



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.

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 9.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 7.00pm

Friday 10.00am & 3.00pm

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 7.00pm (Easter Vigil)

Sunday 9.00am (Easter Mass)

Palm Sunday: Sunday, 24 March 2024



Reflection...

In today's Gospel we reflect on the events leading to the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Jesus was put to death in fulfilment of the Scriptures. This was according to the plan of the Father for the salvation of mankind. Yet it is also important to mention that Jesus was a victim of worldly politics.

There were 3 powers at play during this time. Palestine was then under the Roman Empire.

The Emperor was Tiberius Caesar, represented in Palestine by Pontius Pilate, a ruthless and greedy prefect (governor) of Judea who had little regard for the Jewish people and their religious customs. The king of Judea was Herod Antipas, the son of Herod the Great. The religious leader of the Jewish people was the High Priest Caiphas, the son-in-law of the former High Priest Annas. Pontius Pilate and King Herod were enemies. But when Jesus was sent by Pilate to Herod, the two became friends.

The whole issue against Jesus started with the religious leaders, those who compose the ruling body of the Jews, the Sanhedrin (Pharisees, Sadducees, scribes, priests and elders) under the leadership of the High Priest. They were afraid that with the increasing popularity of Jesus, the Jewish people could get united, and this will threaten the Romans who might come in and destroy the whole nation. This was the justification put forward by Caiphas for putting Jesus to death. But in reality, they were jealous of Jesus and afraid that they might lose their power over the Jewish people.

So why crucifixion? Did Jesus commit any capital offense? That was the question of Pilate to the accusers of Jesus. He was planning to have Him flogged, and then release Him afterwards. But the crowd's answer made Pilate shiver: they wanted the death sentence for Jesus because he called Himself Son of God and was making himself king – a direct offense against the Emperor. If Pilate releases Jesus, it would be an act of treason against the Emperor.

The Crucifixion is the cruellest death penalty. It is not just meant to kill the person but also intended to strip him of his human dignity.

It is important to reflect on the sufferings of Jesus. The lessons of the Passion and Death of Jesus are priceless and timeless: (1) reminder of our sinfulness; (2) reminder for us to remain always humble; (3) need for God's mercy and pardon; (4) God's self-sacrificing love for us; (5) Jesus is with us in our sufferings; (6) Jesus knows and understands our own sufferings and problems; (7) perseverance in doing God's will despite trials and persecutions; (8) patience in bearing our daily crosses; (9) there is no way to salvation but the way of the cross; (10) death as the passage to eternal life; (11) final victory with Jesus. These are the reasons why we use the cross as our mark as Christians. It is the sign of our salvation and the proof of God's boundless love for us.

Our Blessed Mother Mary reminds all her children, that the only way they must follow is the way of the cross. There is no other way. It is the path that Jesus took in order to save mankind. It is also the same path "which your Mother has first travelled, together with her Son Jesus". As the followers of Jesus, we must follow the way of the cross for it is the means to save sinners. Finally, taking the way of the cross will help us detach ourselves from everything in this world, making us ready to follow the will of the heavenly Father and join Jesus in His self-offering on the cross for the salvation of mankind.

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

Source: <https://www.catholicforlife.com/homily-reflection-for-palm-sunday-year-b-3/>

DATE CLAIMERS

Thur. 28 Mar : Lord's Supper - Mass @ 7pm
 Fri. 29 Mar : Stations of the Cross @ 10.00am
 : Good Friday Service @ 3pm
 Sat. 30 Mar : No Morning Mass
 Sat. 30 Mar : Easter Vigil Mass @ 7pm
 Sun. 31 Mar : Easter Sunday Mass @ 9am at SMK Parish and at Yarrabilba.

LIST OF LITURGICAL TEAMS FOR THE HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY: 28 MARCH: 7.00pm		GOOD FRIDAY :29 MARCH: 3pm	
CHOIR	Filipino Choir	CHOIR	Family Choir
MASS COORDINATORS	Luis Vasquez Mary Klerks	COORDINATOR	Lele Faeteete Tua Niumagumagu
READERS	Josephine Thomas(1st Reader) Nimfa Brookes(2nd Reader)	READERS	SMK YOUTH GROUP SMK YOUTH GROUP SMK YOUTH GROUP SMK YOUTH GROUP SMK YOUTH GROUP
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Sue McKeown Patricia Vasquez Sera Thomas Buxton Thomas	COMMUNION MINISTERS	Paul Simpson Wendy Simpson Korina Laban Ron Klerks
ALTAR SERVERS	Abigail Annabel Alexander	ALTAR SERVERS	For stations of the Cross John, May & Zaia For Good Friday Service Jazmine & Tezaree
EASTER VIGIL MASS: 30 MARCH: 7.00pm		EASTER SUNDAY MASS: 31 MARCH: 9am	
CHOIR	Eklesia Choir	CHOIR	Trinity Choir
MASS COORDINATORS	Nimfa Brookes Flor Gomez	MASS COORDINATOR	Joy Wallace Orlando Diente
READERS	Francesca Ordonez(1st Reader) Lele Faeteete(2nd Reader) Nina Domingo(3rd Reader) Sarah Wiss(Epistle) Flower Donohue(P.O.F.) Tamate Tumanuvao (Exsultet)	READERS	John Pale (1st Reader) Marcia Canty(2nd Reader)
COMMUNION MINISTERS	Rosemary Ordonez Sala Petaia Mary Klerks Deb Howkins	COMMUNION MINISTERS	Violete Ndikuriyo Doris Deurloo Brian Cunningham
ALTAR SERVERS	John Paul Andrew Antonio	ALTAR SERVERS	Saneth Chagika Pramudsth

Palm Sunday of Lent: 24 March 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.
 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Acclamation:
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15



**YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE
 Weekend Community Mass**

will be held at 4.00pm on:

24th March & 31st March 2024(9am)

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 Talatou, 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, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay and Michael Rudd. Alan Langdon, Basil Dirks z .



Candles on Easter Vigil Mass



Please take note that **only battery-operated candles** will be allowed for the Easter Vigil Mass within the church complex (both indoor & outdoor).

For this purpose, you may bring your own or buy a battery tea light candle from our Liturgical Team member at the entrance of the Church.

Thank you for your understanding.

Mikhael & Fr. Nick



We welcome every able bodied person to lend a helping hand to clean-up our Parish in preparation for the upcoming Holy Week and Easter celebrations:

Sat, 23 Mar 2024 : 8.30am to 11.00am

Collection: Week-ending: 17 March 2024

Envelopes Received	: 41
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,530.75
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 64.95
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TOTAL	: \$ 2,594.70

ROSTER SHEETS OF LITURGY TEAM FOR APRIL 2024

Roster sheets of the liturgy team for April 2024 is available at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy and contact parish office if you need any changes.

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick

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*



Holy Week

As we are now preparing for the most important days in the life of the Church: the Holy Week Celebrations. It starts with Palm Sunday because of the palm branches that people waved at Jesus to welcome Him as He entered the city of Jerusalem. But more accurately, this is called Passion Sunday.

This day marks the start of the passion and sufferings of Jesus that will reach its climax at Calvary on Good Friday. The Gospel reading this Sunday is the Passion of our Lord. This helps put our frame of mind on the unfolding story of the Holy Week as we pray and meditate on the passion and death of the Lord.

Holy Week should be marked with holiness. Let us clarify our understanding of holiness. For many of us, we readily label persons who always pray and go to church as holy. But that is not true most of the time. The true concept of holiness has something to do with "wholeness". This means that the person is not divided; there is no discrepancy between Christian teachings and actual practice or life of a person. In short, to be holy means to be whole – a solid combination of teaching and practice.

Holy Week is a special time to really examine our state of holiness or wholeness. So, we are encouraged to pray more assiduously, practice acts of penance and piety, examine our conscience, and be sorry for our sins, which destroy our wholeness as a person. Sins go against our true nature as God's children. An inner conflict arises within us every time we are in sin. St. Paul expressed that: "Why is it that the good I want to do, I do not do; while the evil I do not want to do, I do!" May these days lead us to the sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament reconciles (re-establishes relationship; reunites) us with God, with others and with ourselves. We become whole once again. That is true holiness. Hopefully, this holiness attained during the Holy Week continues throughout the year and all through our lives. After all, holiness is not just an activity, nor it is a seasonal affair only, but a lifetime struggle and goal of every Christian.

Remember...

1. To observe Good Friday as a Day of Fasting and Abstinence;
2. To make every effort to join in the Holy Week celebrations with your Parish Community: the Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday (esp. Easter Vigil on Saturday night).
3. To honour our Blessed Mother Mary on Holy Saturday; you could have a special Marian devotional activity on this day. It is not yet the day to have parties and have fun – the Lord is still buried, and it is our Blessed Mother who remains standing on behalf of the Church.

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PARISH OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 28 Mar @ 7.00pm

Good Friday – Friday, 29 March 2024

Stations of the Cross 10.00am
Good Friday Service 3.00pm



Easter Vigil Mass - Saturday, 30 March @ 7.00pm

Easter Sunday – Sun. 31 March

St. Maximilian Kolbe Church - 9.00am
St. Clare’s Primary School, Yarrabilba - 9.00am

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.



Our Kolbe Youth Gathering will be at 6.00pm on every Friday of the week. New members are welcome to join. Please contact Lawrence Au’vaa: 0434763218 email.auvaalaw30@gmail.com

- ◆ There will be a box placed at the Entrance of the Church for you to drop off your Project Compassion Envelopes or Coin Boxes, from this weekend.
- ◆ Envelopes for the **Good Friday Special Collection** for the Holy Land is now available at the entrance of the church. This collection will be taken during the Good Friday Service on Friday, 29 March 2024.
- ◆ Our **Parish Easter Envelopes** have also been placed out; these will be collected at all the Easter Weekend Masses.
- ◆ Thank you everyone for your generosity and may God bless you all for your loving kindness!

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick



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As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion. : Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations* . You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800

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