



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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Lawrence Auva'a

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St. Clare's Primary School - 5549 8000

Ms. Liesl Profke (Principal)

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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

5th Sunday of Lent: Sunday, 17 March 2024



Reflection...

The first reading of this Sunday is an assurance of God's continuous presence with us. It also reminds us of the new thing that God is about to do in our midst: *"I will make a new covenant and never call their sins to mind...then, I will be their God and they will be my people."* God is ready to set aside a relationship that was destroyed by infidelity.

He wishes to restore a broken relationship. On our own part, we must be ready to accept this new covenant with God. This new covenant offers us

salvation and life.

So, as we continue our walk this Lent, let us know that God is willing to fulfil his promise and nothing can stop him. All he demands from us is to be ready to accept this new covenant made in Christ Jesus.

The second reading reminds us of the Gethsemane experience of Jesus. It reminds us of the great sacrifice of Christ. First, this was in order to fulfil the promise of his Father. Second, it was in order to save us. *"...He learnt to obey through suffering...He became for all who obey Him the source of eternal life."* Christ is willing to pay this price this season in order to get us going in life. He will achieve it through His prayer and suffering for humanity. He will do all these in humility and obedience, which are very important virtues we need in order to excel in life. Without these Christ would not be able to achieve the new covenant for our salvation.

As we see Christ carrying out his priestly and intercessory role, we must find new courage to press on in the midst of trials, persecution, and even doubts. We must learn from His experience, that suffering is necessary, and inevitable in life. This is because, just as Christ, we will be made perfect through it.

The gospel draws us closer to our destination. Christ Himself tells us: *"Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."* What glory is there in suffering? He is about to be arrested, punished and killed, yet He talks about His glory. Jesus saw beyond the clouds of pains and difficulties in order to behold success and eternal life. He knew that his suffering and death would restore life to many. So, rather than be discouraged by the temporary situation of suffering, He was encouraged and motivated by the honest reward of eternal life. Hence, Christ offered His suffering and life in order to restore a broken covenant and eternal life for all who believe in Him. Hence, He says: *"Unless a grain of wheat dies it remains a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest."*

Unfortunately, many of us do not want to follow or like this path. Jesus invites us to be strong along the path of life. He wants us to be where He is. So, we must be ready to endure as He did. We must be ready to die as a grain dies in order to regenerate. Practically speaking, we die every day when we stand up for justices, when we stand for the truth and when we say no to sin, corruption and immorality.

These *"daily deaths"* exhaust us physically, but they strengthen us spiritually. Therefore, as we continue our walk with Christ this Lenten season, the thought of His own suffering and death must strengthen us daily. Also, we must constantly remind ourselves that to suffer for others, and for Christ, is an honourable thing to do.

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

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

Sat. 23 Mar: Rehearsals for the Readers of the Holy Week at 10am

Roster for the weekend of 23 Mar — 24 Mar 2024

Mass Coordinators

23 Mar 5.30pm - Sera Thomas
24 Mar. 8.00am - Mary Klerks
24 Mar. 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

23 Mar. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden & Wilda Fernandes
Gospel Readers - Verity Madsen (N), Malcolm D (C)
24 Mar. 8.00am - Buxton Thomas & Brian Cunningham
Gospel Readers - Nimfa Brookes (N), Ron Klerks (C)
24 Mar. 9.30am - Elenora Tufuga & Jacob Domingo.
Gospel Readers - Tamate T (N), Kelemete Tito (C)

Communion Ministers

23 Mar. 5.30pm - Patricia V. Rosemary O. & Hazel M.
24 Mar. 8.00am - Josephine T. Talafaia T. & Sala P.
24 Mar. 9.30am - Violete N, Tua N. & Doris D.

Altar Servers

23 Mar 5.30pm - Gerard & Joshy
24 Mar. 8.00am - John Paul & Andrew
24 Mar. 9.30am - Salvius, Parfait, & Clovis

Choirs

23 Mar. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
24 Mar. 8.00am - Fono
24 Mar. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir
24 Mar. 4.00pm - SMK Choir (Yarrabilba)

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

Requests for Palms for our Palm Sunday Masses

If you have palm fronds to offer for our Palm Sunday Masses: we would appreciate if you could please drop them off in the boxes provided at the entrance of the Church on **Friday 22nd March and Saturday 23rd March morning.**

Thank you very much for your kind contributions
Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Nick

Rehearsals for Holy Week Readers

There will be a rehearsals for all Holy Week Readers on **Saturday 23rd March 2024 at 10am** in the Church. All readers who are rostered to read on Holy Week are requested to attend.

Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Nick

Collection: Week-ending: 10 March 2024

Envelopes Received	: 39
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,293.95
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 177.00

TOTAL	: \$ 2,470.95

5th Sunday of Lent: 17 March 2024

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 50: 3-4, 12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;

And where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields rich.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

17th March & 24th 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 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. 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 Pietkiewicz, 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.

Working Bee



We welcome every able bodied person to lend a helping hand to clean-up our Parish in preparation for the upcoming Holy Week and Easter celebrations:

Sat, 23 Mar 2024 : 8.30am to 11.00am

ROSTER SHEETS OF LITURGY TEAM FOR APRIL 2024

Roster sheets of the liturgy team for April 2024 is available at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy and contact parish office if you need any changes.

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick

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*



ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2024

SACRAMENTS	CONFIRMATION	FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST
Age Group	Grade 3 & above	Grade 3 & above
Important Enrolment Conditions	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, 24 March 2024	Sunday, 26 May 2024
Parent/Guardian Information Session	6.30pm on Wednesday, 17-Apr-24	6.30pm on Wednesday, 5-Jun-24
Rite of Enrolment in Church during Mass	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 21-Apr-24	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 9-Jun-24
1 st Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	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	9am Saturday, 18 May 2024	9am Saturday, 20 July 2024
DAY OF SACRAMENT	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 25 May 2024	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 27 July 2024

ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSALS FOR HOLY WEEK

Altar Servers Roster sheet is available at the entrance of the church. Altar Servers Rehearsals 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.

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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.

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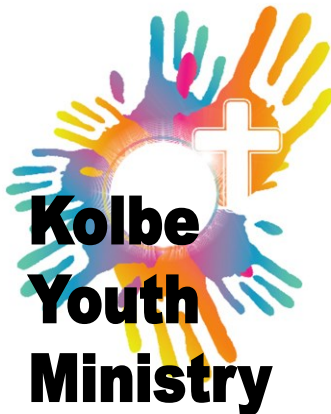


2024 Lent & Holy Week Schedule



Liturgical Event	Day/Date	Time
Stations of the Cross (weekly)	Every Friday in Lent	7.00pm
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 Kolbe Youth Gathering will be at 6.00pm on every Friday of the week. 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



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