



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.

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Liturgy Ministries

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Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

Lawrence Auva'a

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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	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

1st Sunday of Lent: Sunday, 18 February 2024



Reflection...

Undertaking an important journey we must be well prepared. As we set out on our journey to Easter, we must be clear about the destination that gives meaning to this journey.

Today's gospel reading invites us to prepare ourselves in the company of Jesus. As he set out on the journey that was to lead to Easter, he prepared himself by withdrawing to some desert place, and confronting the temptation to avoid the great task that lay ahead of him. This is an astounding moment in the life of Jesus. Have we taken seriously the fact that, in sharing our human experience, Jesus knew the weight of human decisions and the temptations involved – though, of course, he was without sin in the response he made? This testing brought Jesus new strength, and he began to proclaim the Good News of the coming reign of God. In his company, during the coming days, let us recognise the nature of our temptations, and the bonds of selfishness from which we want to be freed as we make our journey to Easter.

Jesus found strength in the certainty with which he looked to the end of his journey. Though what lay ahead would not be easy, he knew that God's goodness and mercy would be victorious in the end – through his generous response to the call of his Father.

The first reading from the Book of Genesis invites us to share in this hope and expectation as we set out on our journey. It is the conclusion of the story of Noah and the ark which saved him from The Flood – one of the old stories in the introductory pages of the Bible, describing a wayward humanity, in need of the salvation God was to give. The story ends on a note of hope and promise – the rainbow will be a sign of the covenant God makes with humanity, promising that he will always be merciful.

What a magnificent symbol - reminding us of the trust we can place in God, whatever our difficulties and failings! Whenever we see the rainbow and know its promise of fine, clear weather after a storm, we should remember God's promise, and renew our trust in God's mercy, and the final triumph of God's goodness.

The second reading interprets the story of the flood and Noah's being saved as a kind of foretelling of the wonder of baptism – the destination of our journey to Easter, because it is through our baptism that we share in the risen life of Christ.

The beginning of our journey is a time for personal reflection for each of us. Perhaps, however, we need to ponder more deeply the astonishing fact that Jesus knew temptation, though he was without sin in his response to its challenge.

By Late Fr. John Thornhill sm

Adapted from: <http://www.theemmausseries.com/blent01.html>

DATE CLAIMERS

Sun.18 Feb: Children Liturgy begins at 9.30am

Fri. 23 Feb : Mass at 9am Stations of the Cross 7pm.

Roster for the weekend of 24 Feb — 25 Feb 2024

Mass Coordinators

24 Feb 5.30pm - Sera Thomas
25 Feb. 8.00am - Ron Klerks
25 Feb. 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

24 Feb. 5.30pm - Hazel McCarrick & Hilda Bowden
25 Feb. 8.00am - Josephine Thomas & Brian C.
25 Feb. 9.30am - Nina Domingo & Tamate Tumanuvao

Communion Ministers

24 Feb. 5.30pm - Patricia V, Rosemary O. & Wilda F.
25 Feb. 8.00am - Buxto T, Sala P & Mary Klerks
25 Feb. 9.30am - ViyoleteN, Tua N. & Doris D.

Altar Servers

24 Feb 5.30pm - Jazmine & Tezaree
25 Feb. 8.00am - Salvius, Parfait & Clovis
25 Feb. 9.30am - Abigail and Annabel

Choirs

24 Feb. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
25 Feb. 8.00am - African Choir
25 Feb. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Agnes & Lele

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *for all future generations*.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. 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 or by calling 1800 024 413

Collection: Week-ending: 11 February 2024

Envelopes Received : 19
Amount from Contributions : \$ 1,753.00
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 129.90

TOTAL : \$ 1,882.90

1st Sunday of Lent: 18 February 2024

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24: 4-9

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth,
to those who keep your covenant.*

Second Reading: 1 Peter: 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel Acclamation:

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
God has visited His people*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Mark 1: 12-15

He was tempted by the Satan, and the angels looked after him.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

18th Feb and 25th Feb 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 Talatonu, 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,
Nora Philips, Alzira D'souza, Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse,
V&M L Petelo, Zhaylee Curtis, Sesilia Muevae, Rob Canning,
Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewicz, V&A Asiata-
Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef W. Carroll, Daisy A. Thomas,
John Engberg, Baby Charlotte, Coleen Goodwin, Eric Alfred,
Austine Jonse, Zakelyn Curtis, Michelle & John Williams, Cath
Turner, Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser,
Ann Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian,
Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay and Michael Rudd. Alan

Pastoral care to the sick in hospitals (volunteer role).

