St Maximilian Kolbe CHURCH There is no greater love

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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3489 4800

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5549 8000

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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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday, 19 February 2023



In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus gives His listeners a road map outlining how they are to live out their lives as His followers. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you ... Give to all who ask ... Do to others as you would have them do to you ... Stop judging ... Stop condemning ... Forgive." This is the path each one of us must follow. This is the journey of faith on which we find ourselves day after day.

But let's face it. This is one of the most difficult

teachings that we have received from Jesus on the practical living out of our faith. When we examine our own relationships, both with God and with our neighbour, we certainly realise how difficult it is for us to imitate the love of Jesus and put this into practice. Our love is imperfect. It can be coloured by fear, by some hidden motive, by selfishness. Often, our love is conditional. We only love those whom we like, or those who earn our love by pleasing us. Our love is fragile and sensitive. It withers and dies if we are hurt or misunderstood. Or we simply get tired of giving. We grow weary of preferring others to ourselves.

Is it really possible to forgive our enemies in a world torn by war and terror, religious and ethnic prejudice, economic disparity and exploitation of the weak? We are certainly not expected to overlook these evils, but as St. Paul tells us "we bear the image of God," and we are called to forgive and not retaliate. We are called to be merciful, not vengeful. This is real heroism, and we are all called to it.

Jesus teaches us to be concerned for the needs of others. He asks that we use God's gifts wisely and well. At the heart of our faith is a spirit leading us to acknowledge that it is God's love and goodness that provides so abundantly for all of our needs. And this should be the springboard to our sharing what we have with our brothers and sisters. The love of Jesus is modelled on the love of God. It is a human translation of that love - universal, unwavering, relentless. It will always be a challenge for us, an ideal for which we strive. But we cannot love God and be indifferent to others. We have to learn how to love those who are not perfect and who may be outcasts. What Jesus says in the Gospel is that there is no way we can claim to love God without being accountable to loving and serving others, who themselves are unique reflections of the presence of God. This is the only way we can actually bear the image of God.

The complete picture we find in Scripture keeps going back to the fact that we can't do this on our own. We have to be in a disposition where we are radically open to a Spirit of love that lives and breathes inside each of us. Our task is to take on the image of God day by day and every day. It's all about listening to a story with open ears and a fresh heart. It is about taking out the road map, learning it by heart and crossing over into uncharted lands.

Reflection adapted from: https://www.ecatholicism.org/index.php/reflections/cycle-c/11-lectionary-cycle-c/106-7th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-bearing-the-image-of-god

DATE CLAIMERS

Wed.22 Feb: ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass Times: 9am and 7pm

Fri. 24 Feb : Stations of the Cross - 7pm

Sat. 25 Feb : Logan Deanery Liturgy Formation

9.30am - 11.30am (Parish Hall)

Roster for the weekend of 25 Feb — 26 Feb 2023

Mass Coordinators

25 Feb 5.30pm - William Barncastle 26 Feb. 8.00am - Ron Klerks

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Readers

25 Feb
 5.30pm
 Adeline Barncastle & Verity Madsen
 26 Feb.
 8.00am
 Rachel Matijasevic & Lele Faaeteete
 26 Feb.
 9.30am
 Elenora Tufuga & Kelemete Tito

Communion Ministers

25 Feb
5.30pm
Rosemary Ordonez & Sue Mckeown
26 Feb.
9.30am
Elisapeta Tito & Viyolete N

Altar Servers

25 Feb 5.30pm - Pramudsth & Saneth 26 Feb. 8.00am - Salvius & Parfait 26 Feb. 9.30am - Jazmine & Israel

Choirs

25 Feb 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir 26 Feb. 8.00am - St. Peter Channel 26 Feb. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Agnes & Lele

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

A Prayer for Healing for Sick Family and Friends

Lord Jesus, thank you that you love us.
I know that you hate what this illness is doing to my loved one. I ask, in the name of Jesus, that you would heal this disease, that you would have compassion and bring healing from all sickness. Help me trust in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

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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, Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewiez, Zhaylee Curtis, Sesilia Muevae, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef Wallace Carroll. Daisy Ann Thomas, Patricia Donovan, Noreen Audley, Rob Canning.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 19 February 2023

First Reading: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Collection: Week-ending: 12 February 2023

Envelopes Received : 34

Amount from Contributions : \$2,130.80 Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 178.35

TOTAL : \$2,309.15



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 5.00pm on:

19th Feb and 26th Feb 2023

Centre Location:

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



Logan Deanery <u>Liturgy Formation</u>

Every couple of years the Archdiocese express and request that Lay ministers new and

existing attend an in-service/formation. On Saturday, 25th Feb 2023 there will be a day facilitated by Michael Mangan the director of Liturgy Brisbane and will be for all Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary ministers of communion, liturgy teams and music teams. The morning commences at 9am for a 9.30am sharp start till 11.30am. This is a great opportunity for all the parishes in the Logan Deanery to take advantage of this formation. Michael has a wealth of knowledge in music, liturgy and aspects of ministry and makes the session so engaging. I hope you will all be able to make it on this morning.

Venue : St. Maximilian Kolbe Church - Parish Hall 26 Macarthy Road, Marsden

All parishes in the Logan Deanery (which is us) are asked to please contact Jo Cullen if you are attending by email or phone – pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au or M: 0419 733 878



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**.





The SMK Conference of SVdP thanks all those parishioners who responded so generously to our 2022 Christmas Hamper Appeal, with donations of groceries, toys, cash, & gift vouchers.

With the equally generous response of our local parish schools, St Francis, Crestmead & San Damiano, Yarrabilba, we were able to assist over 40 needy families in the local area, with a laundry basket laden with food, some gift vouchers to purchase fresh food items, and several presents of toys that over 150 children would find under their Christmas tree.

In 2023, with an increased membership, we will be visiting 3 or 4 families on four days each week, to give assistance with their needs.

THANK YOU

As often as you did this to someone overlooked or ignored-That was me..You did it to me. Matthew 5:

Join us on Sunday 19th Feb for light refreshments after the 9:30am mass

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.

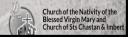
PRAYER FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA

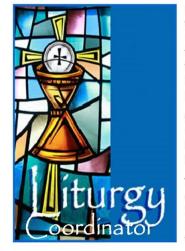
Heavenly Father, we come to you in prayer for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We ask for your mercy and comfort for those who have lost their loved ones, homes, and possessions. We pray for strength and healing for the injured, and for hope and peace for all those affected.

Guide and protect the rescue workers as they work tirelessly to help those in need. Provide for the physical and emotional needs of those affected by this disaster. We pray for your love to surround them, and for your hope to sustain them in this difficult time.

We ask for your wisdom and guidance for those in leadership, as they make decisions and provide support. May they act with compassion and justice, and may they be able to bring comfort and help to those in need.

Lord, we pray for a spirit of unity and support among all nations and people, as they come together to assist those affected by this disaster. We ask all these things in Jesus' name, Amen.





Buxton Thomas who has been our Parish Liturgy Coordinator for the last 1.5 years, has tendered his resignation from this Ministry with immediate effect to attend to some pressing family matters. As a parish community, we extend our grateful thanks to Buxton for his time and efforts whilst serving in this role, and also offer our prayers for Buxton and his family in their present needs.

Given the circumstances, we now 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

- Qualified in liturgical studies, pastoral ministry, theology, or related field is preferred.
- Recent training and current education in liturgy is essential.
- A working knowledge of the Rites of the Roman Catholic Church and current resources in worship and ritual practice; and demonstrated liturgical experience.
- Strong understanding of the Roman Catholic religion and faith traditions.
- Excellent people skills are essential to this role; someone with the ability to work collaboratively and respectfully with a cross section of our parish, across all ages and cultures.
- Openness to a variety of prayer styles to meet diverse spiritual needs.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

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 February	9.00am & 7.00pm
Stations of the Cross (weekly)	Every Friday in Lent	7.00pm
Lenten Reflection by guest speaker (1 hour); followed by 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	Fri, 31 March	6.30pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm onwards
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	Sat, 1 April	5.30pm
Palm Sunday Mass	Sun, 2 April	8.00am & 9.30am 5.00pm-Yarrabilba
Holy Thursday Mass	Thur, 6 April	7.00pm
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross	Fri, 7 April	10.00am
Good Friday Service		3.00pm
Easter Vigil Mass	Sat, 8 April	7.00pm
Easter Sunday Mass	Sun, 9 April	9.00am - SMK 9.00am - Yarrabilba





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 Shane Dwyer (Associate Director Adult Formation) dream about what an Adult Formation ministry could look like in a parish.

Do you have a dream for Adult Faith Formation ministry? If yes, we want to hear from you! Follow the link or QR code below to complete a quick 2-minute survey.

Have you registered for the Parish Summit yet?

Don't miss out! Register today at https://app.tickets.org.au/SMKparish/SMKParishSummit2023

Day/Date : Saturday 25th March 2023
Time : 9:00am - 3:00pm; includes:

Morning Tea - 10:30-11.00am - provided | Lunch: 12:00pm - 12:30pm - provided

Note: If you have any Dietary Requirements please email and let us know:

Email: smkparishmarsden@gmail.com

Location : St Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall

Registration : https://app.tickets.org.au/SMKparish/SMKParishSummit2023

You can also scan the barcode here to register:

