



# 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

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

Helen Swindells

#### Community Life Ministries

Lele Faeteete

#### Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

#### 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 & 7pm
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday, 11 February 2024

### *Reflection...*

In today's readings from Leviticus and the gospel of Mark, we see stories of lepers. The Leviticus passage refers to lepers as "unclean" and the Mark passage talks about Jesus healing a leper. The passage shows that Jesus is compassionate: as people cry out to Jesus, he shows mercy, and does not delay.

After Jesus shows mercy and heals the leper, Jesus warns him not to tell anyone: "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." Nonetheless, the leper decides to tell everyone.

Why would Jesus want the leper not to tell the story of his healing, though? In the gospel of Mark, there is a sense of a "messianic secret." Jesus, it seems, wants his followers to maintain silence about his mission, and for his identity to be kept a secret, as many still didn't understand who Jesus was.

People were searching and waiting for a certain type of messiah, a "warrior messiah" who would overthrow the Romans. Oppressed by the harsh empire and heavily taxed, the people wanted a messiah who would get rid of the Romans. Jesus knew that he was not the kind of messiah the people were waiting for. He did not come to overthrow the Romans, but instead, came to be a humble servant, a suffering messiah who will be crucified on the cross.

By the end of the story, Jesus and the former leper have basically traded place. The former leper is telling everyone he meets that Jesus has healed him, but Jesus has become isolated and alone. It's as though the leper and Jesus have had a role reversal.

In certain ways, this healing story points us towards Jesus' future. Jesus came into the world to show us mercy, heal us, comfort us, and give us life. Jesus became the humble servant, not the warrior messiah many expected would come to overthrow the Roman Empire. Jesus took the lonely road of giving up his life for us. He became alone, abandoned, and isolated on Golgotha. And he took that path to show us grace, provide healing, and give us eternal life.

*Reflection from : US Catholics*



Jacob Wang, the young Seminarian from the SVD who has been on a 2-month attachment to our Parish, will be completing his period of pastoral ministry in our parish and leaving us after this weekend. During his time with us, Jacob had been generously contributing his knowledge, time and efforts to help with our Parish activities.

On behalf of our whole Parish, Fr. Nick and myself, we thank Jacob for your presence amongst us in Marsden and for all the support and assistance you have rendered to us in the last few weeks!

Fr. Mikhael

## DATE CLAIMERS

**Sun.11 Feb: Children and Family Ministry Meeting @10.30am**

**Mon 12 Feb :** Timeline Bible sessions resume

**Tue. 13 Feb :** Healing Mass - 10.00am

**Wed. 14 Feb :** **ASH WEDNESDAY: Mass: 9am & 7pm**

**Fri. 16 Feb :** Mass at 9am Stations of the Cross 7pm.

### Roster for the weekend of 17 Feb — 18 Feb 2024

#### Mass Coordinators

17 Feb 5.30pm - Rosemary Ordonez  
18 Feb. 8.00am - Orlando Diente  
18 Feb. 9.30am - Tua Niumagumagu

#### Readers

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

#### Communion Ministers

17 Feb. 5.30pm - Paul and Wendy Simpson, Sue M.  
18 Feb. 8.00am - Korina L, Lele F. & Deb Howkins  
18 Feb. 9.30am - Elisapeta and Kelemete Tito, Winnie.

#### Altar Servers

17 Feb 5.30pm - Saneth, Chagika & Pramudsth  
18 Feb. 8.00am - Malachi, Talalei, Matilda  
18 Feb. 9.30am - Antonio, Andrew & Alexander

#### Choirs

17 Feb. 5.30pm - Trinity Choir  
18 Feb. 8.00am - Peter the Rock Choir  
18 Feb. 9.30am - Filipino Choir  
18 Feb. 4.00pm(Y/B) - Trinity Choir

Flowers : N/A

Counters : Christine Lapalapa, Noel

Cleaners : Rosary Group

### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 11 February 2024

**First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46**

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp*

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 31: 1-2, 5, 11**

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

**Second Reading: I Corinthians 10: 31-11:1**

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*A great prophet has appeared among us:*

*God has visited His people*

*Alleluia.*

**Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39**

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*



## **YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass**

will be held at 4.00pm on:

**11th Feb and 18th Feb 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 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 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.

### Pastoral care to the sick in hospitals (volunteer role).

**Information morning:** Centacare, in conjunction with the Institute of Faith Education, will conduct a registered training course in spiritual and pastoral care to the sick in 2024. Date of the information session: **Wednesday 6 March, 10am – 1pm, Level 1, Cathedral House 229 Elizabeth St, Bne City.** For further information, or to attend the information morning please email [judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au) or phone 3324 3193.

## **Healing Mass**

**Tuesday, 13 February 2024**

**Mass @ 10.00am;**

**followed by luncheon**

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

### Collection: Week-ending: 04 February 2024

**Envelopes Received : 34**  
**Amount from Contributions : \$2,150.45**  
**Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 139.25**

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**TOTAL : \$2,289.70**

## 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.



*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*

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, 23rd February 2024. New members are welcome to join. Please contact Lawrence Au'vaa: 0434763218  
email.auvaalaw30@gmail.com**

## 2024 Parish Lenten Talk



**AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS  
TO ATTEND OUR PARISH LENTEN TALK**

**"APPRECIATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND  
PROMOTING CULTURAL INTEGRATION"**

**BY MOST REV. BISHOP TIM NORTON SVD**

**On Tuesday, 27th February 2024  
From 6.00pm to 7.30pm**

**Please come along with your family and friends.**

**Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick**



# 2024 Lent & Holy Week Schedule



Liturgical Event	Day/Date	Time
Ash Wednesday	Wed, 14 Feb	9.00am & 7.00pm
Stations of the Cross (weekly)	Every Friday in Lent	7.00pm
<b>Lenten Reflection</b> by The Most Rev. Bishop Tim Norton SVD	Tue, 27 Feb.	6.00pm - 7.30pm
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
<b>Easter Vigil Mass</b> - to be followed by light refreshments; bring-a-plate concept	Sat, 30 Mar	7.00pm
<b>Easter Sunday Mass</b> - to be followed by light refreshments after both Masses; bring-a-plate concept	Sun, 31 Mar	<b>9.00am</b> - SMK <b>9.00am</b> - Yarrabilba

## THANK YOU!

The SMK Marsden Conference of SVDP would like to thank all those parishioners who responded so generously to our 2023, Christmas Hamper Appeal, with donations of groceries, toys, and or cash.

With the equally generous response of our local parish schools, and the local Bunnings at Bethania, we were able to assist more than 40 needy families in the local area, with a laundry basket laden with groceries, some gift vouchers to purchase fresh food items, and several presents of toys that over 150 children would find under their Christmas tree.

In 2024, as in previous years, we will continue to visit 3 or 4 families on three days each week, to give assistance with their needs.

Again many thanks, and remember, -

**AS OFTEN AS YOU DID THIS TO SOMEONE OVERLOOKED OR IGNORED, - THAT WAS ME: ... YOU DID IT TO ME. (adapted from MATTHEW Ch. 5)**

## Prayer for Peace

Loving God

We pray for peace and reconciliation in Nigeria, seeking hope amidst the despair.

Grant strength to those who have lost family and friends, bringing comfort in their sorrow.

Grant eternal rest to those whose lives have been lost due to violence and conflict.

Hear the heartfelt prayers of those enduring instability, to those grappling with fear and uncertainty.

Be their steadfast rock and shield.

Give freely to your people the wisdom to navigate difficult times and to find a way forward.

Give your people the courage to be peacemakers, and guide them toward peace.