



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

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Fr. Mikhael Loke SVD 38030862

(Away till 1st Oct)

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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

William Barncastle

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Lele Faaeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

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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 McNerney (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

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time : 24 September 2023

Reflection...

This Sunday, we reflect on the perfect, unchanging and immeasurable love of God. This love is far beyond any human standard. Hence, we are invited to think about how we can strive to emulate this love.

In the first reading, Isaiah invites us to *"Seek the Lord while he is to be found; call to him while he is near, and let the wicked man abandon his way...!"* In this reading, we see a God who expresses his love for his people. We also, see a God who in spite of our infidelity, continues to search for us. A God, who cares and is ready to welcome us.

In the second reading, Paul expresses the love he has for God and for the Gospel. As Christians, often times, we are pulled in two directions. We all want to go to heaven, yet this life still appeals to us. Paul had the same mixed feelings too. Although he believed he would soon be released from prison, he knew that he could fall victim to Nero's sword. This created a conflict in him. He longed to be with Christ, for that would be much better. However, he also wanted to live, because of his love for his brothers and children in faith.

Hence, Paul's answer to life's most profound dilemma is, *"to live, is Christ, and to die, is gain."* Love for Christ, the good news, and for our brethren must motivate all our actions. It must be the source of our strength. Through this, dying or living for God, or for our brethren will no longer be a tragedy for us. Rather, it would be a witness to the gospel. It would become an expression of our love for others. Paul sums up his reflection with the following instruction: *"Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ."*

In the gospel, Christ presents to us with a dilemma. How could the employer pay everyone the same amount? It was difficult for the earlier (or first) group of workers to understand just as it would be for most of us today. The key to understanding the action of the owner of the vineyard in this parable, is in the first reading of today. God reminds us that: *"My thoughts are not your thought, and my ways are not your ways."* What we see in action in the gospel today, is simply the justice of God. His justice is governed by his generosity and unconditional love for all. His action towards the last group of workers shows that he is not acting in accordance with strict justice, or economics.

Rather, he is motivated by love and generosity towards all that responds to his invitation. To all of us, he has extended the same unmerited invitation. To all, he will pay the same wage because his love is unconditional. His reward does not depend on when he called anyone, but on his generous, and unimaginable love for all.

What counts in God's vineyard is not years of service, but diligence of heart as a chosen one. Everyone, no matter when they come in, are equally precious to God. Therefore, God's reward for all in His kingdom, is simply His grace that is extended to all those who responded faithfully to His divine invitation.

Finally, what matters is that the Lord is close to all who respond to his invitation. It does not matter how and when. His love is for all.

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/2017/09/19/homily-for-25th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-a->

"Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is Love... So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is Love, and whoever abides in Love abides in God, and God abides in him"

1 John 4:8,16



Date Claimers

30.09.2023 Liturgy Training/Refresher for all new & current Communion Ministers at 10.30am; if you miss this date, there will **only one other training date for this year i.e on Sat. 14 Oct @ 10.30am**; please attend either training date, if you wish to serve in this capacity from November 2023 onwards.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING / REFRESHER 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 30th Sept - 1st Oct 2023

Mass Coordinators:

30 Sept. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden
01 Oct. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes
01 Oct. 9.30am - Kelemete Tito

Readers

30 Sept. 5.30pm - Malcolm D'souza
- Sara Wiss
01 Oct. 8.00am - Marcia Canty
- Boyet Domingo
01 Oct. 9.30am - Tamate Tumanuvao
- Ron Klerks

Communion Ministers:

30 Sept. 5.30pm - Paul & Wendy Simpson
01 Oct. 8.00am - Rachel Matijasevic & Korina Laban
01 Oct. 9.30am - Winnie Kepu & Filomena Tuiafiso

Altar Servers:

30 Sept. 5.30pm - Jazmine & Tezaree
01 Oct. 8.00am - Salvius & Parfait
01 Oct. 9.30am - Malachi, Talalei & Matilda

Choir:

30 Sept. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
01 Oct. 8.00am - Congregation
01 Oct. 9.30am - Ekelesia Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa & Noel Swindells

Cleaners : Ekalesia Group

Flowers : Suli

Collection: Week-ending 17th September 2023

Envelopes Received : 32
Amount from Contributions : \$2,108-55
Yarrabilba : \$ 51-20

TOTAL : **\$2,159-75**

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time: 24th Sept 2023

First Reading - Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps. 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading - Philippians 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.**

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass
will be held at **4.00pm** on:

Sunday: 24th and 1st Oct, 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
Pietkiewicz, 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.

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**

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



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 - 0434570 123.



Feast of
Archangels
MICHAEL • GABRIEL • RAPHAEL
29 September

Oh Heavenly Father, you have given us the powerful Archangels St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael, to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth. Your celestial messengers, the archangels fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all your chosen ones. St Michael, the protector of all humanity, has saved us and protected us from the snares of the devil. St Gabriel announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. St Raphael is the archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey and aids in healing and recovery of our bodies and spirits. As we celebrate the feast of these pure, spiritual and immortal beings, the highest in the order of the multitude of angels, we implore St. Michael our protector; to aid and fight for all our loved ones and protect us from danger. We ask St. Gabriel, the messenger of the Good News, to help us clearly hear Your voice and to teach us the truth. St. Raphael, the healing angel, we ask to help us lift up our petitions for healing to Your throne of grace and deliver back to us the gift of recovery. Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of the powerful Archangels and their desire to serve us. **Holy Archangels, St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael, surround us with your protection and pray for our special needs as we journey towards the heavenly Kingdom which is filled with the voices of praise and worship of our Glorious God by the vast choirs of angels.**



CHILDREN'S Ministry

We will be organising our
Australian Children's Day Mass
on Sunday, 22nd October 2023
at 9.30am;

followed by Morning Tea*

* please bring a plate to share, thank you!

All parents and/or guardians of children across all age groups are highly encouraged to bring their children (including Youth) to this Mass for a very special celebration. We also encourage as many of your children to participate as readers, Choir members and offertory bearers (training will be provided).

*Please see our Children's Ministry Coordinators,
Tiresa Vaigafa or Helen Swindells.*

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 & 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

Lord Jesus,
Your ways are higher
than my ways.
Your thoughts are
higher than my
thoughts.
**Without You, I am
blind to what really
matters.**
Open up my eyes and
my heart to Your
perspective today!
**I am open to all Your
plans for me. You are
my good God!**

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



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