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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Outreach Ministry

Winnie Kepu

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St. Francis College - Tel. No 3489 4800 Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)

St. Clare's Primary School - 5549 8000

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Mr. Peter Edwards (Principal)

Weekday Mass Times

Monday 9.00am Tuesday 10.00am Wednesday 9.00am **Thursday** 9.00am **Friday** 9.00am

Weekend Mass Times

8.00am

Saturday 5.30pm

Saturday

Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am

SUNDAY OF EASTER: ~ Divine Mercy Sunday ~ 7 April 2024



What a grace-filled day this is! It is the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter. On this eighth day of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a day when the floodgates of mercy are opened wide and God lavishes us with more than we could ever hope for. The Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated for years as a private devotion. But in the year 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II, who himself was an extraordinary instrument of God's mercy, put this feast on the Church's official calendar as he raised Sister Faustina to sainthood.

Saint Faustina was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She died in 1938. She came from a simple and poor family of farmers, had only three years of rudimentary educa-

tion, and performed the humblest of tasks in her convent. But she also was a mystic who was privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord that she recorded in her diary of Divine Mercy. She writes of her experience on February 22, 1931:

In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'

Later, Jesus explained to her in another vision:

"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross....Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."

Jesus spoke again to her of His desire that the Solemnity of Divine Mercy be established:

"On that day (the 8th day of Easter each year) the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, intensely reflect upon the abundance of this gift that God wishes to pour forth upon us. There is no limit to how much our God of perfect mercy loves us. And today, on this the eighth day of Easter, we should especially be aware of the fact that the floodgates of Heaven are opened to us to an unimaginable degree. Turn your eyes toward our merciful Lord and be open to all that He wishes to bestow.

Lord of Mercy, help me today to begin to understand what mercy is all about. Help me to first be open to the mercy You wish to bestow upon me. As I receive Your own Divine Mercy, help me also to be an instrument of that mercy for all to see. Jesus, I trust in You.

Reflection adapted from:

https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/triduum-and-Easter-prayers/divine-mercy-Sunday/

Date Claimers

Mon. 8th April: Feast of Annunciation of the Lord. Mass at

9am

Mon. 8th April: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm

Tue. 9 April : Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm.

Tue. 9 April: Healing Mass at 10am

Roster for the weekend of 13 — 14 April 2024

Mass Coordinators

13 Apr. 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez 14 Apr. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes 14 Apr. 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

13 Apr.
14 Apr.
14 Apr.
9.30am
Sarah Wiss & Clarisse Bahati.
Orlando Diente & Beah Tauali
Kelemete Tito & Flower Donohue.

Communion Ministers

13 Apr.
14 Apr.
14 Apr.
14 Apr.
9.30am
Patricia V., Sue M, & Hazel McCarrick.
Rachel M., Korina L., & Talafaia T.
Ron K, Alfred Gomez, & Doris Deurloo

Altar Servers

06 Apr. 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel & Alexander

14 Apr. 8.00am - John, May & Zaia
 14 Apr. 9.30am - Jazmine, Tezaree & Noa

Choirs

13 Apr. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir 14 Apr. 8.00am - Congregation singing 14 Apr. 9.30am - Kolbe Family Choir

Counters: Christine Lapalapa and Noel

<u>Cleaners</u> : Rosary Group <u>Flowers</u> : Agnes



Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday 7th April 2024. Divine Mercy Group is celebrating the feast of Divine Mercy at 9.30am.

I invite you into my life, Jesus.

I accept you as my Lord, God and Saviour. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit. Come Lord Jesus, cover me with your Precious Blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit.

Collection: Week-ending: 31 March 2024

Envelopes Received : 34

Amount from Contributions : \$ 3,861.65
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 403.60

TOTAL : \$ 4,265.25

Ekalesia Group: \$ 400.00

Good Friday : \$ 1,646.55

2nd Sunday of Easter: 7 Apr 2024

First Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,

His love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19 - 31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

07 April & 14 April 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, Coleen Goodwin, Eric Alfred, Austine Jonse, Zakelyn Curtis, Michelle & John Williams, Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, Ann Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay and Michael Rudd. Alan Langdon. Basil Dirksz.



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



Iesus 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



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@amail.com





A night of discussion and discernment with the Archbishop.





I AM Love AND Mercy ITSELF. WHEN A SOUL APPROACHES ME ABUNDANCE OF GRACES THAT IT CANNOT CONTAIN THEM WITHIN ITSELF, **BUT RADIATES THEM** to other souls. IESUS TO ST. FAUSTINA

WORLD RENOWNED CATHOLIC PREACHER AND MINISTER

DAMIAN STAYNE

MATURING IN

DEVELOPING THE GIFTS OF PROPHETIC WORDS. SIGNS & SENSES FOR EVANGELISM AND MINISTRY



Schedule of Preparation for the Children's Sacrament of Confirmation

Day/Date	Particulars
Wednesday, 17 April	Parents/Guardians' Information Session at 6.30pm.
Sunday, 21 April	Rite of Enrolment @ the 9.30am Mass
Saturday, 27 April	1st Workshop : 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Saturday, 11 May	2nd Workshop : 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Saturday, 18 May	Rehearsal for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Saturday, 25 May	Confirmation Day @ 5.30pm Mass



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