



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.)

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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	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 08 Sept.2024

Our readings from the Gospel of Mark make us aware of the way in which this gospel makes use of material concerning the life of Jesus – perhaps supplied in part by the apostle Peter. While he allows the events to speak for themselves, Mark's presentation points to implications he wishes to emphasise. Today's reading concerns the healing of a deaf man with a speech impediment. While the healing and the wonder it provoked are described in detail, the fact that Jesus 'ordered them to tell no one' is again emphasised. Mark is maintaining a delicate balance: Jesus was truly a miraculous healer, but Mark wants those who hear the gospel to look beyond this fact to the nature of the mysterious mission Jesus has received from His Father, as the Messiah who 'must suffer'.

'Be opened!' These dramatic words of Jesus are the climax of the story. In Mark's text, the Galilean mission of Jesus has ended with rejection by those of his 'home town'. Mark begins his account of the cure by describing the strange route taken by Jesus - through pagan territories – probably pointing to the infant Church's mission to the gentiles and the openness with which that mission to preach the gospel truth was received. We too are invited to reflect upon the importance of openness, and to acknowledge the many ways in which we can be more open to God's call to the fullness of life. For Mark, life and joy will be found by those who become true disciples of the Crucified One, and so enter with him into his glory.

The second reading, from the Letter of James, brings this whole program down to earth. Let us be open and generous to those around us, and not imprisoned in our selfish outlooks, 'making distinctions between classes of people'. The teaching of James does not remain an abstraction. Who is not moved to reflect upon assumptions taken for granted, when confronted by the simple example of the 'beautifully dressed' person and the poor person 'in shabby clothes'? But for James this is more than a moral story; it is a story about discipleship – learning, in the company of Jesus, to identify with the ways of God: 'those who are poor according to the world God chose to be rich in faith and to be heirs to the kingdom'.

The first reading from Isaiah – describing the liberating ways of God – comes from the final pages of the first part of the Isaian tradition. It is taken from a passage that proclaims the magnificent future God has in store for Israel. The confidence of the Prophets expectations is amazing – in the continuation of the passage, he foresees God's people 'shouting for joy, their heads crowned with joy unending. We can rejoice, with James, that we know already the mysterious intimations of that future. We are challenged by the prophet's confidence, to become a Church giving the vital witness our troubled world needs, if that world to find hope by being 'open' to God's future.

Reflected by the late Fr. John Thornhill sm.

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



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY : SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

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

Date Claimers

Sun. 8 Sept.: Children and Families Ministry Team
Meeting at 10.35am in the meeting room
Tue. 10 Sept.: Healing Mass at 10am
Sat. 14 Sept.: Children and Families Ministry Picnic in
the Park from 11am-2pm.



Roster for the weekend of 14 Sept — 15 Sept . 2024

Mass Coordinators

14 Sept. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez
15 Sept. 8.00am - Orlando Diente
15 Sept. 9.30am - Tua Niumagumagu

Readers

14 Sept. 5.30pm - Abel Budiono & Verity Madsen
15 Sept. 8.00am - Lawrence Auva'a & Tamate Tumanovoa
15 Sept. 9.30am - Elenora Tufuga & Tiliola Niumagumagu

Communion Ministers

14 Sept. 5.30pm - Joshy S., Francesca O., & Sue M.
15 Sept. 8.00am - Lele F., Korina L., & Sala P.
15 Sept. 9.30am - Kelemete T., Tala T., Tiitii T., Elisapeta T.

Altar Servers

14 Sept. 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel and Alexander
15 Sept. 8.00am - John Paul and Andrew
15 Sept. 9.30am - Salvius, Noa, and Zaia

Choirs

14 Sept. 5.30pm - Trinity Choir
15 Sept. 8.00am - St. Peter the Rock Choir
15 Sept. 9.30am - Filipino choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Vaigafa family and Diana Mulcahy

Flowers : Suli and Lipine

Collection: Week-ending: 01 Sept. 2024

Envelopes Received	: 33
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,395.45
Yarrabilba Mass Centre :	: \$ 257.65

TOTAL	: \$ 2,653.10

A Catholic Mental Wellbeing morning is held weekly on a Wednesday morning at 58 Morgan Street, The Valley. Participants who would enjoy a morning of companionship, reflection and prayer, and to celebrate Mass followed by a light lunch are most welcome to attend. For more details please contact Judy Norris Ph 3324 3193 or email

judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

Twenty Third Sunday in ordinary time : 08 Sept, 2024

First Reading: *Isaiah 35: 4-7*

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 145: 7-10*

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: *James 2: 1-5*

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Mark 7: 31-37*

He makes the deaf hear the dumb speak.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

8 Sept. & 15 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 Pietkiewicz, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef W. Carroll, Daisy A. Thomas, Eric Alfred John Engberg, Coleen Goodwin, Austine Jonse, Zakelyn Curtis, 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, Paxson Swerling.



2024
**SEASON OF
CREATION**

Join us for Mass

**6pm Saturday 14
September**

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane



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.

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



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*

SMK CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY PICNIC IN THE PARK

When: Saturday 14/9/24

Time: 11am-2pm

**Where: Riverdale Park,
Armstrong Road,**

Meadowbrook QLD 4131



What to bring: **BYO Picnic Lunch, Sunblock, a Hat and Suitable Footwear**

Requirements: **Children need to be accompanied and cared for by a parent/guardian**

Respect at Work and Other Matters Bill

The Queensland Government have released a bill that threatens our ability to say and teach what we believe.

The "Respect at Work" bill creates a ban on "hateful" speech that could include a wide range of religious teaching. It also empowers the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner to investigate churches and other faith groups to ensure compliance.

Faith leaders have told the Government what is wrong with the bill, but have been ignored.

The most important thing you can do is to write to your local MP and tell them you are concerned about the bill.

A website has been launched by the combined heads of faith to make it easy for you to learn more about the bill and write to your MP.

Please take 5 minutes to write to your MP today.

<https://contactyourmp.org.au/qld>



SOCIETY OF THE DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES FOUNDATION DAY: 8 SEPTEMBER

On 8th September 1875, St. Arnold Janssen opened a Mission House in Steyl, Holland in order to train priests and seminarians to become foreign missionaries particularly for China. It is in the founding of this simple house just across the border from Germany that it would later become known as the foundation of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), a religious congregation of priests and Brothers dedicated to spreading the Word of God throughout the world. Today there are about 6,000 Divine Word Missionary priests, lay brothers and seminarians working in more than seventy countries all over the world. Here in Australia Province, we are working in the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and the Northern Territory. We are also working in New Zealand, Thailand and Myanmar as part of the Province. As we celebrate our 146th Foundation Day, we continue to pray for more vocations as the harvest is plenty, but the labourers are always few.

Heartiest Congratulations to Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Nick on the 149th Foundation Day of The Divine Word Missionaries. May God Continue to prosper the works of the Mission in this region and through out the world. May He pour out his choicest blessings on ALL missionaries as they serve His Divine Purpose. Amen.

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Ministry Focus CITIZENS OF CHRIST YOUTH GROUP



Catholic youth play a vital role in the Church's future. Growing in love and relationship with God involves prayer, participation in the sacraments, studying Scripture, and actively serving others. Building a strong faith community and seeking guidance from mentors also deepens spiritual growth.

CITIZENS OF CHRIST
YOUTH GROUP

CAR WASH

\$15 CAR

\$20 UTES/VANS

(CASH ONLY)

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

\$3 EACH

DRINKS

\$2 EACH

SATURDAY

7 SEPTEMBER 2024

9AM - 12:30PM

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26-38 MACARTHY RD,
MARSDEN 4132

Our Prayer

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

Help us all to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 8 SEP 2024

"Every conversation matters"



catholic.au/s/article/safeguarding-sunday-2024

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
1 - 7 September 2024



The word liturgy comes from the Greek word "**leitourgia**" which is a combination of two other Greek words: **laos** = people, and **ergon** = work. Therefore, **liturgy** is literally "the work of the people". For the church, liturgy means the sacred rites in general, and the Eucharistic celebration in particular.

The Constitution on Sacred Liturgy states that "Mother Church earnestly desires that **all the faithful should be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations**" (#14) and that "**through a good understanding of the rites and prayers, they should take part in the sacred actions, conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration**" (#48).

In light of this, we wish to increase the congregation's understanding of the liturgical celebrations, specifically the Holy Mass, by introducing "Liturgy Notes" in our newsletter every week. Using this platform, we will have a chance to learn more about the rites and prayers, as well as the signs and symbols within this sacred celebration.

We hope that through this initiative, all of us will develop a deeper love and appreciation for the Eucharist to have a more meaningful worship of the Triune God.

We continue to pray for God's blessing as we take another step towards spiritual enrichment!

- Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick, and the Liturgy Team