



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today, acknowledging their continuing connection to land, water and community.

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Outreach Ministry

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St. Francis College - Tel. No 3489 4800

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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

3rd Sunday of Lent: Sunday, 03 March 2024



Reflection...

As we continue our journey this season, on this third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Christ the fullness of the law and the wisdom of God. Today, the Church calls us to rededicate ourselves to Christ. This is because He is the fulfilment of God's commandment.

In our first reading from Exodus, God gave the Law to Moses for Israel. So, what is the purpose of the Law?

The law was given to Israel to help them become wiser. It was also given to them to strengthen their relationship with God and organize their social and religious life.

Hence, the commandments of God are meant to form us into a sacred community. That is a community rooted in the genuine worship of God and a community that lives in justice and peace with one another. Therefore, we are to live as neighbours, respecting one another. The ultimate and remote purpose of this is to know, respect, and worship God, our creator. While the old law was given through Moses, the new Law (Covenant) given through and in Christ fulfils it. God reveals Himself precisely in His commandment. Hence, as the fullness of God's commandments, Christ is the channel through which God receives and loves us.

In our second reading, Paul reminds us that Christ is: "The fullness of God's wisdom." The Greeks searched for this wisdom. Unfortunately, they ignorantly rejected Him. So, instead of benefiting from Him, they were misled by the wisdom of this world.

According to Paul, Christ is the fullness of the law and the wisdom of God. So, whoever finds and receives him, will be filled with wisdom and never walk in ignorance. "Whoever receives him will never walk in darkness again" (Jn 8, 12). Darkness is opposed to wisdom. Whoever has not received Christ, the fullness of wisdom, though he walks according to the wisdom of this world, lives in darkness.

In today's gospel, John narrates Jesus' encounter with those profaning God's Sanctuary. His action simply demonstrates that He is God's wisdom and the fullness of the law. His zeal distinguished him from the authorities. Instead of representing God's interest, they expressed their selfish economic and social interests. It also distinguishes him from temple pilgrims who simply visited the temple without real devotion to God.

What do we learn from today's gospel? First, we are not supposed to keep quiet or remain indifferent while things go wrong. This is especially in the house of God, our homes, offices, or any place at all. Also, we must not allow our personal intention to destroy the sanity of our Church, family, state, or country. The Church is the house of God and a place of worship. We must keep it holy and respect it. Also, it reminds us that our body and the body of Christ is the Temple of God. So, we must not defile it.

Finally, today Christ prophesied about his death and resurrection: "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it in three days." This prophecy will be fulfilled during the paschal mystery. Therefore, today's gospel keeps the events of this season in perspective. It reminds us of where we are heading to this season, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. So, as we march forward this season, let us continue to abide by the commandments of God fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the perfect wisdom. Let us acclaim Christ: "You, Lord, have the message of eternal life!"

Peace be with you!

Reflected by Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.

DATE CLAIMERS

Mon. 4 Mar. : Pastoral Council Meeting @7pm
 Tue. 5 Mar. : Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm
 Sun. 10 Mar. : Stations of the Cross for Children Liturgy @9.30am in the hall
 Tue. 12 Mar. : Healing Mass at 10am

Roster for the weekend of 09 Mar — 10 Mar 2024

Mass Coordinators

09 Mar 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
 10 Mar. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes
 10 Mar. 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

09 Mar. 5.30pm - Clarisse Bahati & Sarah Wiss
 10 Mar. 8.00am - Beah Taulai & Orlando Diente.
 10 Mar. 9.30am - Tamate T. & Ron Klerks

Communion Ministers

09 Mar. 5.30pm - Patricia V, Sue M. & Hazel McCarrick
 10 Mar. 8.00am - Rachel M, Korina Laban & Talafaia T.
 10 Mar. 9.30am - Kelemete Tito, Alfred Gomez, Doris D.

Altar Servers

09 Mar 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel & Alexander
 10 Mar. 8.00am - John & May
 10 Mar. 9.30am - Jazmine & Tezare

Choirs

09 Mar. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
 10 Mar. 8.00am - St. Maximilian Kolbe Choir
 10 Mar. 9.30am - Kolbe Family Choir

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

Cleaners : Taulai Family



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater

collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

"We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413

Collection: Week-ending: 25 February 2024

Envelopes Received : 33
Amount from Contributions : \$ 2,462.65
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 160.00

TOTAL : \$ 2,662.65

3rd Sunday of Lent: 03 March 2024

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18: 8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mathew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ king of endless glory!

God who loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, That all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 2: 13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

03rd March & 10 March 2024

Centre Location:

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



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, 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, John Engberg, Baby Charlotte, Coleen Goodwin, Eric Alfred, Austine Jonse, Zakelyn Curtis, Michelle & John Williams, Cath Turner, Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, Ann Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay and Michael Rudd. Alan Langdon.



*In loving memory of **Juanita Ann King** (beloved wife of Dorian King)*

who entered eternal life on 24 February 2024

As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Juanita'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!

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, 6th March 2024 at 10.30am in St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden.

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. We currently need more volunteers to help in this ministry; please contact the Parish Office for more details.



Children's Liturgy will re-commence on Sunday, **18th February 2024**. 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 this 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. **We currently need more volunteers to help in this ministry; please contact the Parish Office for more details**



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

 PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2024			
SACRAMENTS	1 st RITE OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)	CONFIRMATION	FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST
Age Group	Grade 5 & above	Grade 3 & above	Grade 3 & above
Important Enrolment Conditions	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation and 1 st Holy Eucharist	This sacrament is offered to children who have already been Baptised	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation
Dateline for Submission of Enrolment Forms	Sunday, 25 February 2024	Sunday, 24 March 2024	Sunday, 26 May 2024
Parent/Guardian Information Session	-	6.30pm on Wednesday, 17 April 2024	6.30pm on Wednesday, 05 June 2024
Rite of Enrolment in Church during Mass	-	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 21 April 2024	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 09 June 2024
1 st Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	Only 1 workshop Saturday, 09 March 2024	Saturday, 27 April 2024	Saturday, 15 June 2024
2 nd Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	-	Saturday, 11 May 2024	Saturday, 13 July 2024
Rehearsal * Only for 1st Holy Eucharist, the rehearsal will be preceded by the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	-	9am Saturday, 18 May 2024	9am Saturday, 20 July 2024
DAY OF SACRAMENT	Saturday, 09 March 2024 (after the workshop)	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 25 May 2024	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 27 July 2024



2024 Lent & Holy Week Schedule



Liturgical Event	Day/Date	Time
Ash Wednesday	Wed, 14 Feb	9.00am & 7.00pm
Stations of the Cross (weekly)	Every Friday in Lent	7.00pm
Lenten Reflection by The Most Rev. Bishop Tim Norton SVD	Tue, 27 Feb.	6.00pm - 7.30pm
2nd Rite of Reconciliation	Fri, 15 Mar.	7pm onwards
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	Sat, 23 Mar	5.30pm
Palm Sunday Mass	Sun, 24 Mar	8.00am & 9.30am 4.00pm-Yarrabilba
Holy Thursday Mass	Thur, 28 Mar	7.00pm
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross	Fri, 29 Mar	10.00am
Good Friday Service		3.00pm
Easter Vigil Mass	Sat, 30 Mar	7.00pm
Easter Sunday Mass - to be followed by light refreshments after both Masses; bring-a-plate concept	Sun, 31 Mar	9.00am - SMK 9.00am - Yarrabilba

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 Friday, 8th March 2024. New members are welcome to join. Please contact Lawrence Au'vaa: 0434763218 email.auvaalaw30@gmail.com

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane 4000

A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE
ALL WELCOME

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM
A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS

Archdiocese of Brisbane Synod24: "I am making all things new" Rev 21:5

This year the Archdiocese will celebrate SYNOD24 to mark the Implementation Phase of the Plenary Council. Together we'll discern the practical and Spirit-led actions that we, as the Archdiocese of Brisbane, need to undertake to be a more co-responsible church on mission. These actions will take into consideration what is already happening across the Archdiocese that should be affirmed, what learnings can be harnessed and shared, and where the gaps and needs are.

SYNOD24 will take place over two sessions, September 6th and 7th and October 11th and 12th, with the Opening and Closing Masses open to the public.

More information on the SYNOD24 journey will be released regularly, so head to www.aobsynod2024.com to refresh yourself on the Plenary