



# St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

Kingston-Marsden-Loganlea-Crestmead-Waterford-Logan Reserve-Yarrabilba  
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Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri : 9.00am - 2.30pm | Closed on Wednesday

### Parish Contacts

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### Weekday Mass Times

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 9.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 9.00 am

Friday 9.00am & 6.30pm

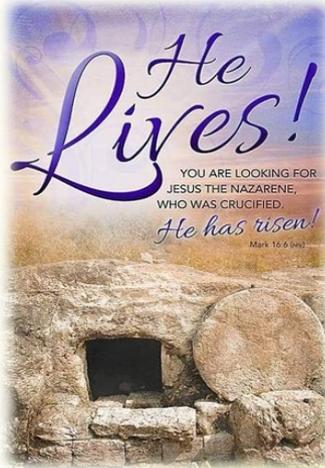
Saturday 8.00am

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday : 8.00 am & 9.30am

### EASTER SUNDAY : 04 APRIL 2021



What does Easter really mean for us ? What is the connection of the resurrection of Jesus to our present life in this world?

First, we must remind ourselves time and again that everything in this world is passing away. Nothing is permanent. Eventually everything will collapse and dissipate. What will happen then? We just cannot continue ignoring the heavenly and eternal realities. Hence, in his Letter to the Colossians, St. Paul earnestly exhorts us: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth" (Col 3:1-2). The resurrection of Jesus tells us that there is a future in store for us; there is heaven we can look forward to when this transitory world passes

away; there is life after death. Hence, we ought not to focus our attention only on this material world. For, again, as St. Paul said: "We look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal" (2 Cor 4:18).

Second, our life in this world, aside from being transitory, is also a long, arduous journey. At some point in our lives, we have to ask ourselves: where am I heading? Ten or twenty years from now, what will happen to me? When I grow old, what will I do? When all my children are grown up and have families of their own, where will I go? And then, eventually, we face the inevitable question: when I die, what happens next? Ultimately, we have to ask: what is the meaning of my life?

In the Gospels, Jesus gives us all the answers. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the Bread that gives us everlasting life. He is the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega. He and the Father are one. He is God. He is our salvation. And all his teachings and declarations are all proven true because of his resurrection. Jesus is the ultimate answer to everything in this world. He alone gives meaning to our life. Without Jesus, we are lost...forever. With Jesus, we will find life in its fullness: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (Jn 10:10).

Third, every day we are confronted with our weaknesses and shortcomings, our inadequacies and failures. We look for a source of power to give us strength, encouragement and support. Jesus is the ultimate source of power in heaven and on earth. With his resurrection, he is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven, and he fulfills his promise to us: "If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it" (Jn 14:14). This is the reason why, every time we pray at Mass and in many other liturgical celebrations, we always end with the phrase: "We ask this through Christ our Lord."

Yes, we are weak. But Jesus is our strength. This is what he revealed to St. Paul: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12: 9). This led the Apostle to conclude: "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me...For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor 12:10). In Jesus, there is power, victory, and salvation. The resurrection of Jesus, then, is not something remote and detached from our life. In fact, our life finds its source, power and meaning in the resurrection of Jesus. Hence, as God's people, we gather to worship every Sunday, the Day of the Lord, because we joyfully celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. No matter what happens to us and to the world, we will always proclaim that immutable and wonderful truth: Jesus is alive; he is risen; he is Lord! This truth gives us hope, joy and assurance of our final victory and eternal salvation.

*Excerpts from Homily Reflection by Fr. Mike Lagrimas – Catholic For Life - Padova, Italy*

# HAPPY EASTER

Dear Parishioners and Guests...

As we celebrate with you the Joy of our Resurrected Lord & Saviour, we extend our Special Blessings on each one of you and your families!

Be assured of our prayers and thoughts of all of you; stay safe and live the joy of the Risen Lord!

Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Sunil and Fr. Long

## Date Claimers

Sun. Apr. 11: Divine Mercy Sunday

Mon. Apr. 12: Pastoral council meeting @7pm

## FAREWELL MASSES BY FR. SUNIL

Fr. Sunil will be celebrating his final Masses at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish on Sat. 10 April 5.30pm and Sun. 11 April at 8.00am.

## YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Masses

Easter Sunday 04 April Mass @ 9am  
& Sunday 11 April, Mass 5pm  
at the St. Clare's Primary School  
2 Combs Street, Yarrabilba

Please be advised that Easter Sunday Mass will be the final Mass celebration by Fr. Sunil for the Yarrabilba community members.

## Easter Sunday : 04 April, 2021

**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:** Colossians 3: 1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;*

*Let us feast with joy in the Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

**Gospel:** John 20: 1-9

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

## **Parish Farewell Celebration for our Beloved**

**Fr. Sunil Paul Nagothu, SVD**

**Friday, 9 April 2021**

**Mass @ 6.30pm**

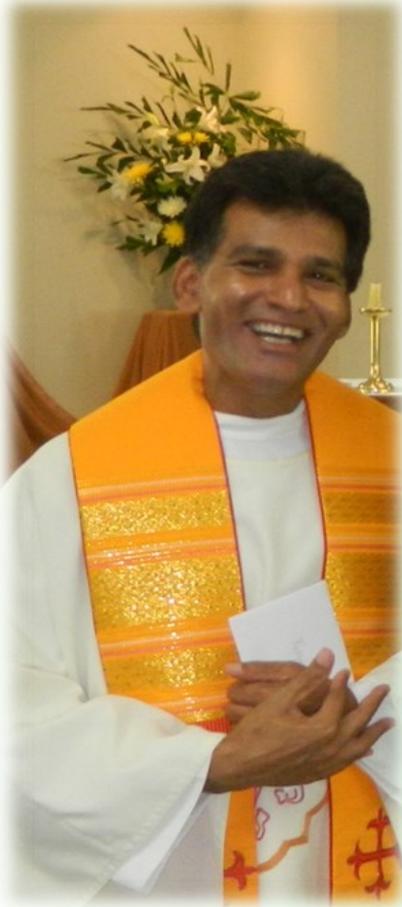
*followed by a*

*fellowship meal*



All those who are attending Fr. Sunil's farewell on Friday, 9 April 2021, can bring along a plate to share; however please note that food served is to be appropriately packed in disposable containers so that our organising team can serve them out under the strict COVID-safe compliance requirements.

## ***Happy Easter...and a Fond Farewell!***



We are an Easter people....Alleluia!

It is not the death of Jesus on the cross that makes us a Christian, but that of His resurrection from the Dead! It is by the raising of Jesus, that we are made certain and sure in our Hope of everlasting life with God.

Firstly, I pray that you will all have a Blessed Easter, filled with the joy and Hope for a bright Future!

The time has come for my last few words of gratitude to the parishioners of St. Maximilian Kolbe. I have spent the last 7+ years as your parish priest, and in that time, I have tried my best to walk with you as your companion, friend and comforter. We have journeyed together, through births, baptisms, marriages, sicknesses and deaths, and of course through the Covid-19 pandemic. Also, we have celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish with much reflection, joy, music, fun, and great food. Together we had also successfully undertaken some necessary and important renovations

projects..... for our church....this experience really made me greatly marvel at everyone's willingness to come together to do what was needed to be done to see our parish beautified and better.

This parish is truly built and run by its parishioners! In fact, if we look around our church and gardens, we see people who have contributed to various church activities, coming from the variety of our cultural groups. I am sure each one of you have an interesting story to tell. I am so glad I have been blessed with the opportunity to add my small piece to the wonderful story of this parish!

Though life was not without many challenges, managing the various cultural groups and their leaders, still we journeyed together patiently, learning from each other, accepting our differences, all for the sake of making our parish that much better. Through the years we have become a wonderful example of unity in a great diversity! So, filled with admiration and wonder, I leave the extraordinary people of this parish, with a great sadness in my heart, but also with firm hope that my next ministry will bring on new adventures that will continue to shape me and lead me onward to further life achievements.

Meanwhile, I want to thank you ALL very much... for your friendship and support which I will cherish for rest of my life! I will just say Farewell... until we meet again! And may this Easter time be a wonderful occasion for 'Shalom', a time for peace to be with you, always!

***Father Sunil***

Dear Fr. Sunil,

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Fr. Long and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your many years of service to our parish.

It will not be the same without you, but we will do our best to ensure we carry on the work you have so lovingly dedicated to the people and their parish. While your presence will certainly be missed, the great work you did here ensures you will never be forgotten. Thank you for being a tireless pastor to all, a helpful leader and - above all – a good friend!

Also, I would like to thank you for training me as the newly appointed Parish Priest here, since my arrival on February 14th 2021. I will do my best to make sure I uphold the work ethic and commitment that you are known for. Thanks for the motivation and for the on-the-job training I have received from you. It has been an honour working side by side with you.

We wish you the best of luck and continued success in your new ministerial position in Melbourne.

**Fr. Mikhael Loke, SVD**



#### ROSTER FOR THE WEEK ENDING 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021

Day	Readers	Choir
Sat. 10.04.21 5.30pm	William and Adeline Barncastle	Saturday Night Choir
Sun. 11.04.21 8.00am	Rachel Matijasevic and Lele Faaeteete	African Choir
Sun. 11.04.21 9.30am	Maria Setefano and Ron Klerks	Divine Mercy Choir
Counters	Christine Lapalapa and Noreen Audley	
Cleaning Team	Ekalesia Group	



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