



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

Kingston-Marsden-Loganlea-Crestmead-Waterford-Logan Reserve-Yarrabilba

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS : Mon, Tue, Thurs. & Fri : 9.00am - 2.30pm | Closed on Wednesday

Parish Office is closed from 22 December 2023 to 1st January 2024

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

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Helen Swindells (0400 014 042)

Community Life Ministries

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Outreach Ministry

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Affiliated Catholic Schools

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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

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| Monday | 9.00am |
| Tuesday | 9.00am |
| Wednesday | 9.00am |
| Thursday | 9.00am |
| Friday | 7.00pm |
| Saturday | 8.00am |

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

Sunday Mass: 8.00am & 9.30am

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: 31 December



In 1981, Pope John Paul II, in his apostolic exhortation *Familiaris Consortio* (*The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*), reinforced the concept of the family as the "domestic church" with its role in fostering prayer, teaching the faith, and nurturing Christian virtues. He highlighted that in the family, the Christian faith is first proclaimed to children, making the family vital to the mission of the Church, and the most fundamental institution in the world.

As we honour the Holy Family, one of the best ways to do so is to prayerfully ponder the daily life that the Holy Family shared. Because Scripture does not record many of their

family interactions in Nazareth, much is left to our prayerful imagination. What we do know is that human familial virtue within the Holy Family, especially between mother and Son, was at a level of perfection. The kindness, respect, obedience, unity, charity, and every other Christian virtue that they lived must become the model for Christian living and for family life.

The Holy Family began with apparent scandal when Mary became pregnant while betrothed to Joseph. Mary and Joseph suffered through the gossip and misunderstandings this miraculous pregnancy brought with it. Though Joseph learned of this conception from an angel in a dream, it was his faith and righteousness that empowered him to remain faithful to Mary and love her with a pure heart. Their family began in Bethlehem, in poverty and rejection. They then fled to Egypt to protect their Child from the paranoia and cruelty of Herod. They later returned to Nazareth and lived faithfully with family and friends. Jesus learned the trade of woodworking from Joseph, grew in wisdom and knowledge, spoke with the elders in the Temple at the age of twelve, and remained obedient to his earthly parents. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches us that Jesus had direct knowledge of the Beatific Vision from the moment of His conception and had the fullness of infused knowledge. But He also grew in acquired knowledge, learning with a human mind through sensory experience and conceptual understanding. Mary and Joseph watched this growth, participated in it, grew from it themselves, and Mary "pondered all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51).

As you ponder their inner family dynamics, relationships, and charity, use them as a model of how best to relate to your own family. Some families more fully imitate those sacred virtues; others fall gravely short. Look into your own heart and ask the Holy Family to teach you how to show greater love to those in your family. Though you will never arrive at perfection, you can receive inspiration from their lives, leading to greater growth and unity, making your own family a greater source of strength for your Christian living.

Reflection from: My Catholic Life



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all and each one of our Parishioners and Volunteers, who have been so generous with their time and energy, to reach out in love and care to our church community during this past year.

May each one of you experience in your heart the presence of God's everlasting love, now and throughout the New Year of 2024.

Fr. Mikhael Loke & Fr. Nick De Groot SVD

Date Claimers

Mon. 1 Jan 2024: New Year's Day Feast of Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Mass at 9am.

Fri. 5 Jan 2024 : First Friday of the month.
Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Mass 7pm.

Roster for the weekend of 6th.& 7th. January 2024

Mass Coordinators

6 Jan. 5.30pm - Mary Klerks
7 Jan. 8.00am - Lele Faaeeteete
7 Jan. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

Readers

6 Jan. 5.30pm - Francisca Ordonez
Ron Klerks
7 Jan. 8.00am - Beah Tauali
Marcia Canty
7 Jan. 9.30am - Boyet Domingo
Marie Dusabe

Communion Ministers

6 Jan. 5.30pm - Rosemary Ordonez, Wendy & Paul Simpson
7 Jan. 8.00am - Sera Thomas, Rachel Matijasevic, Eseta Alosio
7 Jan. 9.30am - Kelemete & Elisapeta Tito, Joy Wallace

Altar Servers

6 Jan. 5.30pm - Saneth, Chagika and Pramudsth
7 Jan. 8.00am - Antonio and Andrew
7 Jan. 9.30am - Malachi, Talalei, and Matilda

Choir

6 Jan. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
7 Jan. 8.00am - Congregation led singing
7 Jan. 9.30am - Congregation led singing

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Ekalesia Group

Flowers : Evelyn, Nimfa, Olive, Tanya

Feast of the Holy Family: 31st December 2023

*First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3
Your own son shall be your heir.*

*Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104: 1-6, 8-9
The Lord Remembers his covenant for ever.*

*Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
The faith of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets: now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 2 : 22-40

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at **4.00pm** on:

Sunday: 31 Dec.2023 & 7 Jan 2024

Centre Location:

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

All are Welcome!

Roster sheets for Jan and Feb 2024 are available at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy and contact the parish office if you need any changes in the next roster.



HAVE YOUR SAY

All parishioners are encouraged to **HAVE YOUR SAY** on what type of faith-building programs or prayer sessions that you would like our Parish Priests to consider introducing or maintaining on a regular basis for the upcoming **Year 2024**.

Please take a copy of our survey form at the entrance of the church and use it to express your views. You can drop off your completed forms in the box provided for this purpose.

Fr.Mikhael & Fr. Nick

THANK YOU!

Congratulations and thank you to the children of the Sunday School and the members of the Youth Group who participated in the Nativity Play at the Christmas Eve Mass. Your performance was amazing and your regular attendance at rehearsals under the guidance of the Youth Leaders Shanna and Lawrence really paid off. The parish appreciated your efforts and thoroughly enjoyed your retelling of the Nativity Story.

*Thank you once again for your dedication - Ruby, Nina, Letta, Paula, Annabel, Zain, Jude D, Salvius, Antonio, Donna, Parfait, Jude, Telesia, Tamate (TJ), Lucy, Sally, Clovis, Alexander, Auda, Lara, LJ Tongia, Rose, Destiny, Trinity, Vera, Jasmine, Abel and Youth Leaders Shanna and Lawrence.
Helen Swindells c/o Children and Families Ministry*



Please Pray for the Sick

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 Williams, Cath Turner, Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, Ann Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready.