



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

Parish Priest

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Parish Secretary

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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

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Children & Families Ministries and Children's Sacramental Program

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Community Life Ministries

Lele Faeteete

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Shanna Kelemete

Lawrence Auva'a

Adult Faith Formation Ministries

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Outreach Ministry

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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
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 03 NOV. 2024

Reflection

Today, the thirty-first Sunday of ordinary time, the church continues to lead us to Christ, the eternal high priest of the new covenant. The basis of this new covenant is the sacrifice of love. Christ offered this sacrifice, which gave perfect glory to the Father. So, as His followers (Christians), He calls and expects us to provide this same sacrifice.

As a Jew, Christ himself prayed this same prayer. So, he uses these exact words in today's gospel. It is both a call and a reminder of the unity and greatness of our God. Hence, it is a call to be faithful to God through the sacrifice of love. To obey God is to love Him!

The second reading is a continuation of the discourse on the eternal priesthood of Christ. The letter to the Hebrews contrasts the priesthood of Christ with that of the Old Testament. In obedience to his Father's will, Christ offered the greatest sacrifice of love with his own life. It was necessary for Him to die, to save us (1 John 2:2; Heb 10: 10.14).

However, the significant difference is that the old covenant's priesthood was terminated and conquered by death. On the contrary, Christ defeated and conquered death through his resurrection and ascension into heaven. There, he remains our eternal high priest.

By obeying the father's will, Christ remained holy and innocent. He not only loved the father, but he loved us. "Greater love has no one than this: To lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13). "God demonstrates his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8).

In today's gospel, Christ summarized the Ten Commandments into two. With the same words used by Moses, He repeated the same call in our first reading: "Hear, O Israel! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul." Then, he amplified it by adding: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Very important!

Without downplaying or denying the first commandment's priority, I think that the second is more challenging to fulfil humanly speaking. If we can obey the second, then we can, and have indeed observed the first. This is because God lives in our neighbour. We cannot hate or harm our neighbour for any reason, and still claim we love God or his commandments.

Unfortunately, due to the natural human instinct of self-preservation, pride, and selfishness (the "ego" or "I"), it seems practically impossible to love neither God nor our neighbour. However, Christ is not asking us to do what He could not do. He overcame all these enemies of love. Any Christian who overcomes these enemies will love sincerely.

.The good news is that Christ knows it is possible. If it were not so, He would not have commanded us to love. So, to love God and our neighbour as ourselves is a "debt," we owe and must pay (Rom 13: 8). It is the sacrifice of the new covenant, which the new people of God, and indeed, every "born again" child of God must offer.

Finally, this may not necessarily mean dying on the cross as Christ did, but it is possible to demonstrate it through small, but concrete gestures like a sincere smile, good words, and charity. It may not only mean doing something extraordinary but also doing something simple. So, like Christ, our eternal high priest, when we offer this sacrifice and debt of love that gives perfect glory to God, we can sing with the psalmist: "I love you, Lord, my strength."

Peace be with you! Maranatha

Reflection was written by Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.

ROSTER SHEETS

Roster sheets for the month of November and December 2024 are available at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy of your roster and contact the parish office if you need any changes in the next roster.

Date Claimers

Sat. 2 Nov. : All Souls Day: Mass at 8am.
Sat. 2 Nov.: Rehearsal for Children's Mass at 10am
Sat. 2 Nov.: Children and families Ministry meeting at 11am
Sun. 3 Nov. : Children's Mass at 9.30am
Mon. 4 Nov: Pastoral Council Meeting @ 7pm
Tue. 5 Nov: Liturgy Committee Meeting @7pm

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time : 03 Nov. 2024

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17: 2-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34.

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

Collection: Week-ending: 27 Oct 2024

Envelopes Received	: 31
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,708.40
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 210.50

TOTAL	: \$ 2,918.90



Samantha Miriam Briody, 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.Dun more, 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, Daphne Canal, Ann Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCreedy, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay and Michael Rudd, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Ted Barrett, Paxson Swerling, Cliff Naughton and all who are ill.

Adult Formation Ministry

All Parishioners are cordially invited to attend the **LECTIO DIVINA** sessions that will be facilitated by Fr Nick, in the Parish Meeting Room on: Friday 8 November 2024: 7:30pm – 8:30pm
: Friday 22 November 2024 7:30pm – 8:30pm

LECTIO DIVINA is a contemplative prayer practice which involves the reading of a gospel section, then reflecting on it in silence followed by sharing, which is voluntary. The general experience is how the word of God can open- up in our hearts, for one another and with one another.

Fr Mikhael, Fr Nick and Alfred Gomez

Roster for the weekend of 09 / 10 November 2024

Mass Coordinators

09 Nov 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
10 Nov 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes
10 Nov 9.30am - Kelemete Tito

Readers

09 Nov 5.30pm - Beah Taualai & Sarah Wiss
10 Nov 8.00am - Lawrence Auva'a & Nina Domingo
10 Nov 9.30am - Flor Gomez & Flower Donohue

Communion Ministers

09 Nov 5.30pm - Talafaia T., Joshy Scaria., Patricia Vasquez
10 Nov 8.00am - Boyet Domingo, Sera Thomas., Korina L.
10 Nov 9.30am - Millie Petelo & Elisapeta Tito
Alfred Gomez., Joy Wallace

Altar Servers

09 Nov 5.30pm - Gerard Joshy
10 Nov 8.00am - Antonio and Andrew
10 Nov 9.30am - Parfait and Clovis

Choirs

09 Nov 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
10 Nov 8.00am - St. Maximilian Kolbe Choir
10 Nov 9.30am - African Choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Vaigafa Family and Diana Mulcahy

Flowers : Agnes



In loving memory of

Maria Ngao

(beloved stepmother of Fr. Mikhael)

who entered eternal life on 21st October 2024

As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Fr. Mikhael's 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!

HEALING MASS



Tues, 5 Nov 2024 @ 10.00am

Everyone is Welcome!

**There will be heaps of Raffle draws prizes
+ Melbourne Cup Sweepstakes
+ Prizes for Best Dressed
+ Best Hat / Headpiece**



**Hosted by the Ministry of
Care & Concern**

Christmas Hamper from St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

As our parish has to contribute Christmas Hampers for the Logan Deanery Christmas Carols, which is being held on Nov. 22nd at Daisy Hill Parish. Parishioners are requested to drop off their hamper contributions in the box provided at the entrance of the church.
Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick and Lele F. (Community Life Ministry)

Children's Ministry

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING
9:30AM | PARISH HALL
COME AND JOIN US!

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 CO-ORDINATOR

TIRESA VAIGAFA

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St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden

Childrens MASS



SUNDAY

3 Nov 2024

9:30AM MASS

For more information, please contact the Parish Office

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

WEEKEND COMMUNITY MASS
WILL BE HELD AT 4.00PM ON:

3 Nov. & 10th Nov

Centre
Location:

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

St Clare's
PRIMARY SCHOOL

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH
PRESENTS

ADVENT PREPARATION MENS

Retreat



2 NOV 2024
SATURDAY

09 - 03
AM PM

PATRICK OLIVER

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ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH, MARSDEN

WOMENS

Retreat

Guest speaker

SR. ANNE BOND (RSJ)

SAT
NOVEMBER 09 9AM - 3PM

"MARY OUR COMPANION"

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH
Monthly Ministry Focus
LITURGY COMMITTEE



A liturgy committee in the Catholic Church is responsible for planning and coordinating worship services to ensure they are meaningful, reverent, and align with liturgical norms. This group prepares liturgical celebrations, organizes volunteer roles (such as readers, musicians, and altar servers), and promotes active participation from the community. By focusing on these aspects, the committee helps enhance the spiritual experience and deepens the congregation's connection to the faith through the liturgy.



KOLBE YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUNG PARISHIONERS AGED
13 AND ABOVE, ARE INVITED
TO JOIN THE KOLBE YOUTH
MINISTRY

EVERY
FRIDAY EVENING

CITIZENS OF CHRIST
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.

6PM
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8:30PM

MARYFIELDS HALL

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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

SPECIAL BLESSING TO THOSE
WHO ARE CELEBRATING

WEDDING
ANNIVERSARIES

&

Birthdays



EVERY MASS OF THE FIRST WEEKEND
OF THE MONTH



REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST

In one of our masses last Sunday, ministers had to divide the consecrated bread in halves and even in quarters to have enough hosts for all communicants. Is Christ still wholly present in the small and divided bread?

First, we need to understand that *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained* in the bread and in the wine after they are consecrated at Mass. We believe this because Jesus said so,

"This is my body, ... this is my blood". He did not say that this bread is a symbol of my body or that this wine represents my blood.

Now, is Christ still present wholly in smaller particles of the bread as in the case when it is divided during communion? The answer is yes!

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC #1377), **"The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ."** Remember that in the Last Supper, when Christ instituted the Eucharist, He also divided the bread before giving them to the apostles.

It is important therefore to accord the same reverence to smaller particles of the consecrated bread as Christ is truly, really and substantially present in full in those species.

May we deepen our faith in Christ truly present in the Eucharist!



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