



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

Children & Families Ministries and Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells (0400 014 042)

Community Life Ministries

Lele Faaeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

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	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

23 Dec. Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

24 Dec. Sunday Mass: 9.00am

24 Dec. Christmas Vigil : 6pm & 10pm

25 Dec. Christmas Day Mass: 9am

4th Sunday of Advent: 24 December 2023



Today, Mary is invited to make a home for Jesus in a unique and special way. To carry the spark of the light of the world in her womb, a place of warmth and darkness and secrecy and protection. A place where the heartbeat of the saviour of the world is in harmony with the heartbeat of the Blessed Mother.

By her willingness to say yes to the invitation, Mary models the way of making a home for Jesus, and not only Jesus, but all who follow him. Even though she did not know where her "yes" would lead, she trusted the message of the angel and opened her heart to the ark of God—the ark of the covenant, God's promise to be present to all who believe. Once Mary had said yes, she was also offering a welcome to all those who follow Jesus.

Once we learn how to welcome Jesus, who else do we welcome inside? Do we gaze upon homeless encampments and come to the same realization that King David did? "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Can we imagine those experiencing homelessness as home for the ark of God? Perhaps God would more readily be found there than in Hallmark houses.

The invitation of Mary and the Christ child is to make our home where we are most likely to encounter God. We do not need to be afraid to respond to this invitation. From the Pastoral Letter of the Synod, we find encouragement: "Mary, Mother of the Church, the first on the journey, accompanies our pilgrimage. In joy and in sorrow, she shows us her Son and invites us to trust. And He, Jesus, is our only hope!" Emmanuel: God with us.

Excerpts from U.S. Catholic Faith in Real Life



Heavenly Father, the whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four-letter word... LOVE. You sent your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meagre barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent helps us to reflect on the magnitude of love

that was made manifest in Jesus.

Date Claimers

Please refer to the Advent calendar for various Mass timings on 24th and 25th of December.

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

Roster for the weekend of 30th.& 31st. December 2023

Mass Coordinators

30 Dec. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden
31 Dec. 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete
31 Dec. 9.30am - Mary Klerks

Readers

30 Dec. 5.30pm - Clarisse Bahati
Deb Howkins
31 Dec. 8.00am - Rachel Matijasevic
Orlando Diente
31 Dec. 9.30am - Lawrence Auva'a
Beah Tualai

Communion Ministers

30 Dec. 5.30pm - Sue McKeown, Wendy & Paul Simpson
31 Dec. 8.00am - Sera Thomas, Brian Cunningham, Marcia Canty
31 Dec. 9.30am - Joy Wallace, TiiTii Toalepai, Doris Deurloo

Altar Servers

30 Dec. 5.30pm - John Paul & Andrew
31 Dec. 8.00am - Abigail, Annabel & Alexander
31 Dec. 9.30am - Salvius, Parfait & Clovis

Choir

30 Dec. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
31 Dec. 8.00am - SMK Choir
31 Dec. 9.30am - Ekalesia Choir

Counters : Agnes & Lele

Cleaners : SMK Group, Suli, Lipine and Alex

Flowers : Evelyn, Nimfa, Olive, Tanya

4th Sunday of Advent: 24th December 2023

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16: 25-27
The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord
May his will for me be done
Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 1 : 26-38

You will conceive and bear a son.



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!



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



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.

Collection: Week-ending 17 December 2023

Envelopes Received	: 35
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,389.00
Yarrabilba	: \$ 129.50
TOTAL	: \$ 2,528.50



In loving memory of

Kerry Smith

who entered eternal life on

13 Dec 2023

As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Kerry'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 Thursday, 28 Dec. 2023 at 1pm in St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden.

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 year.



**Kolbe
Youth
Ministry**



In loving memory of

Mary Farrell

who entered eternal life on

20 Dec 2023

As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Mary'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 Thursday, 4 Jan. 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.



In loving memory of

Frank Lee

who entered eternal life on

20 Dec 2023

As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Frank'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 him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul rest in sublime peace, Amen!*

**KOLBE CHILDREN & YOUTH NATIVITY
PLAY AT THE
CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN & YOUTH
MASS**

- Sunday 24th December @ 6pm -





Christmas Eve Sunday, 24 December 2023	9.00am	Only one Mass in the morning-4th Sunday of Advent
	6.00pm *	Children & Youth Nativity Mass—(Ekalesia Choir)
	10.00pm*	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass—(Filipino Choir)
Christmas Day Monday, 25 December 2023	9.00am *	Christmas Day Mass—(African Choir)
Note * Christmas Carols will be sung by the respective choirs from half an hour before all these Masses		
Saturday, 30 December 2023	5.30 pm	Vigil Mass (Saturday Night Choir)
New Year's Eve Sunday, 31 December 2023 Feast of the Holy Family	8.00am	New Year's Eve Weekend Mass (SMK Choir)
	9.30am	New Year's Eve Weekend Mass (Ekalesia Choir)
	4.00pm	New Year's Eve Weekend Mass-Yarrabilba
New Year's Day: Monday, 1 January 2024	9.00am	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (African Choir)

Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

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SR CAROLINA TOWARDS BETTER
HEALTH FOR TIMOR-LESTE

Your gift helps support the health of children, individuals and families like Petrolina's, through the work of Sr Carolina in Timor-Leste, as well as many other similar projects around the world.

Catholic Mission gratefully acknowledges:

St Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish - Kingston Marsden

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Reach out. Give life.

Signed:

ROSTER SHEETS FOR JAN 2024

Roster sheets for Jan 2024 are available at the entrance of the church.

Please take a copy of the roster sheet and contact parish office if you need any changes in the next roster.

December 24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”
 Luke 1:28 After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

(Accessed on December 4, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)