Information morning: Centacare, in conjunction with the Institute of Faith Education, will conduct a registered training course in spiritual and pastoral care to the sick in 2024. Date of the information session: **Wednesday 6 March, 10am – 1pm, Level 1, Cathedral House 229 Elizabeth St, Bne City.** For further information, or to attend the information morning please email judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or phone 3324 3193.

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. We currently need more volunteers to help in this ministry; please contact the Parish Office for more details.



Children's Liturgy will re-commence on Sunday, **18th February 2024**. 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 currently need more volunteers to help in this ministry; please contact the Parish Office for more details**



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

 PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2024			
SACRAMENTS	1 st RITE OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)	CONFIRMATION	FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST
Age Group	Grade 5 & above	Grade 3 & above	Grade 3 & above
Important Enrolment Conditions	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation and 1 st Holy Eucharist	This sacrament is offered to children who have already been Baptised	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation
Dateline for Submission of Enrolment Forms	Sunday, 25 February 2024	Sunday, 24 March 2024	Sunday, 26 May 2024
Parent/Guardian Information Session	-	6.30pm on Wednesday, 17 April 2024	6.30pm on Wednesday, 05 June 2024
Rite of Enrolment in Church during Mass	-	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 21 April 2024	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 09 June 2024
1 st Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	Only 1 workshop Saturday, 09 March 2024	Saturday, 27 April 2024	Saturday, 15 June 2024
2 nd Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	-	Saturday, 11 May 2024	Saturday, 13 July 2024
Rehearsal * Only for 1st Holy Eucharist, the rehearsal will be preceded by the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	-	9am Saturday, 18 May 2024	9am Saturday, 20 July 2024
DAY OF SACRAMENT	Saturday, 09 March 2024 (after the workshop)	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 25 May 2024	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 27 July 2024



2024 Lent & Holy Week Schedule



Liturgical Event	Day/Date	Time
Ash Wednesday	Wed, 14 Feb	9.00am & 7.00pm
Stations of the Cross (weekly)	Every Friday in Lent	7.00pm
Lenten Reflection by The Most Rev. Bishop Tim Norton SVD	Tue, 27 Feb.	6.00pm - 7.30pm
2nd Rite of Reconciliation	Fri. 15 Mar.	7pm onwards
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	Sat, 23 Mar	5.30pm
Palm Sunday Mass	Sun, 24 Mar	8.00am & 9.30am 4.00pm-Yarrabilba
Holy Thursday Mass	Thur, 28 Mar	7.00pm
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross	Fri, 29 Mar	10.00am
Good Friday Service		3.00pm
Easter Vigil Mass - to be followed by light refreshments; bring-a-plate concept	Sat, 30 Mar	7.00pm
Easter Sunday Mass - to be followed by light refreshments after both Masses; bring-a-plate concept	Sun, 31 Mar	9.00am - SMK 9.00am - Yarrabilba

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 Friday, 23rd February 2024. New members are welcome to join. Please contact Lawrence Auva'a: 0434763218 email.auvaalaw30@gmail.com

2024 Parish Lenten Talk

AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS
TO ATTEND OUR PARISH LENTEN TALK



"APPRECIATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND
PROMOTING CULTURAL INTEGRATION"

BY MOST REV. BISHOP TIM NORTON SVD

On Tuesday, 27th February 2024
From 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Please come along with your family and friends.

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick

We here at the Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe, as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane
**MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE AUSTRALIAN
PRIVACY PRINCIPLES.** Archdiocesan Website www.bne.catholic.net.au or www.kingstonmarsden.org.au

We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>