



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

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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

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

Weekend Mass Times

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| Saturday | 5.30pm |
| Sunday | 8.00am and 9.30am |

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 25 AUGUST 2024



In today's First Reading (Joshua 24:1-2; 15-18), Joshua challenges the Israelites at Shechem to make a choice of whom they wish to serve. By this convocation, we understand that God did not withhold the gift of free will from us even after the colossal disobedience of Adam and Eve (Gen.3:1-18). Joshua's declaration tells us about God's patience with us even when we are disobedient. Joshua's narrative here shows us that God cares about us (Psalm 27:10) and He desires our salvation

and gives us the opportunity to make reliable choices. In the passage, Joshua makes his own choice first before giving the people the opportunity to respond. We could say that Joshua led the people by a personal example, his choice reads, "as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!" (Joshua 24:15).

In the Second Reading (Eph.5:21-32), St. Paul extends the gospel of choice-making to the family. Love and submission are the choices we make, and there is no better foundation for choice-making than in our families. Marriage and family life would become what we choose to sow as seeds. When you sow love, you reap love, but if you sow hatred you reap it as a fruit and the same happens with submission. There is every truth in the saying that "you cannot eat your cake and have it." You cannot wish for a delightful family when you cannot add positive value. A good family is a choice you make jointly as members.

The same invitation to make a choice is open to us today. We are also invited to make responsible choices in the so-called free world as our choices determine our chances and the changes we experience in life. When Jesus Christ challenged the apostles to choose as the other people were leaving him and going back to their former way of life, Peter replying on behalf of others says, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life".

Change, like this reflection indicated earlier, is a consequence of choice-making. Our undue attachments to various ways of living often make it difficult for us to accept some new and helpful realities that life opens for us. Albert Einstein did define insanity as doing the same thing the same way all the time and expecting a different result.

We have come to the season of responsible choice-making. There is the need for us to remember that whenever we make a choice, we also choose the consequences. There are many options in life, but we need to go for the optimal option. What choice would you be making today in your personal life, in your family, in your relationship with others, and ultimately in your Christian life journey with God? Would you like Peter, and the others make the right, and responsible choice by sticking with the Lord who has the message of eternal life and without whom no option is tenable. Have a beautiful Sunday and a pleasant week ahead as you choose wisely and responsibly.

Reflected by Rev. Fr. Dr. Boniface Nkem Anusiem is a Catholic Priest, professional writer, dynamic and motivational speaker, charismatic preacher, and an erudite media and communication scholar, mentor, and consultant. Adapted from: <https://frbonnie.com/2018/08/25/the-power-of-choice-homily-for-the-21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b-rev-fr-boniface-n-anusiem-ph-d/>

Date Claimers

Mon. 2 Sept.: Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7pm.
Tue. 3 Sept. : Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

"God walks with His People" Pope Francis



25 AUGUST 2024

2pm, Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala

CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Mass will be followed by refreshments, cultural performances and activities for kids. All are invited to wear traditional attire.



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SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



For more information contact Liliana Ortiz at ortizl@bne.catholic.net.au

ROSTER SHEETS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2024

Roster sheets for the month of September and October 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.

Roster for the weekend of 31 Aug — 01 Sept. 2024

Mass Coordinators

31 Aug. 5.30pm - Rosemary Ordonez
01 Sept. 8.00am - Lele Faeteete
01 Sept. 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

31 Aug. 5.30pm - Beah Taulai & Sarah Wiss
01 Sept. 8.00am - Destiny D. & Deb Howkins
01 Sept. 9.30am - Tovia T. & Boyet D.

Communion Ministers

31 Aug. 5.30pm - Talafaia T., Patricia V., Paul Simpson.
01 Sept. 8.00am - Rachel M., Sala P., Korina Laban
01 Sept. 9.30am - Winnie K., Ron K., Tiitii T., Mary K.

Altar Servers

31 Aug. 5.30pm - John Paul and Andrew
01 Sept. 8.00am - John, May and Zaia
01 Sept. 9.30am - Abigail, Annabel and Alexander

Choirs

31 Aug. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
01 Sept. 8.00am - Congregation singing
01 Sept. 9.30am - Ekalesia choir

Counters : Christine L. & Noel

Cleaners : Ekalesia Group

Flowers : Evelyn, Nimfa, Olive and Tanya

Collection: Week-ending: 18 Aug 2024

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| Envelopes Received | : 42 |
| Amount from Contributions | : \$ 3,560.40 |
| Yarrabilba Mass Centre : | : \$ |
| TOTAL | : \$ 3,560.40 |
| Ekalesia Group Donation | : \$300.00 |

Twenty First Sunday in ordinary time : 25 August, 2021

First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33: 2-3, 16-23

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians : 5: 21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

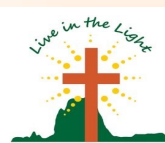
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:

You have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting



St Clare's
PRIMARY SCHOOL

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

25 Aug. & 1 Sept.

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, Alzira D'souza, Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse, 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, 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

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.

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 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



Join our Parish in participating in Maroon print Election Assembly alongside Catholic Justice and Peace Commission and other parishes across Archdiocese. On Tuesday 3 Sept. 6-8pm at St. John's Anglican Cathedral, 405 Ann St. Brisbane.

Together we can secure better outcomes for kids 0-5, connected communities, secure work, a fair climate transition, and more.



Please register by scanning QR code, or put your name on the list at the door.

Devett Kennedy 0467 563 796

Annual Catholic Campaign

Over this weekend of August 24 - 25 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

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.

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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.

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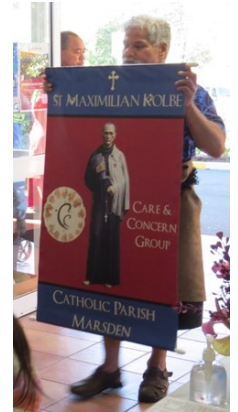
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CELEBRATE... CELEBRATE... CELEBRATE!



Last Sunday, 18th of August, our parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe had a threefold celebration.

Firstly, we celebrated Sunday mass where everyone gathers to thank and worship God as well as share in His heavenly meal. This is no ordinary mass as secondly, we celebrated and commemorated the Feast of the patron saint of our parish, St. Maximilian Kolbe. His actual feast day was on the 14th of August, but we chose to celebrate on a Sunday so more people can participate. Lastly, we celebrated cultural diversity in our parish.



To honour St. Maximilian Kolbe, his image was processed around the parking area up to the entrance procession of the mass. The readings, with the exception of the Gospel, were taken from his memorial. SMK choir with representatives from the different choir groups of the parish led the community singing during the mass. A song about his life was interpreted by the Youth ministry after Communion and bookmarks bearing his image with a short intercessory prayer were blessed and distributed to the congregation.



Also, to celebrate the different cultures in our parish, small flags of different nations were paraded by children at the beginning of the mass with the help of the Children and Families Ministries. The Gospel was acclaimed with special dancing and singing as the book was carried forward by the Samoan community. The intentions of the Prayers of the Faithful were translated and announced in different languages by multi-cultural representatives. The offertory gifts were presented with graceful dancing and cultural singing by the African community, including fruits that represent abundant harvest. After the mass, everyone shared and feasted on a sumptuous assortment of food showcased by the different cultural communities while enjoying delightful cultural song and dance

entertainment presented by talented members of our parish organised by the Community Life ministries.



We thank the organisers, the Parish Pastoral Council and the different parish ministries and groups who contributed to the success of this event. Above all, we thank everyone for their participation to **celebrate** as one family of God in worship and thanksgiving, to **celebrate** the life of God's faithful servant, St. Maximilian Kolbe, patron of our parish, and to **celebrate** our diversity and culture – though many, we are but One Body in One Lord.



God Bless Us All!
Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick