



# 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

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### Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD 38030862

### Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

### Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

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Ron Klerks

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## PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

### Liturgy Ministries

Rodolfo Domingo

### Children & Families Ministries and

### Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells

### Community Life Ministries

Lele Faaeteete

### Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

Lawrence Auva'a

### 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	9.00am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	7.00pm
Saturday	8.00am

## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

## Easter Sunday: Sunday, 31 March 2024



### Reflection...

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. It marks the birthday of our eternal hope. Jesus gave up His life, and from the grave He was raised to life again on the third day. New life rises from the ashes of death. At Easter we are celebrating Christ's victory over the grave, the gift of eternal life for all who believe in Jesus. We rise from the ashes of sin and guilt and are refreshed and renewed by our living Lord and Saviour with His forgiveness and the assurance that He still loves us and will continue to give

us the strength we need.

Thus, we celebrate Easter with jubilation for three key reasons:

### 1. The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith; it proves that Jesus is God

That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, then your Faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (I Cor 15:14, 17, 20). In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our Faith in Christ, a Faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community. If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then the Church is a fraud and Faith is a sham. But if Jesus really did rise from the dead, His message is true! Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. People would remember some of his teachings, and a handful of people might try to live according to them.

### 2. Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection

Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (Jn 11:25-26). Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (CCC #1002, #1003).

### 3. Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears

It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal, as well as to our common, prayers. Our trust is in the -pervading presence of the Risen Lord giving us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. The prayer of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, reads: "Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part."

The Resurrection of Jesus had certain special features. First, Jesus prophesied it as a sign of His Divinity: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19).. Second, the founder of no other religion has an empty tomb as Jesus has. We see the fulfillment of Christ's promise on the empty cross and in the empty tomb. The real proof, however, is not the empty tomb but the lives of believers filled with His Spirit today! The third special feature is the initial disbelief of Jesus' own disciples in his Resurrection, in spite of His repeated apparitions. This serves as a strong proof of His Resurrection. It explains why the apostles started preaching the Risen Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Reflected by: Fr. Antony Kadavil, chaplain, Sacred heart Residence of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A; extracted in part from <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/>

## Easter Vigil: Saturday, 30th March 2024

**First Reading:** Genesis: 1.1 -- 2.2

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.*

**Second Reading:** Exodus 14: 15 - 15.1

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.*

**Third Reading:** Ezekiel 36: 16 - 28

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.*

**Epistle:** Romans 6: 3 - 11

**Gospel Acclamation**

R. *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**Gospel:** Mark 16: 1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

### **Date Claimers**

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

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

### **Roster for the weekend of 06 — 07 April 2024**

#### **Mass Coordinators**

06 Apr. 5.30pm - Wilda Fernandes  
07 Apr. 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete  
07 Apr. 9.30am - Christine Lalapala

#### **Readers**

06 Apr. 5.30pm - Malcolm D'Souza & Francesca O.  
07 Apr. 8.00am - Rachel M & Deb Howkins  
07 Apr. 9.30am - Flor Gomez & Boyet Domingo.

#### **Communion Ministers**

06 Apr. 5.30pm - Paul, Wendy Simpson & Rosemary O.  
07 Apr. 8.00am - Sala P. Sera Thomas, & Eseta  
07 Apr. 9.30am - Tiitii T, Mary Klerks, & Joy Wallace

#### **Altar Servers**

06 Apr. 5.30pm - Gerard & Joshy  
07 Apr. 8.00am - Malachi, Talalei, 7 Matilda  
07 Apr. 9.30am - Salvius, Parfait, & Clovis

#### **Choirs**

06 Apr. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir  
07 Apr. 8.00am - Congregation Singing  
07 Apr. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

**Counters** : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

**Cleaners** : Divine Mercy Group



**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: 24 March 2024**

Envelopes Received	: 27
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,343.40
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 143.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>: \$ 2,486.40</b>

## Easter Sunday: Sunday, 31st March 2024

**First Reading:** Acts 10:34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

*Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 16: 1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.



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

will be held at 4.00pm on:

**31 March(9am) & 07 April 2024 (4pm)**

#### **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 Wil-  
liams, 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 .



### *In loving memory of **Cath Turner***

*who entered eternal life on 23 March 2024*

*As a Parish family we extend our deepest  
condolences to Cath's family as we share in  
your loss and uphold all of you in our pray-  
ers at this time of sadness and grief.*

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

*May her soul rest in sublime peace, Amen!*

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, 2nd April 2024  
at 10.30am in St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden.

## 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*

## 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



*In loving memory of*  
**Elisabeth Suitupe Terry**  
*who entered eternal life on 24 March 2024*

*As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Elisabeth's family as we share in your loss and uphold all of you in our prayers at this time of sadness and grief.*

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in sublime peace, Amen!*

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, 3rd April 2024 at 11.30am in St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden.

## Healing Mass

Tuesday, 09 April 2024  
Mass @ 10.00am;  
followed by luncheon

**All are welcome to join in!**



REJOICE! HE IS RISEN

May the promise of the Easter season bring you great joy and abundant peace in the love and promise of the Lord.

Happy Easter

## EASTER AND THE PROMISE OF EVERLASTING LIFE

The day begins symbolically with darkness and loss. “Early in the morning, on the first day after the Sabbath, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb.” (Jn 20:1) Finding the tomb opened and the body missing, she fears that it had been stolen. She calls on Peter and the ‘beloved’ disciple to come and see. They run to the tomb to see for themselves. It is the beloved disciple only who understands the mystery of the missing body. “Till this moment they had failed to

understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.”

If they were not present at the actual crucifixion of Jesus, they would certainly have heard about it and maybe saw the body when it was laid to rest in the tomb. A body beaten and broken in the cruelest way by the Roman soldiers.

But the light of Christ will shine in the darkness and the darkness could not overcome it, as saint John tells us. Christ is risen as he said he would, and all darkness shall be overcome for those who believe in him.

The Easter story is now ready to be lived afresh in the lives of each one of us. We are Jesus’s sisters and brothers, called to share in his life of love with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The invitation is always there, to return to him and follow his path, his way.

During this Easter season, let us open our hearts in gratitude for God’s infinite love that never wavers. As Pope Francis said recently in his Lenten homily: “God’s infinite mercy is at the centre and heart of the church’s teaching, let us return to that and never forget it.”

We are grateful for all the donations that have been made to the Parish needs and beyond. Grateful to those who have generously contributed to the various tasks and jobs to beautify our Parish grounds. And we also extend our welcome to all visitors who have come to share our Easter Celebrations this year.

To all our Parishioners and Visitors, may the Lord Bless you and your families, so you all have a Blessed and Joy filled Easter.

Fr. Mikhael Loke & Fr. Nick Degroot

EASTER SUNDAY : 31 MARCH 2024

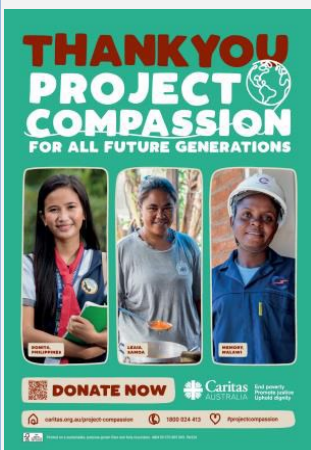


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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting



[caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413

