



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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Weekday Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	10.00am
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, 12 March 2023

Reflection...

Water is one of the most important requirements for the sustenance of all lives. The first reading of today tells us of the ordeal of the Israelites in the wilderness. After four hundred and thirty years of slavery in Egypt, God came to deliver them (Ex 12:40). Yet, they grumbled against Moses, and consequently, against God because they were thirsty. God instructed Moses to strike the rock. From it, water came forth. The Israelites drank, and were satisfied.

Both the rock Moses struck, and the water that gushed out from it symbolically and metaphorically prefigures Christ. He is both the rock of our salvation, and our eternal living water.

On this third Sunday of Lent, we also need a spiritual drink from the living water that flows from Christ, the Rock of Ages. Hence, we must: *"Draw water from the well of salvation"* (Is 12:3) in order to quench our spiritual thirst this Lenten season.

In the second reading, Paul described how the love of Christ, *"is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit."* Here, Paul implicitly mentions water by the use of the verb: *"to pour."* He reminds us also of how helpless our life was and could still be without Christ, the Living Water. In other words, through his death, Christ made himself the source of our own life.

In today's gospel, Jesus presents himself to the Samaritan woman as the Eternal Living Water. This underscores the importance of Christ in our life. The lesson from this, is we must not discriminate against people on the basis of their race or culture. Jesus knew quite well who the woman was (a Samaritan) and her life history. Yet, he approached her for a drink. Jesus' aim was actually, to draw her closer to himself, the Eternal Living Water.

Hence, by breaking the silence and going against the social customs, and prejudices between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus becomes the gift of God to this woman and her people. Like Jesus therefore, we must be ready to take risks. This is by challenging the unjust rules of social structures and norms. It is by breaking down walls that excludes people, and by opening up possibilities to others. This is, so that they can experience Christ.

Finally, the argument that ensued between Jesus and the woman represents the obstacles, that we must overcome in order to draw people to Christ, the Eternal Living Water.

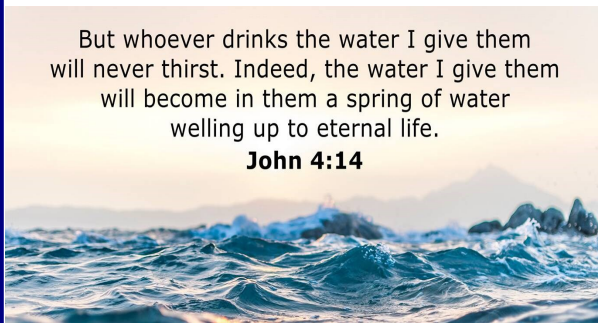
But whoever drinks the water I give them
will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them
will become in them a spring of water
welling up to eternal life.

John 4:14

Reflected by:

*Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice
Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.*

*He is a Catholic Priest and a
Member of the Congregation of
the Holy Ghost Fathers and
Brothers (Spiritans).*



DATE CLAIMERS

Tue. 14 Mar : Healing Mass at 10.00am;
to be followed by light lunch

Fri. 17 Mar : Stations of the Cross - 7.00pm

Mon. 20 Mar : Feast of St. Joseph;
Mass at 9am & 7pm

Fri. 31 Mar : Lenten Reflection presented by
Fr. Ray Sanchez followed by the
2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Roster for the weekend of 18 Mar — 19 Mar 2023

Mass Coordinators

18 Mar 5.30pm - Adeline Barncastle
19 Mar 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete
19 Mar 9.30am - Tua Niumagumagu

Readers

18 Mar 5.30pm - William Barncastle & Francisca Ordonez
19 Mar 8.00am - Louise Timo & Orlando Diente
19 Mar 9.30am - Flor Gomez & Tiliola N.

Communion Ministers

18 Mar 5.30pm - Sue McKeown & Rosemary Ordonez
19 Mar 8.00am - Eseta Alosio & Korina Laban
19 Mar 9.30am - Kelemete & Elisapeta Tito

Altar Servers

18 Mar 5.30pm - Chagika
19 Mar 8.00am - Malachi & Matilda
19 Mar 9.30am - Salvius & Parfait

Choirs

18 Mar 5.30pm - Trinity Choir
19 Mar 8.00am - Peter the Rock Choir
19 Mar 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa & Noel Swindells

leaners : Mafuli & Tua Niumagumagu

3rd Sunday of Lent: 12 March 2023

First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

Give us water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Collection: Week-ending: 5 March 2023

Envelopes Received	: 35
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,333.95
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 157.10
\$ 2,491.05	



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 5.00pm on:

12th and 19th Mar 2023

Centre Location

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

ANNOUNCEMENT: CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

It is with a measure of sadness that I inform you that **Fr. Long** will be leaving our parish after Easter on a transfer to St. Mark's Parish in Inala as an Associate Priest. It also gives me great pleasure to inform you that Archbishop Mark Coleridge has approved the appointment of **Fr. Nick de Groot SVD**, as the priest-in-residence in our Parish. Farewell to Fr. Long will be held on Sunday, 23 April 2023 after 9.30 am Mass. The arrival of Fr. Nick will be announced after Easter. Thank you. Fr. Mikhael Loke



F.Bowden, L.Seeto, J.Collins,
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, V.Venables,
T.Gibson, F.Petelo, Helen Guadez,
M.Vaigafa, Verity Madsen, O. Barrett,
Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto M, John Daley,
Mikaele Tito, Nora Philips, Alzira D'souza,
Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse, Tuala,
V&M L Petelo, Zhaylee Curtis, Catherine
Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewiez,
Sesilia Muevae, V&A Asiata-Kelemete,
Mynott Family, Reef Wallace Carroll,
Daisy Ann Thomas, Patricia Donovan,
Noreen Audley, Rob Canning, John Engberg.

Healing Mass

**Tuesday, 14 Mar 2023
at 10.00am**

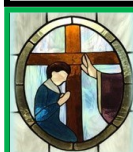
**Followed by a light meal
Celebrating St. Patrick's Feast Day**





Schedule of Preparation for the 2023 Children's Sacrament of Confirmation

Eligibility	This sacrament is offered to children who are presently in Grade 3 or above and who have already been Baptized.
Sunday, 26 March	Dateline for submission of enrolment forms to the Parish Office
Wednesday, 19 April	Parents/Guardians' Information Session at 6.30pm with Lorraine Wynne, who is a Project Officer (Children & Families) at Evangelisation Brisbane.
Sunday, 23 April	Rite of Enrolment @ the 9.30am Mass
Saturday, 6 May	1st Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Saturday, 20 May	2nd Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Saturday, 3 June	Rehearsal for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Sunday, 11 June	CONFIRMATION DAY — Mass at 9.30am



Schedule of Preparation for the 2023 Children's Sacrament of the 1st Rite of Penance/Reconciliation

Eligibility (who can enrol)	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation and 1 st Holy Eucharist <u>Note:</u> ⇒ Enrolment Forms are available in folders on the table at the right-hand side of the main entrance to the Church, as you come. ⇒ Kindly ensure the forms are duly completed and attached with a copy of the child(ren)'s 1st Holy Eucharist and Confirmation Certificates <u>before</u> submitting to the Parish Office by the enrolment dateline below.
Dateline for Submission of Enrolment Forms	Sunday, 12 March 2023
Date/Time of Workshop to be followed immediately by the Sacrament	Saturday, 18 March 2023 3pm – 5pm; followed by individual First Rite of Reconciliation



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.



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



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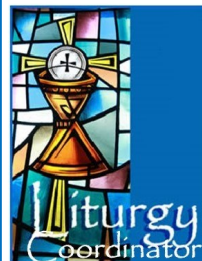
With your past support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

This Lenten season, we appeal for your continued support and ask that you take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to offer your contributions towards the ongoing work of Caritas Australia in helping vulnerable communities around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. Donations can also be made by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413. Grateful thanks to all of you for your kind contributions. God Bless You All!



For our spiritual preparation to celebrate Easter, the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Friday, 31st March 2023

Fr. Ray Sanchez will present a Lenten Reflection from 6.30pm to 7.30pm; followed by the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation



We have a vacant position for the role of **Liturgy Coordinator** in our Parish and we would like to invite applications for qualified candidates to fill this very important role.

The Liturgy Coordinator has the key responsibility of working in close collaboration with our Parish Priests to ensure the implementation of the direction/vision of liturgical events in our Parish. In this capacity, he/she will also work in collaboration with the other members of the Liturgy Committee.

Key Accountabilities of a Liturgy Coordinator

- ⇒ Coordinates the collaborative efforts of all liturgical events planning are celebrated in a way to encourage maximum and all-inclusive participation.
- ⇒ Ensures that all liturgical celebrations, including decorations and environment, are appropriate to the liturgical seasons, as well as the feasts and special occasions.
- ⇒ To keep updated knowledge of changes in the Liturgical policies and practices through maintaining close connection with Liturgy Brisbane and to actively share such knowledge at the parish level (particularly with the members of the Liturgy Committee), to facilitate shared understanding.
- ⇒ Communicates and collaborates effectively and in conjunction with Parish Council, sacramental and other ministry team coordinators in the parish.
- ⇒ Chairs the monthly Liturgy Committee Meetings, which assists in planning and implementing liturgical events.
- ⇒ Works collaboratively and in close communication with the Parish Office in coordinating the calendar for all liturgical events.

Qualifications

- ◆ Qualified in liturgical studies, pastoral ministry, theology, or related field is preferred.
- ◆ Recent training and current education in liturgy is essential.
- ◆ A working knowledge of the Rites of the Roman Catholic Church and current resources in worship and ritual practice; and demonstrated liturgical experience.
- ◆ Strong understanding of the Roman Catholic religion and faith traditions.
- ◆ Excellent people skills are essential to this role; someone with the ability to work collaboratively and respectfully with a cross section of our parish, across all ages and cultures.
- ◆ Openness to a variety of prayer styles to meet diverse spiritual needs.
- ◆ Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit your application addressed to me, either through the Parish Office or via email to lokem@bne.catholic.net.au

Thank you,

Fr. Mikhael Loke



Feast of St. Joseph

Monday, 20 March 2023
Mass at 9.00am & 7.00pm

**Holy Spouse of our Blessed Mother Mary,
Devoted earthly father of our Blessed Saviour**

 <div> <h1>2023</h1> <h2>Lent & Holy Week Schedule</h2>  </div>		
Liturgical Event	Day/Date	Time
Ash Wednesday	Wed, 22 Feb	9.00am & 7.00pm
Stations of the Cross (weekly)	Every Friday in Lent	7.00pm
Lenten Reflection by Fr. Ray Sanchez; followed by 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	Fri, 31 Mar	6.30pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm onwards
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	Sat, 1 Apr	5.30pm
Palm Sunday Mass	Sun, 2 Apr	8.00am & 9.30am 5.00pm-Yarrabilba
Holy Thursday Mass	Thur, 6 Apr	7.00pm
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross	Fri, 7 Apr	10.00am
Good Friday Service		3.00pm
Easter Vigil Mass - to be followed by light refreshments; bring-a-plate concept	Sat, 8 Apr	7.00pm
Easter Sunday Mass - to be followed by light refreshments after both Masses; bring-a-plate concept	Sun, 9 Apr	9.00am - SMK 9.00am - Yarrabilba



This weekend we continue in the process our parish is undertaking towards the creation of a strategic plan by dreaming for the various ministry areas we hope to build up in the coming months in our parish.

This weekend we listen to Eric Robinson (Associate Director of Inclusion at Evangelisation Brisbane) dream about what a Community Life ministry could look like in a parish.

Do you have a dream for Liturgy: If yes, we want to hear from you! Follow the link or QR code to complete a quick 2-minute survey.



Have you registered for the Parish Summit yet?

Registrations are now open for the Parish Summit!

Come along to be inspired and to share and listen to other parishioners as we dream together about what is next for our parish.

Just register at <https://tinyurl.com/SMKsummit> by Monday 20 March

Time: **9:00am - 2:00pm** (Morning Tea & Lunch Provided)
(if you have any dietary requirements please let us know)

Email: smkparishmarsden@gmail.com

Date: **Saturday 25th March 2023**

Location: **St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall**

