



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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(currently vacant)

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3489 4800

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5549 8000

San Damiano College

Mr. Peter Edwards (Principal)
5670 7000

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, 26 March 2023

Reflection....

In the first reading the Prophet Ezekiel announced a promising future for his ruined people. It was a renewed promise that God made through the prophet while the people of Israel were in exile. Today, this promise is still valid for us through Christ our Lord. It is a promise of the regeneration and restoration of our lives weakened by sin, sickness, and the difficulties of this life. In this context, the separation from God refers to a "spiritual exile or death". It is only the Spirit of God that can deliver us from such an exile or death. Hence, God promise's us today is: "...I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil..."

Paul also reminds us that it is only the Spirit of Jesus that can restore us to life: "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you...he will give life to your mortal bodies..." In other words, without the Spirit of God one is as good as dead. This is because Christ tells us that: "What gives life is the Spirit of God, the flesh profits nothing" (Jn 6, 63). This was evident in the life of Saul, the former king of Israel. Immediately the Spirit of God left him, he became miserable and mischievous (1 Sam 16: 14-16). Therefore, the Spirit of God is the evidence of God's activity in us. Hence, Paul warns us: "...Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who is God's mark of ownership of you..." (Eph 4, 30). This is very important because he is the one that guides and sustains us.

The gospel presents us with Jesus' demonstration of power. By raising Lazarus from death, Christ proved that he is really, the resurrection and the life. He could not have achieved this without the power of the Holy Spirit. The regeneration, resurrection and restoration were possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. All we need to do is, humble ourselves, and allow him to use us.

There are a few lessons we must learn from today's gospel. First, this miracle is an expression of love. We were told that when the message came to Jesus: "The man you love is ill." Jesus went because of the love he had for Lazarus and his family. Just as their joy was his joy, also, their sorrow became his sorrow. So, "Jesus wept!"

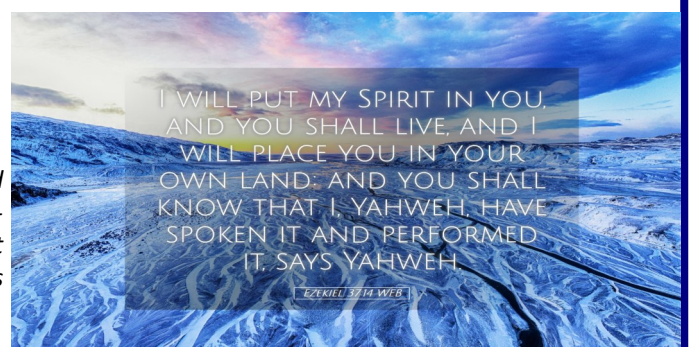
Second, our faith is very important in the working of any miracle for us. Christ said to Mary and Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life...Do you believe in this...?" So, in order to resurrect Lazarus, the love of Christ and the faith of his sisters brought down the power of the Holy Spirit. Third lesson is that with Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit everything is Possible. This is because, Jesus has authority over life and death.

Finally, Jesus is ever willing to help us no matter what it will cost him. It does not matter how long we have been spiritually dead or exiled. He knows us, loves, and calls us by our names as he called, "Lazarus, Come out!" If we hear and obey his voice, then he will restore life to our weak and mortal bodies through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Fri. 31 Mar : Lenten Reflection presented by
Fr. Ray Sanchez followed by the
2nd Rite of Reconciliation 6.30-7.30pm

Mon. 3 Apr : Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm

Tue. 4 Apr : Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm

Please refer to the Holy Week Schedule on Page 4

Roster for the weekend of 1st April — 2 April 2023

Mass Coordinators

1 Apr 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
2 Apr 8.00am - Orlando Diente
2 Apr 9.30am - Kelemete Tito

Readers

1 Apr 5.30pm - Adeline B & Francesca Orodnez
2 Apr 8.00am - Rachel M & Abel Budiono
2 Apr 9.30am - Flower D & Flor G.

Communion Ministers

1 Apr 5.30pm - Rosemary O & Sue McKeown
2 Apr 8.00am - Josephine Thomas & Korina Laban
2 Apr 9.30am - Joy Wallace & Doris Deurloo

Altar Servers

1 Apr 5.30pm - Jasmine & Chagika
2 Apr 8.00am - Salvius & Parfait
2 Apr 9.30am - Malachi & Talalai

Choirs

1 Apr 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
2 Apr 8.00am - Family Choir
2 Apr 9.30am - Ekalesia Choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Ekalesia Group

5th Sunday of Lent: 26 March 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 129

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness
of redemption.*

Second Reading: Romans 8: 8-11

*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in
you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.**
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

Collection: Week-ending: 19 March 2023

Envelopes Received	: 32
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,131.90
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 192.65
\$ 2,324.55	



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 5.00pm on:

26th March & 2nd April 2023

Centre Location

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



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 Talatou,
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, Sesilia Muevae,
Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewicz,
V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family,
Reef W.Carroll, Daisy Ann Thomas,
Patricia Donovan, Noreen Audley, Rob Canning,
John Engberg, June Curyer, Baby Charlotte.

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. The Farewell to Fr. Long will be held on Sunday, 23 April 2023 after 9.30 am Mass .

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 arrival of Fr. Nick will be announced after Easter. Thank you, Fr. Mikhael Loke

Request for Palms for our Palm Sunday Masses

If you have palms 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, 31st March 2023**

Thank you very much for your kind contributions!

*Thank you very much!
Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Long*



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



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



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



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



The **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is the pathway of preparation for those who desire to become Catholic and be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. It resembles the journey those in the early church undertook in preparation to be baptised and received into the Catholic faith.

The RCIA is not a program, but rather a process of ongoing conversion to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ towards spiritual maturity as a missionary disciple in the Church. Dedication to the process involves individual spiritual formation and preparation, investigation and discernment of the Catholic faith, and moments of public commitment to one's pursuit of holiness.

This pathway is designed for those who are unbaptized or coming from another religion, baptised Christians who are seeking to become Catholic, and baptised Catholics who desire to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (i.e. Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation).

If you or someone you know are keen to begin your journey of discovery in the Catholic faith, please call our Parish Office to register your interest and provide your contact information. Our Parish Office email is: marsden@bne.catholic.net.au and our contact number is **3803 0862**



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



2023

Lent & Holy Week Schedule

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

Summit²³

MAY 18-20, 2023
RIVERLIFE CENTRE
Seventeen Mile Rocks

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The principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023.

Summit 2023 is a three-day event for all who belong to the faith community of the Archdiocese: parishioners, educators, parents, support staff, catechists, lay leaders, religious and clergy - this event is for everyone.

The Summit is a key step in the implementation phase of the Plenary Council and where Archbishop Mark will be sharing his priorities for the years to come.

The Summit will include:

- Keynote presentations
- Masterclasses
- Panel discussions with a focus on mission, faith communities, and prayer
- Moments for personal encounter with Christ through prayer and Eucharist
- Earlybird registration from \$170, group discounts are available

For costs and more information head to our website



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HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF HOLY WEEK?

5 WAYS TO LIVE IT WELL

01 MEDITATE ON THE PASSION

Meditate on the Passion using passages in the Bible, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, etc.

02 TRY TO BE SILENT

Avoid listening to music or attending parties or celebrations. Make sure to keep your conversations as sober as possible.

03 MAKE AN EXTRA SACRIFICE

In addition to fasting and abstinence on Friday, make another small sacrifice.

04 ATTEND THE LITURGIES

Try to attend all of the liturgies and invite your family and friends.

05 KEEP ALL DISTRACTIONS AWAY

Keep away from distractions like your cell phone, videos, etc.

#HOLYWEEK



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