's Primary School - 5549 8000

Ms. Liesl Profke (Principal)

San Damiano College - 5670 7000

Mr. Peter Edwards (Principal)

Weekday Mass Times

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 9.00am

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday No Mass

Friday 9.00am

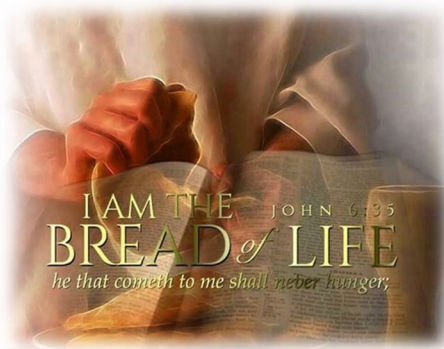
Saturday 8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 04 AUGUST 2024



Seeking Christ, The Bread Of Life From Heaven

Today we rejoice because of the great nourishment that God gives us daily through Christ, who is the bread of life.

In the first reading we see that due to hunger for physical food the Israelites revolted against Moses and so,

despised God. They quickly forgot all the great things that God has just done for them. How he separated the Red Sea and defeated the Egyptians in order to save them. As a result of their hunger, they put God to the test and doubted His ability to provide for them. God however, proved to be a great provider by feeding them with manna from heaven.

In today's gospel, Jesus read the mind of the people following him. He performed the miracle of multiplication of bread and fish out of necessity. However, these followers became carried away only by the material things and the food they are going to get from Christ. So, rather than first accepting Christ and the word of God he preached, they have allowed physical hunger to overshadow their spiritual hunger. They were looking for physical bread but failed to recognize Christ – the spiritual bread of life present with them.

One important lesson our first reading and gospel teach us today is that when we pay too much attention to material things, we might fail to pay attention to the spiritual ones, or might even forget the goodness of God in the past. So, rather than counting our blessings, we might end up counting our woes, and blaming God for our misfortunes. Our relationship with God must not be based alone on how much material things he is able to provide for us. Rather, we must be led by the spirit and allow him to renew our minds. When this happens, then we have a better relationship with Him.

This is the reason why Paul advised us today in our second reading: *"I urge you in the name of the Lord, do not go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live...you must give up your old way of life...which gets corrupted by following illusory desires."* Illusory desires include those physical desires that do not last or prevent us from appreciating God's goodness to us. That is, those desires that are more physically rather than spiritually oriented.

Finally, the gospel teaches us that Christ is the bread from heaven and is present in the Holy Eucharist. So each time we receive him both physically and spiritually, we receive more life and satisfaction. He is the one who feeds and strengthens us on our journey in this world, as God strengthened the Israelites in the desert when, *"He gave them bread from heaven."*

Reflected by: Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.; a Catholic Priest and a Member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers (Spiritans) – extracted from: <https://frcanicenjoku.com/2015/07/28>

Date Claimers

Sun. Aug. 4 : Children and Families Ministry Team Meeting at 10.35am
Mon. Aug. 5: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
Tue. Aug. 6 : Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm.

Fr. Nick will be away from the parish from Tuesday 6th August until 9th September.

Brisbane Diocese Clergy Convocation:
Fr. Mikhael will be attending the Convocation on Wednesday 7th August & Thursday 8th August.

No Week Day Masses on 7th & 8th August

COMMISSIONING OF NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 9.30AM MASS

The commissioning of all new pastoral council members will take place on Sunday 4th August during 9.30am Mass. All new members as well as the existing members are requested to attend.
Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Nick

Roster for the weekend of 10 — 11 August 2024

Mass Coordinators

10 Aug. 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
11 Aug. 8.00am - Orlando Diente
11 Aug. 9.30am - Nimfa Brookes

Readers

10 Aug. 5.30pm - Francesca O & Hilda B
11 Aug. 8.00am - Tovia T. & Nina D.
11 Aug. 9.30am - Flower D. & Kelemete T.

Communion Ministers

10 Aug. 5.30pm - Patricia V, Paul Simpson., Sue M.
11 Aug. 8.00am - Eseta A., Rachel M., Sera T.
11 Aug. 9.30am - Joy W., Elisapeta T., Millie P..

Altar Servers

10 Aug. 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel & Alexander
11 Aug. 8.00am - Antonio and Andrew
11 Aug. 9.30am - Parfait and Clovis

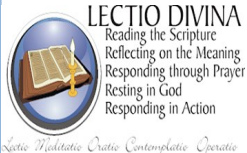
Choirs

10 Aug. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
11 Aug. 8.00am - SMK choir
11 Aug. 9.30am - African choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : SMK, Suli, Alex and Lipine

Flowers : Agnes



Parishioners are invited to attend the Lectio Divina on the following dates in the Parish Meeting Room:
Friday 9th August : 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Friday 23rd August: 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick and Alfred Gomez

Collection: Week-ending: 28 July 2024

Envelopes Received	: 32
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,852.50
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 98.65

TOTAL	: \$ 2,951.15

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time: 04 August, 2024

First Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone;

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, whoever believes in me will never thirst.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

04 Aug. & 11 Aug. 2024

Centre Location:

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



F.Bowden, L.Seeto, J.Collins, Tuala, M.Dunlop, D.Curtis, M.Pierce, R.Henwood, V.Reid, V.Gspejon, V.Dancey, S.Daniel, A.Purkis, L.Guadez, K&S Talatou, D.Hall, B.Hodgson, M.Finnerty, G&M Glorioso, 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, T.Gibson, F.Petelo, Helen Guadez, M.Vaigafa, Verity Madsen, Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto M, John Daley, Alzira D'souza, Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse, V&M L Petelo, Zhaylee Curtis, Sessilia Muevae, Rob Canning, Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewiez, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef W. Carroll, Daisy A. Thomas, Eric Alfred John Engberg, Coleen Goodwin, , Austine Jonse, Zakelyn Curtis, Michelle & John Williams, Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, AnDaphne Canal n Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay and Michael Rudd. Alan Langdon, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Ted Barrett.

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 upcoming events for the rest of the year.

Our next Kolbe Youth Gathering will be at 6.00pm on every Friday. New members are welcome to join. Please contact:

Shanna Kelemete: 0456152625, email:salzhope83@outlook.com
Lawrence Auva'a: 0434763218, email.auvaalaw30@gmail.com



Sacramental Preparation for Children



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.



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 these 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.**



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

Annual Catholic Campaign



CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Over the weekend of August 25 - 26 we will be promoting the Annual Catholic Campaign in our parish. This is to support the many important and meaningful initiatives of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

It is the one time every year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish.

The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly, and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please do take a Campaign brochure and contribution envelope with you when you go today.

You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week.

Thank you very much for your generosity & your continued support!

God Bless You!

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick

There will be no Children's Liturgy on 18/8/24 due to the St Maximilian Kolbe Feast Day Mass. All children are encouraged to be flag bearers at this special mass in honour of our patron saint

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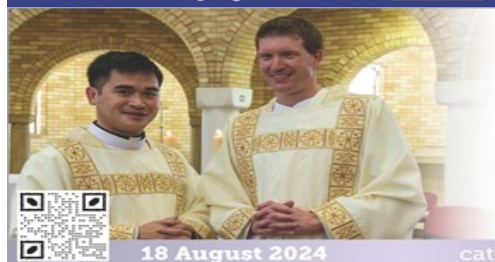
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Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

The Annual Catholic Campaign is a call asking you to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church here in South-East Queensland. The giving makes sense only in the context of us becoming the Lord's sacrifice for the life of the world. Your sacrifice becomes the answer to a prayer, which is the way God wants it to be.



18 August 2024

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HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

With your gift, you help educate our ordained leaders of the future. These men need to be formed to be the ministers of Christ's mercy; through your care, you make that possible.



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MARY MACKILLOP BURSARY FUND

Through your gift, you serve and care for destitute families who can only dream of a Catholic education for their children. Your gift will provide bursaries for these children to attend their local Brisbane Catholic Education school.



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CENTACARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Your gift to Centacare provides care to families in distress, to victims of domestic violence, to those facing homelessness and to people living on the margins of our communities. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are some of the most important outreaches of the Church to people in real need.



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THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION

Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.





ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Feast Day
Multicultural
Mass

SUNDAY 18 AUG 2024
9AM MASS (ONE MASS ONLY)

Join us in celebrating the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe with a vibrant multicultural Mass. Feel free to wear your cultural attire and bring a dish to share with us for our morning tea after Mass.



CULTURAL PROGRAM AFTER THE FEAST MASS OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE: SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2024

It has been decided to have a cultural program after the feast Mass. If any of the cultural group would like to perform, please put down your name on the sheet at the entrance of the church. Alternatively you can contact Lele Faeteete (Community Life Ministry) or email parish office.

Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick and Lele Faeteete