



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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

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William Barncastle

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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 (after Eucharistic Adoration)	7.00pm
Saturday	8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm
Sunday Mass: 8.00am & 9.30am

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time : 1st October 2023

Reflection...

Sin is always a violation of God's commandments. It practically means saying no to God. In our Gospel today, we hear about the parable of the two sons who disobeyed their father. The first son said 'no', but later decided to obey his father. The second son said 'yes', but did not do what his father told him to do. In effect, it was also a 'no'. Both of them offended their father. The 'yes' of the second son, though it initially pleased the father, was rendered meaningless by his disobedience. The 'no' of the first son hurt the father, but his subsequent repentance and obedience made the father happy in the end.

Ultimately, it is not the words that really matter but the deed. Jesus said: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (Mt 7:21). "Actions speak louder than words." In fact, there is no need for words when there are actions. So, when we do not do what we say, as in the case of the second son, our words lose credibility. Hence, it can be said: "Your actions are too loud that I cannot hear your words."

The parable of Jesus this Sunday was intended for the religious leaders of Israel in his time, particularly the Pharisees. In their smug complacency, they believe they are assured of entrance into heaven. But Jesus told them: "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you" (Mt 21:31). They are the religious leaders who have clearly expressed their 'yes' to God. But based on their behaviour and attitude, their hypocrisy and pride, their lack of concern for the people and their double-standard lifestyle, they have actually disobeyed God's will and commands. They are like the second son in the parable.

On the other hand, the tax collectors, prostitutes and other public sinners can be like the first son. They said 'no' to God, but eventually, they listened to the teachings of Jesus, and reformed their lives. This is what the prophet Ezekiel pointed out in the first reading: "But if the wicked turn from the wickedness they did and do what is right and just, they shall save their lives; since they turned away from all the sins they committed, he shall live; they shall not die" (Ez 18:27-28).

Between the two sons, which of them should we follow? The answer comes from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians: we follow neither the first son, nor the second son. Rather, we follow the third son: the one who said "yes" and obeyed the will of the heavenly Father even unto death. He is Jesus Christ. So, St. Paul exhorts us: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:5).

Being a Christian is an infinitely great privilege and honour for us. We become God's children and inheritors of the heavenly kingdom. But being a Christian does not consist only of receiving honour and privileges. It has also its corresponding duties and responsibilities, and these are fulfilled not by talking but by doing, not by words but by action.

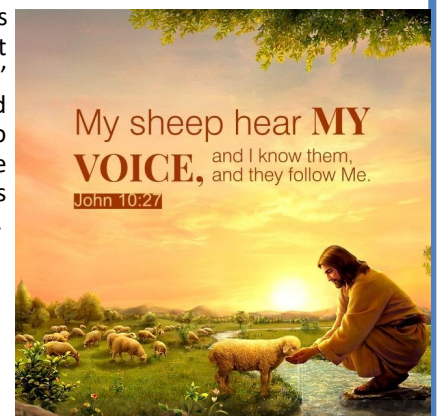
In baptism, we all said our 'yes' to God. Every time we come to church, we dip our fingers in the holy water and make the sign of the cross on ourselves. This we do as a renewal of our 'yes' to God in baptism. But that is not enough. In fact, it is meaningless if we do not support it with actions. Let us make sure our 'yes' to God is seen in our actions, behaviour and obedience to His commands. And this we have to do every day for the rest of our lives. Then we become like the third son, Jesus Christ, who was obedient to the Father even to death on the cross.

Reflection adapted in part from homily of:

Rev. Fr. Miguelito G. Lagrimas, Priest

- Diocese of Novaliches, Philippines

<https://justmehomely.wordpress.com/2020/09/27/twenty-sixth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-a-19/>



Date Claimers

Sat. 30 Sept Liturgy Training/Refresher for all new and 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.

Mon. 02 Oct Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7pm

Tue. 03 Oct Liturgy Committee Meeting @ 7pm

Fri. 06 Oct Eucharistic Adoration @ 6.30pm; followed by Mass @ 7pm

Sat. 07 Oct Liturgy Training for **New Readers** @ 10.30am

** This training session is specifically for those who have less than 2 years of Liturgy Reading experience. It is also open to new comers who wish to join this Ministry.*

Tue. 10 Oct Healing Mass @ 10am

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time: 1st Oct 2023

First Reading - Ezekiel 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading - Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.**

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Roster for the weekend of 7th and 8th October 2023

Mass Coordinators:

- 07 Oct. 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
- 08 Oct. 8.00am - Orlando Diente
- 08 Oct. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

Readers

- 07 Oct. 5.30pm - Verity Madsen
- Hilda Bowden
- 08 Oct. 8.00am - Destiny D
- Rachel Matijasevic
- 08 Oct. 9.30am - Abel Budiono
- Flor Gomez

Communion Ministers:

- 07 Oct. 5.30pm - Hazel McCarrick & Patricia Vasquez
- 08 Oct. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes & Eseta Alosio
- 08 Oct. 9.30am - Joy Wallace & Ron Klerks

Altar Servers:

- 07 Oct. 5.30pm - Saneth, Chagika & Pramudsth
- 08 Oct. 8.00am - John, May & Ruby
- 08 Oct. 9.30am - Abigail & Annabel

Choir:

- 07 Oct. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
- 08 Oct. 8.00am - St. Max Choir
- 08 Oct. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Rosary Group

Flowers : Agnes



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at **4.00pm** on:

Sunday: 1st Oct and 8th 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, John Engberg, Baby Charlotte, Coleen Goodwin, Mary Farrell, Eric Alfred, Austine Jonse, Zakelyn Curtis, Michelle & John Williams, Cath Turner, Debbie Bidgood, Mercy Edison, Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary McCarthy, Frank Lee, Ann Gason, Judith Anderson.

Collection: Week-ending 24th September 2023

Envelopes Received	: 26
Amount from Contributions	: \$2,130.25
Yarrabilba	: \$ 55.30

TOTAL	: \$2,185.55
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LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING / REFERSHER 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.



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.*

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, 13th October 2023



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sessions will re-commence on **Sunday, 1st October at 9.30am** and it will be held at the Parish Hall. Parishioners who have children between the ages of 5 up to 13, are encouraged to send them to attend sessions.

As we are presently planning for more Children & Family events over Christmas and for the new year 2024, we are asking parents/guardians to register the names of children with our Children's Liturgy Ministry Coordinator, Tiresa Vaigafa (M: 0434 570 123); there will be a form to be filled.

Note: Rehearsal for the Australian Children's Day Mass is planned for **Saturday, 21 Oct at 10.30am**. Please take note accordingly, if your child is going to be involved in any part of the Mass such as in the Choir, or as a reader or as offertory bearer. Thank you.



Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels
2 October

For he hath given his angels charge over thee; to keep thee in all thy ways. In their hands they shall bear thee up: lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. (Ps. 90: 11-12).

The children of the kings are always escorted by people who are in charge of watching over and defending them, in case of necessity. Now, thanks to the Baptism, every Christian has become a child of the King of Heaven. This is why God has given each of us a faithful partner who is in charge of taking care of us, guiding us and directing us. This partner is our Guardian Angel. We should thank God for this unique favor; and, at the same time, thank these blessed spirits for the diligence with which they watch over us and keep us company from the cradle to the grave.

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TO REFLECT

"The land originally belonged to God and has been entrusted to man, and therefore no one may claim exclusive possession, thereby creating situations of inequality."

Pope Francis

World Day of Migrants and Refugees
24-IX-2023



"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay"



"God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences."

-Pope Francis



Message for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly 2023

Sunday, 1 October

PARISH HALL RENTAL INFORMATION

The hourly rental rate of our Parish Hall had been revised to **\$75 per hour** (effective Jan 2023). **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

4th - 29th October

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.



Archbishop Mark absolutely acknowledges that every Catholic should and will come to their own conclusions about their response to social issues such as this one.

His statements on matters such as this are made in order to encourage the Catholic community to reflect on the Church's views on specific issues, not to mandate their response. The Archbishop fully respects that you will form your own conscience and make your own decision regarding the referendum on The Voice to Parliament.

He urges you to read the information available for both sides of the debate so that you can make your own informed decision on how you might vote in the referendum. You can find resources for both the Yes campaign and the No campaign here: <https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm>

Additionally you can read what the Australian bishops have said about the Voice to Parliament in a statement in May (<https://bit.ly/BishopsVoice>). The bishops do not encourage people to vote one way or the other, but to inform themselves — including through conversations with First Nations people.