



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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

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3489 4800

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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 Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

Sunday Mass: 8.00am & 9.30am

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time : 3rd September 2023

Reflection...

This week, the Church calls us to rise above life’s many challenges, obstacles, and reluctances in order to offer ourselves wholly to Christ who himself resisted all obstacles and reluctances in order to offer himself as a living, holy and fitting sacrifice in order that we might be salvaged from death unto life.

In the first reading this Sunday, the prophet Jeremiah lamented in disappointment: “Lord you have deceived me” or “seduced,” and “overpowered me” He was saying, “God, I didn’t sign on for this! You told me it would be tough, but you did not tell me that it was going to be this tough!” God why are you doing this to me? What crime did I commit to deserve all this? Though Jeremiah resisted, yet he submitted to God: “...and I have let myself be seduced”. He was no longer in charge of himself, rather, the word of God burns like fire in him. The double edged sword of the Spirit (Eph 6, 10; Heb 4, 12) has pierced his heart and left a great burden on him. The Jeremiah who was very timid and did not know how to speak, is now a hammer in God’s hand. Sometimes we live under the assumption that if we do God’s will, we will be healthy, wealthy, and loved by all. But that’s not always true. Faithfulness to God at times brings sufferings, trials, disappointments, he allows us to experience horrific pains. However, in spite of all these, He blesses us and shields us.

In the second reading of today Paul employed the language of grace rather than that of law and power to beg us to offer ourselves wholly to God. It suffices to take note of the adjectives he employed in describing the type of sacrifice we ought to be, and offer to the Lord. He enumerates them thus: “living bodies”, “holy sacrifice” and “truly pleasing”. This means that the sacrifice we must offer of ourselves to God must not be a dead one like the sacrifice of Cain (Gen 4, 1-4), it must not be the type that has been corrupted by this mundane world and, it must be a sacrifice fitting for God. Offering ourselves to God as Paul puts it means a continuous exercise, every day and every time of our life.

The surrender of our will to Jesus is essential to a life of joy and victory. We are to hold nothing back, instead, we should simply say, “Jesus, I love you, and all I have is yours, do with me whatever you will.” Many of us hold back from surrendering all to Jesus because they fear that it will bring terrible consequences. Our actions seem to say: “I surrender some, instead of I surrender all to Jesus”. For us to yield wholly to Jesus, we must understand what the Will of God is. When we understand his will and yield to it, we become wonderful and amazing channels of God’s love, peace, charity, happiness and joy to those around us.

In the gospel of today, we see the irony of the human person playing out. The same Peter who proclaimed Christ as the Lord just last week is now being referred to as Satan. Why would Jesus speak to him so harshly, after extending the keys to the kingdom to Peter just a few verses before? The answer is simple: Peter does not yet understand that the mission of Jesus entails the act of the shepherd laying down and offering his life for his flock (John 10:11). Today “Peter and his advice” are the “obstacles” that Jesus had to overcome in order to offer himself wholly to God for our salvation. Peter did not realize the necessity of Christ’s death – that: “It was necessary for one man to die so the many will live”. Jesus resisted Peter and his suggestions. He refused to be distracted, but remained committed to His agreement with the Father about offering himself as a living, Holy and fitting sacrifice for the salvation of his brothers and sisters.

What lesson must we learn from Jesus today? We must not allow both internal and external obstacles and reluctances to prevent us from offering ourselves wholly to God. Instead, we must continue to echo with the Psalmist: **“O God, you are my God, for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry weary land without water!”**

Adapted in part from the reflection by Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.



Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to GOD—this is your true and proper worship.
Romans 12:1

Date Claimers

- Mon. 4 Sept** : Pastoral Council Meeting at 7.00pm
Tue. 5 Sept : The 1st Meeting of the new Liturgy Committee at 7.00pm
Wed. 6 Sept : Building Committee Meeting at 7.00pm
Sun. 10 Sept : Children & Families Team Meeting at 10.45am; those who wish to join this ministry are very welcome to attend!
Tue. 12 Sept : Healing Mass at 10.00am

ROSTER SHEETS

Roster sheets for the month of September & October 2023 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.

