



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

Kingston-Marsden-Loganlea-Crestmead-Waterford-Logan Reserve-Yarrabilba
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest

Fr. Mikhael Loke SVD 38030862
(Away from Tue. 19th till Sun, 1st Oct)

Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD 38030862
(Away till 23rd Sept.)

Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

Ron Klerks (0411 057 611)
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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

William Barncastle

Children & Families Ministries and Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells (0400 014 042)

Community Life Ministries

Lele Faaeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

Adult Faith Formation Ministries

Adeline Barncastle (0406 675 758)

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
Mr. Michael McInerney (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 Vigil Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday Mass: 8.00am & 9.30am

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time : 17 September 2023

Reflection...

The central message of today's first and gospel readings is that forgiveness is a very important element of reconciliation, and our Christian belief.

The first reading reminds us that for our prayer to be answered, we must forgive others. Second, it reminds us that we are all sinners, and therefore we are all in need of God's forgiveness. So, for us to be forgiven, we must first forgive others. Therefore, Prophet Sirach urges us: "Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does to you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven."

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of something very important. "The life and death of each of us has its influence on the other." Also, our ability to forgive has a great influence on the other, as well as, on ourselves. Hence, it is important to note that, forgiveness has a double effect. It is a single dose medicine that cures one or many persons at the same time. It liberates the one who is forgiven, as well as, heals the one who forgives.

In the gospel, Christ takes forgiveness to a different and practical level. This unfolds in the dialogue between Peter and Christ. Peter asked a theoretical question: "How many times must I forgive my brother?" Jesus answered him in the most practical way: "seventy-seven times." Christ's response, simply reminds us that Christian forgiveness does not have limits. We must forgive all, always and forever as the prayer of Sant Francisco of Assis says: "Wherever there is injury (offence or hurt), forgiveness."

Jesus tells us to forgive all, and forever. What does it mean to forgive all and forever? First, it does not mean: "I forgive you, but we must go our separate ways," or "I forgive you, but I do not want to see you again in my life," or "I forgive you, but I will not forget." It means something much deeper. It means to restore unity, to believe that it is possible to walk together towards a common goal.

It is important to add that, sometimes, one equally needs to forgive oneself for the faults committed against self. Endless grieving or guilty conscience because of one's mistakes in life, reduces one's quality of life. It hinders both spiritual and material progress. So, we must forgive ourselves too, in order to continue living in peace with ourselves.

Finally, he who forgives acts like Christ. So, this weekend, let our prayer be: "Forgive us our offences, as we forgive those who offend us," let us ask God to help us to be true to these words, by living them practically.

Be kind to one another,
tender-hearted,
forgiving each other,
just as God in Christ
also has forgiven you.

-Ephesians 4:32



On behalf of all Parishioners of the parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe, we warmly welcome

Fr. Firminus Wiryono (Yon), SVD

Thank you for kindly helping to provide pastoral care of our Parish during our absence i.e from **Tuesday, 19th to Sunday, 24th September 2023**

Fr. Mikhael Loke & Fr. Nick de Groot

Reflection adapted in part from homily of:

Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp;

a Catholic Priest from the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans).

<https://frcanicenjoku.com>
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Date Claimers

22 Oct 2023 : Australian Children's Day Mass @ 9.30am:

This Mass will be animated by children (aged 5 & above). Participation is encouraged; please contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator: Tiresa. Rehearsal is planned for Sat. 21 Oct @ 10am.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING / REFERESHER SCHEDULE FOR NEW & CURRENT READERS & COMMUNION MINISTERS

New Readers (less than 2 years experience) : Saturday, 7th Oct 2023 @ 10.30am

Current Readers (2+ years experience & more) : Friday, 13th Oct 2023 @ 7.00pm

Communion Ministers (two options for training; choose either one that suits)

1st Option : Saturday, 30th September 2023 @ 10.30am

2nd Option : Saturday, 14th October 2023 @ 10.30am

To be rostered from November 2023 onwards, the respective ministers should attend the above training and sign-off on the Parish register of volunteers. Those without any particular volunteer document (i.e Blue Card, Police Check, etc), please contact the Parish Office for assistance.

Roster for the weekend of 23rd – 24th September 2023

Mass Coordinators:

23 Sept. 5.30pm - William Barncastle
24 Sept. 8.00am - Ron Klerks
24 Sept. 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

23 Sept. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez
- Adeline Barncastle
24 Sept. 8.00am - Buxton Thomas
- Rachel Matijasevic
24 Sept. 9.30am - Flower Donohue
- Elenora Tufuga

Communion Ministers:

23 Sept. 5.30pm - Wilda Fernandes & Sue McKeown
24 Sept. 8.00am - Josephine Thomas & Mary Klerks
24 Sept. 9.30am - Doris Deurloo & Violette Ndikuriyo

Altar Servers:

23 Sept. 5.30pm - Saneth, Chagika & Pramudsth
24 Sept. 8.00am - John, May & Ruby
24 Sept. 9.30am - Antonio & Andrew

Choir:

23 Sept. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
24 Sept. 8.00am - African Choir
24 Sept. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

Flowers : Suli

Collection: Week-ending 10th September 2023

Envelopes Received : 30
Amount from Contributions : \$2,106.35
Yarrabilba : \$ 93.30

TOTAL : \$2,199.65

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24th Sunday In Ordinary Time: 24 Sept. 2023

First Reading - Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps. 102:1-4, 9-12

**The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion**

Second Reading - Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.**

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

**St Clare's
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass
will be held at 4.00pm on:

Sunday: 17th and 24th 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, 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
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, Debbie Bidgood, Mercy Edison.

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.

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 parish events during the year.



Our next Kolbe Youth Gathering will be at 6.00pm on Friday, 29th September 2023

PARISH HALL RENTAL INFORMATION

The hourly rental rate of our Parish Hall had been revised to **\$75 per hour** (effective Jan 2023). This is to cater for the rising costs of utilities which makes it rather necessary for the Parish to financially sustain the use of this space.

This would apply to **ALL** renters; both individuals & groups. Please note that the Hall fee above is a fixed amount payable at the hourly rate; 'donations' do not count as a Hall fee. Also, Hall fees **do not apply** to all meetings held in relation to Parish events/matters).

All Renters are required to pay a refundable **deposit of \$150** upon booking of the hall at the Parish Office. This amount will be refunded to renters upon verification that the use of the hall had completely satisfied all conditions stated in the booking form/agreement. Also, a **\$50 cleaning fee** is applicable to renters who do not intend to do the cleaning and removing of all waste material after their use of the Hall; this amount is also payable upon booking of the Hall. Thank you for your understanding.

Fr. Mikhael Loke, SVD

WELCOME . ACCEPTANCE . PREPARATION . CONVERSION . DISCERNMENT

Becoming Catholic

COMMITMENT . PROFESSION . COMMUNION . WITNESS . MISSION

THE JOURNEY TO CHRISTIAN INITIATION WITH THE ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY – MARSDEN, QLD

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the pathway of preparation for those who desire to become Catholic and be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. It resembles the journey those in the early church undertook in preparation to be baptised and received into the Catholic faith.

The RCIA is not a program, but rather a process of ongoing conversion to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ towards spiritual maturity as a missionary disciple in the Church. Dedication to the process involves individual spiritual formation and preparation, investigation and discernment of the Catholic faith, and moments of public commitment to one's pursuit of holiness.

This pathway is designed for those who are unbaptized or coming from another religion, baptised Christians who are seeking to become Catholic, and baptised Catholics who desire to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (i.e Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation).

If you or someone you know are keen to begin your journey of discovery in the Catholic faith, please call our Parish Office to register your interest and provide your contact information. Our Parish Office email is: marsden@bne.catholic.net.au and our contact number is **3803 0862**



There will be no Children's Liturgy during the school holidays (16th Sept – 24th Sept). Sessions will re-commence on **Sunday, 1st Oct 2023**. Sessions will usually be held at the Parish Hall at **9.30am every Sunday**. We are also seeking volunteers to help in our Children's Liturgy every Sunday. You would need to have a blue card (if you don't have one, the Parish can assist to help you apply for one).

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

For further information, parents or guardians can contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Tiresa Vaigafa - 0434570123.

Prayer for those affected by Natural Disasters Currently happening around the World

As we mourn the death and destruction brought about by a number of natural disasters around the world at this time.

Lord, in your infinite mercy, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

We hold in our hearts those who are injured, and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.

Lord, in your infinite mercy, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster. Grant those affected, the courage and resilience, as they rebuild their lives and communities.

Lord, in your infinite mercy, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Inspire us to unite in solidarity, acting swiftly and generously, so that help may reach all who need it.

Lord, in your infinite mercy, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown. How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood. Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future. These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country. We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination. We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.



REMINDER

Parents and/or Guardians, kindly mind your children whilst within the premises of the Church especially during services. This is to help us to maintain a sacred-space within our parish grounds and to ensure the safety and comfort of all present during and after worship.

Thank you,
Fr. Mikhael Loke

FEAST OF

St. Matthew

APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Heavenly Father, just as Saint Matthew made the right decision at the right time and so changed his life and the lives of millions of others who had come to know our Lord Jesus Christ because of him; Help us to recognize when a pivot point arrives in our own life, at which point you are calling us to change direction! ...Help us, merciful God, to choose that direction well. Amen!

21 September

St. Matthew, Pray for Us!



MULTICULTURAL MASS

"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay" POPE FRANCIS



Sunday, 24 Sept 2023

Mass at 2:30pm
followed by
refreshments &
and performances

St Stephen's Cathedral,
249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane City



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