



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

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Tom Kalaja

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Shanna and Danny

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5549 8000

San Damiano College

Mr. Peter Edwards (Principal)
5670 7000

Weekday Mass Times

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| Monday | 9.00am & 7pm |
| Tuesday | 9.00am |
| Wednesday | 9.00am |
| Thursday | 9.00am |
| Friday | 9.00am |
| Saturday | 8.00am |

Weekend Mass Times

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| Saturday | 5.30pm |
| Sunday | 8.00am and 9.30am |

4th Sunday of Lent: Sunday, 19 March 2023

Today is fourth Sunday of Lent called "Laetare" Sunday which is reflected in the liturgical colour of Rose Pink. The Church invites us to be joyful because Christ our shepherd illuminates us, and heals our blindness.

There is much to learn today from our first reading. First, Samuel obeyed God by going to where he was sent to go to, specifically to Jesse's tribe. Humbly and patiently, he followed and obeyed God's instructions: "*Send for him, we will not seat down to eat until he comes.*" He did not rush into fast decision by anointing any other person. Instead, he waited patiently until the right candidate arrived. So, we must be patient in carrying out God's command. Also, we must not allow physical appearance to deceive us. It is quite unfortunate that often times we elect our leaders based on their physical qualities alone. The result has always been catastrophic. On the contrary, when we make the right choice people are truly liberated, the blind see, the lame walk, the hungry are fed, and peace reigns.

In the second reading of today Paul reminds us of our former state in darkness before Christ illuminated and liberated us. Hence, Paul admonishes: "*...live as children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth.*" Paul is simply means that Christ is the light that illumines our life. Living outside Him means abiding in darkness. Therefore, this season and beyond it, we must make much efforts to remain and live in Christ, the light of our salvation.

In today's gospel, Jesus restored the sight of a man born blind. Here Jesus proves that he cares for the wellbeing of his flock. This is especially, for the sick, the weak and the marginalized. Again, today he broke another cultural and religious barrier in order to save the blind man. He healed him on a Sabbath day. Without minding about the consequences, he attended to the very important need of the blind man. Jesus' disciples asked him: "*Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?*" From this question, it obvious that the notion was that all suffering was caused by sin. However, Jesus' response proved otherwise. God permits somethings to happen for the manifestation of his glory. In other words, this miracle remarkably revealed the power and glory of God.

The lessons which we must learn from the man healed by Jesus, include that the man was obedient to the instruction given to him: "*Go wash in the pool of Siloam,*" Second, we must be consistent with our words, faith, convictions, and the truth. In spite of all the intimidations from the Pharisees, the man remained truthful and firm without denying Christ. Instead, he insisted that it was Jesus that healed him. According to St. John Chrysostom: "*The Pharisees cast him out of the Temple; but the Lord of the Temple found him.*"

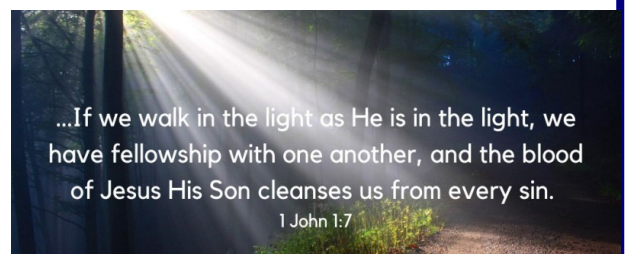
Finally, the salvation that Christ offers us is like an illumination. Christ himself, who was obedient to God unto death is our light. Whoever believes and accepts this illumination into his life is like one whose eyes were opened. This is because, men were born blind, in darkness. However, the good news is that Christ liberates and heals our spiritual blindness. Hence, we are confident to say: "*The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*"

Reflected by:

Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwue-meka, C.S.Sp. Catholic Priest and a Member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers (Spiritans).

...If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

1 John 1:7



DATE CLAIMERS

Fri. 24 Mar : Stations of the Cross - 7.00pm

Sat. 25 Mar : PARISH SUMMIT: 9am - 2pm

**Wed. 29 Mar : Rehearsal for Palm Sunday
gospel readers @ 7pm
(those involved will be notified)**

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

Roster for the weekend of 25 Mar — 26 Mar 2023

Mass Coordinators

25 Mar 5.30pm - William Barncastle
26 Mar 8.00am - Ron Klerks
26 Mar 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

25 Mar 5.30pm - Verity Madsen & Adeline Barncastle
26 Mar 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes & Rachel Matijasevic
26 Mar 9.30am - Elenora Tufuga & Abel Budiono

Communion Ministers

25 Mar 5.30pm - Wilda Fernandes & Sue McKeown
26 Mar 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete & Mary Klerks
26 Mar 9.30am - Doris Deurloo & Viyolet N.

Altar Servers

25 Mar 5.30pm - Pramudsth and Saneth
26 Mar 8.00am - John and May
26 Mar 9.30am - Ruby and Israel

Choirs

25 Mar 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
26 Mar 8.00am - African Choir
26 Mar 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Agnes & Lele Faaeteete

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

4th Sunday of Lent: 19 March 2023

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

Collection: Week-ending: 12 March 2023

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| Envelopes Received | : |
| Amount from Contributions | : \$ 2,487.30 |
| Yarrabilba Mass Centre | : \$ 69.35 |
| \$ 2,556.65 | |



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 5.00pm on:

19th and 26th 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. The 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 W.Carroll,
Daisy Ann Thomas, Patricia Donovan,
Noreen Audley, Rob Canning, John Engberg,
John Mannington.



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**



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

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| 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 |



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

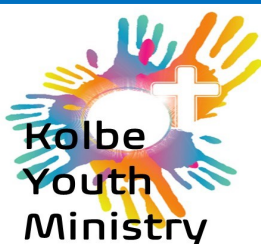
Sacramental Preparation for Children



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.

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, 24th March 2023



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!

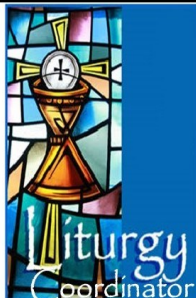
- ♦ **There will be a box placed at the Entrance of the Church for you to drop off your Project Compassion Envelopes or Coin Boxes, from next weekend.**
- ♦ **Envelopes for the Good Friday Special Collection for the Holy Land are now available at the entrance of the Church; you may drop your contribution at all Masses throughout the Holy Week.**

**Thank you very much,
Fr. Mikhael**



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

Conditions will be discussed at the interview.

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

|  <div> <h1>2023</h1> <h2>Lent & Holy Week Schedule</h2>  </div> | | |
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| 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 |

PARISH SUMMIT

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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 Peter Pellicaan (Executive Director of Evangelisation Brisbane) dream about what a Evangelisation ministry could look like in a parish.

Do you have a dream for Evangelisation: 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**