Thank you, Fr. Mikhael

Roster for the weekend of 9th – 10th September 2023

Mass Coordinators:

- 09 Sept. 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
10 Sept. 8.00am - Orlando Diente
10 Sept. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

Readers

- 09 Sept. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden
- Verity Madsen
10 Sept. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes
- Destiny D.
10 Sept. 9.30am - Mary Klerks
- Abel Budiono

Communion Ministers:

- 09 Sept. 5.30pm - Hazel McCarrick & Patricia Vasquez
10 Sept. 8.00am - Eseta Alosio & Rachel Matijasevic
10 Sept. 9.30am - Joy Wallace & Deb Howkins

Altar Servers:

- 09 Sept. 5.30pm - Saneth, Chagika & Pramudsth
10 Sept. 8.00am - Antonio & Andrew
10 Sept. 9.30am - Malachi, Talalei & Matilda

Choir:

- 09 Sept. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
10 Sept. 8.00am - St. Max Choir
10 Sept. 9.30am - Family Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele Faeteete

Cleaners : SMK Group, Suli, Lipine and Alekhi

Flowers : Rosary group

Collection: Week-ending 27 August 2023

Envelopes Received : 22
Amount from Contributions : \$2,035.65
Yarrabilba : \$ 60.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,095.65

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time: 3rd Sept. 2023

First Reading (Jeremiah 20: 7-9)

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9)

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading (Romans: 12: 1-2)

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called
Alleluia!

Gospel (Mathew 16: 21-27)

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass
will be held at 4.00pm on:

Sunday: 3rd Sept. and 10th Sept, 2023

Centre Location:

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

All are Welcome!



Please Pray for the Sick

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,
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, 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,
Coleen Goodwin, Mary Farrell, Eric Alfred, Austine Jonse,
Zakelyn Curtis. Michelle Williams and John Williams,
Cath Turner, Hilda D'Mello, Clara Archibald.



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, 8 September

Feast Day Masses: 9.00am and 7.00pm

Note: Our Parish Rosary group welcomes everyone to join in their feast day celebrations with light refreshments following the 9.00am Mass

There will be a special 5-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament;

held daily from 10.00am to 2.00pm on the following days/dates:

Fri. 1st Sept | Mon. 4th Sept | Tue. 5th Sept | Wed. 6th Sept | Thur. 7th Sept

Mary our Mother, our Father in Heaven created you with delight. You are His creature whom He made worthy to become the holy Mother of His Son. You were born into a family of Saints. Pray for us today that our joy in your Son will increase and that our family may become more holy. Loving Mother, on this feast of your birth, please pray for stronger and holier families.

Jesus our Lord and Master, please grant through Your mother's intercession that we may always bring Your Love, Your Peace and Your Mercy into our Family, Amen!

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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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 faith-forming, fun-filled and learning sessions.

For further information, parents/guardians can contact our Children's Liturgy Ministry Coordinator, **Tilesa Vaigafa (Ph No: 0434 570 123)**.

Happy
Father's Day



God our Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers in the world.

We pray for them so that they may find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We ask you for an ever-increasing faithful and generous love of fathers to their respective wives and children.

We ask you not only for their physical and material well-being, but also that they be authentic Christian fathers seeking holiness in the middle of the world so as to attain happiness here on earth and in heaven.

We pray for those whose children are lost, sick or are suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men, especially the priests and monks, who exercise their paternity in a spiritual way and guide others with fatherly concern and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Bless them and may they rest in peace.

Amen



SEASON OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 4

"...water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise."

Archbishop Oscar Romero

PRAY AND TAKE ACTION FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home, the *Oikos* of God.

The Season "Celebration" begins **September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends October 4**, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

Prophet Amos cries out: *"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"* (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

Biodiversity is being lost at a rate not seen since the last mass extinction. The futures of young people are threatened by the cascading impacts of the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate. The urgency grows and we must make visible peace with Earth and on Earth, at the same time that justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions.

Catholic Earthcare and the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission (CJPC), are hosting a Season of Creation with Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen, presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Parishes and community groups are encouraged to bring a jar of water (river, sea or rainwater) from their area to add to an Archdiocesan urn that will be blessed and used to bless the congregation. Mass will be followed by a free workshop in the Hanly Room (in the Francis Rush Centre) from 7pm to 8pm.

Saturday, 9th September 2023 @ 6:00pm Mass followed by discussion event @ Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites couples together with family and friends

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, 30th September 2023

Mass at 11:30am

followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel,
are also invited to attend with family and friends
to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral.



To register to attend the Mass
and for catering purposes please
RSVP: Friday 22nd September 2023
cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
3324 3030

If you have photos or stories to share
of your wedding at the Cathedral,
please contact David Todd.
email: toddd@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
by 1st September 2023

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 3 - 9 September 2023

God of all goodness, we hope in you. Inspire us to surround others with gentleness and love and empower us to build a world that no longer knows abuse and violence. Grant us courage to speak out and act when children need protection, care and shelter. We pray in Jesus' name.



Healing Mass

Tuesday, 12 Sept 2023

@ 10.00am

Followed by a luncheon to
celebrate Father's Day

All are warmly welcome to join us!

