



# 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.*

## Parish Contacts

### Parish Priest

Fr. Mikhael Loke SVD 38030862

### Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD 38030862

### Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

### Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

### Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

Ron Klerks

STOP line: 1300 304 550

## PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

### Liturgy Ministries

Rodolfo Domingo

### Children & Families Ministries and Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells

### Community Life Ministries

Lele Faaeteete

### Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

Lawrence Auva'a

### Adult Faith Formation Ministries

### 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

Ms. Liesl Profke (Principal)

San Damiano College - 5670 7000

Mr. Peter Edwards (Principal)

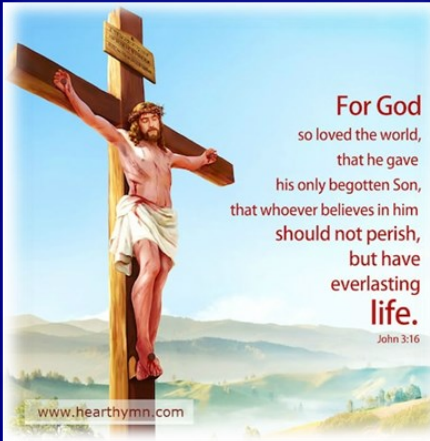
## Weekday Mass Times

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

## 4th Sunday of Lent: Sunday, 10 March 2024



### Reflection...

There is often a time in a long journey when we find the going hard. The enthusiasm with which we set out has faded, and there is still a long way to go. At this stage in our Lenten journey we may be inclined to identify with Nicodemus of today's gospel – not daring, as a well known Pharisee, to consult Jesus openly, he came 'by night', weighed down in his heart, no doubt, by an interior darkness of confusion and

embarrassment.

In our disappointment with our lives, the darkness seems so real and overwhelming. The first reading, telling the story of old Israel – a story of unfaithfulness, stubborn selfishness, destruction and exile – reminds us how often human history has been filled with darkness, right down to our own day. In the second reading from the letter to the Ephesians, Paul confidently confronts this darkness: for him reliance upon false and selfish securities is to embrace 'death'.

If we are inclined to feel demoralised at this point in our Lenten journey, we are invited by today's readings to find again the source of new energy and encouragement. In the midst of the deepest darkness the true Light shines! Old Israel finds that God's designs will not be frustrated by their foolishness and selfishness - the conqueror of the Babylonians sends them back to rebuild the temple. Paul announces to those who are in danger of losing their way the astounding truth at the centre of our faith - God's free gift to a lost world of new life in Christ: our redeemed humanity is God's 'work of art', we each have our part to play in the realisation of God's great designs.

But it is especially in climax of today's readings, the words spoken to Nicodemus, by Jesus - the Light of the World - that all our darkness is dispelled! These words are perhaps the most quoted of the Gospels. Let us not take them for granted, but take them to heart and rejoice in the new life they bring: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his own Son, so that everyone who believes in him ... may have eternal life'. A world weighed down by the darkness of failure and selfishness must know, Jesus says, that he came from the Father, not 'to condemn' but to bring reconciliation and life.

As we take our bearings in the middle of a long journey, we often find new purpose and energy. Reflecting at this point in our journey of Lent, on the burdens we carry, can bring us to find again, in a more personal way, the essential truth of our Christian faith, the great truth we are celebrate at the end of our journey.

By the late Rev. Fr. John Thornhill sm;

Adapted from: <http://www.theemmauseries.com/blent04.html>

## DATE CLAIMERS

Sun. 10 Mar. : Stations of the Cross for Children Liturgy @9.30am in the hall

Tue. 12 Mar. : Healing Mass at 10am

Fri. 15 Mar.: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at 7pm.

Sun. 17 Mar.: **Altar Servers Rehearsal for Holy Week after 9.30am**

### Roster for the weekend of 16 Mar — 17 Mar 2024

#### Mass Coordinators

16 Mar 5.30pm - Rosemary Ordonez  
17 Mar. 8.00am - Orlando Diente  
17 Mar. 9.30am - Tua Niumagumagu

#### Readers

16 Mar. 5.30pm - Abel Budiono & Verity Madsen  
17 Mar. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes & Marcia Canty  
17 Mar. 9.30am - Lawrence Auva'a & Tiliola N.

#### Communion Ministers

16 Mar. 5.30pm - Sue M., Paul and Wendy Simpson  
17 Mar. 8.00am - Lele F, Korina Laban & Deb Howkins.  
17 Mar. 9.30am - Kelemete & Elisapeta Tito, Winnie K.

#### Altar Servers

16 Mar 5.30pm - Gerard & Joshy  
17 Mar. 8.00am - Antonio & Andrew  
17 Mar. 9.30am - Jazmine & Tezaree

#### Choirs

16 Mar. 5.30pm - Trinity Choir  
17 Mar. 8.00am - St. Peter the Rock Choir  
17 Mar. 9.30am - Filipino Choir

**Counters** : Christine Lapalapa and Noel

**Cleaners** : SMK, Suli, Alex and Lipine

### 4th Sunday of Lent: 10 March 2024

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

***The wrath and mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.***

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 136

***Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!.***

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10

***When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.***

Gospel Acclamation:

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
That all who believe in him might have eternal life.***

***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ***

Gospel: John 3: 14-21

***God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.***



### YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

**10th March & 17th 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 Wil-  
liams, 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*

### Joseph Allan Taurino

*who entered eternal life on 29 February 2024*

*As a Parish family we extend our deepest  
condolences to Joseph'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 him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

*May his soul rest in sublime peace, Amen!*

Funeral service will be held on Friday, 15th March 2024 at  
10.30am in St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden.

## Healing Mass

Tuesday, 12 March 2024

Mass @ 10.00am;

followed by luncheon

***All are welcome to join in!***

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
Friday, 15 March @7pm**

**Repentant  
Reconciled  
Renewed**

### Collection: Week-ending: 03 March 2024

Envelopes Received	: 35
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,293.95
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 126.35
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TOTAL	: \$ 2,662.65

**Donation from Josefa & Maria Lealaitafea : \$1000.00**



## 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

 <b>PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2024</b>			
SACRAMENTS	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	-	Saturday, 11 May 2024	Saturday, 13 July 2024
Rehearsal * Only for 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist, the rehearsal will be preceded by the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation	-	9am Saturday, 18 May 2024	9am Saturday, 20 July 2024
<b>DAY OF SACRAMENT</b>	<b>Saturday, 09 March 2024 (after the workshop)</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 25 May 2024</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 27 July 2024</b>

### ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSALS FOR HOLY WEEK

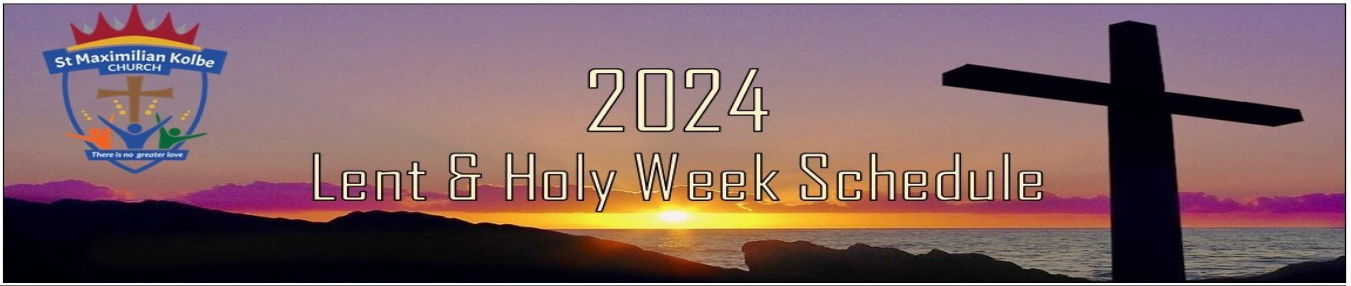
Altar Servers Roster sheet is available at the entrance of the church. Altar Servers Rehearsal for Holy Week will be held on Sunday, 17 March 2024 after the 9.30am Mass. All the Altar Servers who are rostered during the Holy Week are requested to attend.

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick

### ROSTER SHEET FOR HOLY WEEK

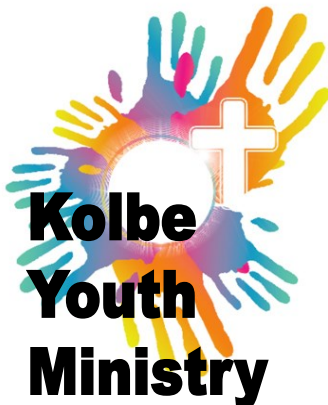
Roster sheet for the Holy Week is available at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy and contact the parish office if you are not available during the Holy Week.

Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Nick



Liturgical Event	Day/Date	Time
Stations of the Cross (weekly)	Every Friday in Lent	7.00pm
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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

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