



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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Weekday Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>10.00am</u>
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

EASTER SUNDAY - 9th April 2023



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/news/2020-04/easter-sunday-reflection-vatican-news0.html>

Easter Vigil: Saturday, 8 April 2023

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: Matthew 28: 1 - 10

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

Easter Sunday: 9th April 2023

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: Matthew 28:1-10

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

Roster for the Weekend of 15 - 16 April 2023

Mass Coordinators

Sat. 15 Apr 5.30pm - Adeline Barncastle

Sun. 16 Apr 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete

Sun. 16 Apr 9.30am - Tua Niumagumagu

Readers

Sat. 15 Apr 5.30pm - Wilda Fernandes & Francesca Ordonez

Sun. 16 Apr 8.00am - Orlando Diente & Louise Timo

Sun. 16 Apr 9.30am - Tiliola N & Flor Gomez

Communion Ministers

Sat. 15 Apr 5.30pm - William B & Rosemary Ordonez

Sun. 16 Apr 8.00am - Eseta Alosio & Korina Laban

Sun. 16 Apr 9.30am - Doris Deurloo & Deb Howkins

Altar Servers

Sat. 15 Apr 5.30pm - Abigail & Annabel

Sun. 16 Apr 8.00am - Jazmine & Israel

Sun. 16 Apr 9.30am - John & May

Choirs

Sat. 15 Apr 5.30pm - Trinity Choir

Sun. 16 Apr 8.00am - Divine Mercy Choir

Sun. 16 Apr 9.30am - African Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa & Noel Swindells

Cleaners : Visan Family, Vaighafa Family, Diana Mulcahy
(Please start cleaning after 11am)

Floral Arrangement Team : Divine Mercy Group

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

Collection: Week-ending: 2 April 2023

Envelopes Received : 40
Amount from Contributions : \$2,860.35
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 255.30

\$3,115.65



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

Centre Location

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

Mass will be held on:

Easter Sunday 9th April* @ 9.00am

*** Please bring a plate to share after the
Easter morning Mass**

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Divine Mercy Sunday, 16th April @ 5.00pm



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 Talatonu, 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, Rob Canning,
V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef W.Carroll, Daisy
Ann Thomas, Patricia Donovan, Noreen Audley,
John Engberg, June Curyer, Baby Charlotte.

*Divine Mercy Feast Day
Celebrations 2023*

Easter Saturday, 15 April
9th Day Novena at 8.30am;
followed by the
2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Divine Mercy Sunday, 16 April
Feast Day Celebration Mass
at 8.00am



**CHILDREN'S
Ministry**

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*

Healing Mass
Tuesday, 11 April 2023
at 10.00am
Followed by luncheon
Celebrating Easter



- ♦ There is a box placed at the Entrance of the Church for you to drop off your Project Compassion Envelopes or Coin Boxes.
- ♦ 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.

WELCOME . ACCEPTANCE . PREPARATION . CONVERSION . DISCERNMENT

Becoming Catholic

COMMITMENT . PROFESSION . COMMUNION . WITNESS . MISSION

**THE JOURNEY TO CHRISTIAN INITIATION WITH THE
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY – MARSDEN, QLD**

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



**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



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*

In the brightness of this Easter day, we gather to celebrate not only the resurrection, but the great lengths to which our God is willing to go in order that we, the lost, might be redeemed.

Our God was willing to go to the cross for us. Without the risk of losing one's life, the willingness to suffer, the humility to carry a cross, the resurrection is impossible.

Over these past three days we devoutly recalled how Jesus was willing to bear the humility of being a man, how He died upon a cross, how he descended into hell, unlocked the gates of heaven, and conquered the darkness of evil and sin. From the hopelessness of the tomb and from the emptiness of the grave, the Son of God has risen, and he comes to us this day with the promise of eternal life.

We extend a word of appreciation to all who made donations (cash and kind), to all those involved in our Triduum Liturgies and to all who have generously contributed much of their time and efforts to clean and beautify our church interiors, gardens and surroundings. Thanks to all who sacrificed their time, energy and talents to make our Holy Week as prayerful, enjoyable, and as inviting as it has been.

We take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors to our Parish during this time. We are happy to have you celebrate Easter with us and indeed, welcome you to become a regular part of our Parish Life. The newsletter lists our Mass times and phone numbers. Please visit our parish website and call us, if we can help. Welcome, again, and a Blessed Easter to all of you!

To all our parishioners, we offer you our Blessings and wishes for a Blessed & Joyful Easter!

***Thank you all for the life you bring to
Our Parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe!***

Fr. Mikhael Loke & Fr. Long Nguyen