



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

We, the Marsden Catholic Church Parishioners, respectfully acknowledge and honour the Aboriginal peoples from the Yagara and Yugambah language groups, who originally inhabit Logan, as the traditional custodians of the land of this Parish, together with the Torres Strait Islander people. We acknowledge their Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

Parish Contacts

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Liturgy Ministries

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Shanna Kelemete

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Adult Faith Formation Ministries

Alfred Gomez

Outreach Ministry

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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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 15 Sept.2024



Reflection

Today's reading from Mark is the climax to which his presentation of the life of Jesus to this point has been leading. The mission of Jesus has been rejected and misunderstood. It is essential to God's designs that the disciples of Jesus do not misunderstand the mission that has brought the Son forth from

the Father to bring healing to a lost world.

The 'who' question is central to our human existence: 'Who are you, my companion on the journey of life?' 'Who am I?' These questions, if we face their implications, confront us with the depths and mystery of our common humanity. Jesus called himself, 'the Son of Man', a title that affirmed His sharing in our human condition. When the 'who' question is addressed to him we find not only the mysterious depths of our common humanity, but also the mystery of the generous designs of God, conceived with the Son and the Holy Spirit, in the depths of the Divine Eternity. Discipleship is learning, in the course of our lives, the answer to the 'who' question we address to the Saviour - who has made Himself our ever-present companion. Like Peter, we shall find that we are forced to re-evaluate our most basic assumptions in the light of the ways of God we learn from Jesus.

Jesus is 'the Christ', the Messiah in whom Israel's hopes are centred. He begins to teach His disciples 'quite openly' what lay ahead of them in Jerusalem. He is not the political Saviour so ardently hoped for in popular expectations: the 'Son of Man' will be 'rejected' - 'put to death' even. Peter's brave act of faith must be further clarified. Mark's gospel does not spare Peter - perhaps because this community has already heard of Peter's humiliations from Peter himself. Jesus addresses Peter as 'Satan', obstructing God's plan. That plan, Jesus explains, has been foreshadowed in two themes of Israel's hopes, the 'Suffering Servant' (see Is 52-53 etc - the first reading is one of the descriptions of the 'Servant') and the 'Son of Man' (Dan 7). Both of these themes envisage a mysterious personage who will fulfil the destiny of Israel - the first bringing healing for the world's self-inflicted suffering by sharing in that suffering Himself; the other bringing all peoples together under the beneficent reign of God's Ways.

Jesus emphatically spells out the demands of discipleship: sharing in His responsibility for the human family, even if it means sharing His 'Cross'; living 'for the sake of the gospel', the Good News of the generous future God has in store for struggling humanity.

Once again, the reading from James speaks in very practical terms. His discussion of 'faith', that is 'quite dead' if it has no 'good works' to show, is familiar. It is possible that James is responding to a self-serving misinterpretation of Paul's teaching that 'we are justified by faith'. True discipleship, as Jesus reminds Peter, proves itself in a generosity that has been learned in the presence of the Crucified Saviour.

Reflected by the late Fr. John Thornhill sm.

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

Date Claimers

There is no morning Mass from Tuesday 24 September to Friday 27th September 2024 as both the priests are on retreat.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass



To be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends

**Saturday 28th September 2024
11:30am**

RSVP: Wednesday 25 September
Email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au | Phone: 3324 3030
The Cathedral car park will be available

Twenty Fourth Sunday in ordinary time : 15 Sept, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 114: 1-6, 8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 2: 14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, Which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

You are the Christ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

15 Sept. & 22 Sept.

Centre Location:

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

Roster for the weekend of 21 Sept — 22 Sept . 2024

Mass Coordinators

21 Sept. 5.30pm - Christine Lapalapa
22 Sept. 8.00am - Ron Klerks
22 Sept. 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

21 Sept. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowen & Rylie Lapalapa
22 Sept. 8.00am - Angela Joseph & Buxton Thomas
22 Sept. 9.30am - Millie Petelo & Manuel Taufina'au

Communion Ministers

21 Sept. 5.30pm - Paul Simpson, Joshy Scaria, Sue McKeown
22 Sept. 8.00am - Eseta Alosio, Mary Klerks, Josephine Thomas
22 Sept. 9.30am - Violeta N & Tuala P, Tua N., Alfred Gomez

Altar Servers

21 Sept. 5.30pm - Saneth, Chagika, Pramudsth
22 Sept. 8.00am - Malachi, Talalei, Matilda
22 Sept. 9.30am - Jazmine, Tezaree & Noa

Choirs

21 Sept. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
22 Sept. 8.00am - Congregation singing
22 Sept. 9.30am - Divine Mercy choir

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

Flowers : Agnes

Collection: Week-ending: 08 Sept. 2024

Envelopes Received	: 32
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,099.50
Yarrabilba Mass Centre :	: \$ 159.20

TOTAL	: \$ 2,258.70

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



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, 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.



*In loving memory of
Shannon Louise Fay Fitzsimmons
who entered eternal life on
Sunday, 8 Sept. 2024*

**Beloved daughter of
Tom and Shirley Fitzsimmons,
our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) member.**

As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Tom and everyone in the family as we share in your loss and uphold all of you in our prayers at this time of sadness and grief.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in sublime peace, Amen

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**

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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.



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Join with the global Christian community in praying during the Season of Creation for the gift of hope and the courage to take action for the wellbeing of the whole Earth community.

**Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Catholic Church
(70 Appleby Road, Stafford 4053)**

Saturday, 28th September 2024 at 9.30am

You can also catch up with like-minded persons over a cuppa –

Bring your family and friends!

RSVP on or before Thursday, 26 September

Phone 3356 7155

Email stafford@bne.catholic.net.au

**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



"Come," he said.
Matthew 14:29

**Faith Foundations short course
for parish communities**

If you've wondered, What's next? Or are looking for new ways to share, experience and learn about your faith with others – this is your chance to dip a toe in the water.

This online course comprises six fortnightly workshops, conducted in real time so there's plenty of opportunity for questions, discussion and connection. All from the convenience of home. Whether this is your first experience with faith formation, or a part of your ongoing education journey, you will enjoy the contemporary approaches of our qualified teachers, lively discussion, and the opportunity to follow up with personal reading and videos that will expand your understanding of the Bible, should you wish.

Is this course for me?

The course is designed to cater for a range of learners, from those who are new to reading the Scriptures and for those ready to take the next step and dig deeper.

What will I learn?

Through the workshop series we will delve into the intricate nature and content of the Bible, examining essential themes and topics. Together we will explore the divine inspiration behind this sacred text and unravel its significance for Christians.

Where can it take me?

The course is designed to help you extend your own personal faith experience. The knowledge and insights you gather can also be applied in the context of a parish or other Catholic ministry. Or, you may choose to build on this course, which can also be completed with assessment to gain a nationally accredited qualification: 11238NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology offered by Institute of Faith Education (National Provider No. 31402). Talk to us for more information!

Sign me up!

We are pleased to offer this course at the nominal fee of just \$40. This is a one-time offer made possible with funding secured through the Catholic Foundation Annual Grants Program.

Participants will need a computer with internet connection and preferably, a camera to participate in small group workshops.

Contact us to enrol: call 3324 3485 visit ife.qld.edu.au/parish or email ife@bne.catholic.net.au
IFE is an agency of the Archdiocese of Brisbane delivering formation since 1976.

“Our Parish, Alive.”

Dear Parishioners,

Many of you now fall into the category of semi or fully retired people. And there are times, when you may find, that time weighs heavily on your shoulders, that you often feel that there is still something else that you would like to do, to achieve, to make better



use of your many God-given talents. Saint Augustine gives us a clue, as to what is the cause of our ceaselessly wanting to achieve something new, our endless restlessness: *“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”* Our lives have been full of successes, but also of many good byes, and now, what is there left to satisfy our yearnings?

It is all about Spirituality. Plato lays out a broad spirituality, when he says that *‘we are on fire, our souls come from beyond, the soul through its longing and hope creates fire in us and draws us back towards itself.’*

Finding something to do is the answer to our restlessness, at least until we rest in God. So, what I am suggesting is that you seriously consider, the possibility of using your God-given gifts in the service of others, who are often much less fortunate than you are.

There are many Ministries active in our Parish, that you may be interested in and learning more details of the wonderful group of people who for the most part are quite invisible in the ways that they bring joy, support and help to our Parish.

One of such Ministries is the “Care and Concern group”. Currently this small group of women and men, dedicate their time to bring the great benefits of the Mass of anointing to a large number of elderly Parishioners once a month; they also organise a time of gathering together, those in this group who enjoy the meal, raffles, songs and conviviality of each other after the Mass.

Currently the members of this special ministry are becoming fewer and they are at times struggling to bring happiness, togetherness, and support to the elderly. They need more members to lessen the load and to better facilitate the running of this invaluable service of our Marsden Parish.

I suggest that you seriously consider joining this once a month group; that you offer your service and energy to this wonderful ministry; and I am sure you will be delighted to receive much more than you can give.

Contact Fathers Michael or Nick for more information.



ENTERING THE HOUSE OF GOD

Do you immediately look for a place to sit when you enter the church?

Customarily, we Catholics make the sign of the cross when we enter the church. If there is a holy water font (also known as *stoup*), we dip our fingers into the holy water before signing ourselves with a cross. This gesture reminds us of our baptism and that we are entering a sacred place.



We then turn towards the tabernacle and *genuflect*, i.e. bending one knee to the ground, in adoration of Jesus who is truly present in the consecrated bread reserved inside the tabernacle. If for any health or other reasons, one is unable to genuflect, then make a profound bow (deep bow from the waist).

So next time you enter the church, make the sign of the cross and greet Jesus before finding your seat.

May God bless us all!

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