



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

Parish Priest

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(currently vacant)

Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

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3489 4800

St. Clare's Primary School

Mr. Michael McInerney (Principal)
5549 8000

San Damiano College

Mr. Peter Edwards (Principal)
5670 7000

Weekday Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.00am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	7.00pm
Friday	10.00am & 3.00pm
Saturday	No morning Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	7.00pm (Easter Vigil)
Sunday	9.00am (Easter Sunday)

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, 2 April 2023



“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

The crowds greeted Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with joyful enthusiasm. A few days later some of those people were undoubtedly part of the

hate-filled crowd screaming “CRUCIFY HIM!” Peter, who promised Jesus that he would never betray him, does so just hours later. How can something so wonderful take such an ugly turn? How does that happen in our world, lives, and hearts? How can it get so bad so quickly?

It isn't easy to be a hero, or to stand alone. It isn't easy to do what's right when doing what's right isn't popular. It's easier to go along with the crowd. When they shout, “Hosanna”, we shout “Hosanna!” When they scream, “Crucify him”, we scream “Crucify him!” The history of the Church, from Jesus to the present moment, is filled with the witness of saints and martyrs who didn't accept the social and personal sins of their times as just “the ways things are” but instead followed the way of Jesus, even knowing it was the way of the cross. Sadly, many of us are too easily swept into the fear and hatred of the crowd, and willing to unleash our wrath on the most convenient innocent victim.

Jesus, the Suffering Servant, who came to speak a word to the weary, who did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, who emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, who was obedient unto death—this is our Lord, who we are to follow no matter where he leads, no matter how difficult the path.

However, our discipleship of Christ is not a call to accept abuse, whether physical, spiritual, or psychological, nor to believe we are being Christ-like in doing so. It is a call to speak out against abuse and stand with those who are abused. This is the way of the Cross, the way of Christ. But be not afraid, for we will not be disgraced or put to shame, for God is our help, Jesus our Lord, and the Holy Spirit our power—the power of love, not violence. Perhaps we began this Lent with a firm commitment to pray more deeply, fast more faithfully, give alms more generously. But as the weeks went by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving became less appealing than arguing with one another about who among us is the greatest. Whose country is the greatest, whose politics, whose candidate, whose policies, whose ideologies.

There is still war. There are still refugees. There is still racism. The poor we still have with us. But because Jesus' name is above every other name, because we bend our knee before him and confess him as our Lord, we will be obedient to him. We will carry the cross that Jesus that has given us. We must never go along with the violent angry crowd. We are not abandoned or afraid. “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Reflected by: Father Paul Keller, C.M.F.

He is a Catholic priest and a Claretian Missionary. Father Paul Keller's online column, *Smells like sheep*, focuses on the places where pastoral ministry, public policy, theology, & ethics converge.

DATE CLAIMERS

Mon. 3 Apr : Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
Tue. 4 Apr : Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm

Reminder:

Please bring a plate to share for our Easter Vigil celebrations after Mass and for the Easter Sunday celebrations after our 9am Mass.

Holy Week 2023 Roster 6th April - 9th April 2023

Mass Coordinators

H/Thur 6 Apr 7.00pm - Mary Klerks & Lele Faaeteete
G/Fri 7 Apr 3.00pm - Nimfa Brookes & Tua Niumagumagu
H/Sat 8 Apr 7.00pm - Mary Klerks, Adeline, & Lele Faaeteete
E/Sun 9 Apr 9.00am - Joy Wallace

1st & 2nd Readers - Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Sunday

H/Thur 6 Apr 7.00pm - Hilda Bowden & Josephine Thomas
G/Fri 7 Apr 3.00pm - Sara Wiss & Lele Faaeteete
E/Sun 9 Apr 9.00am - Brian Cunningham & Ron Klerks

Gospel Readers for Good Friday—Friday, 7th April

3.00pm - Malcolm D.(N) Kelemete & Wilda

Easter Vigil Readers on Sat. 8th Apr at 7pm

1st Reader : William Barncastle
2nd Reader : Abel Budiono
3rd Reader : Flower Donohue
Epistle Reader : Tiliola Niumagumagu

Exultet on Easter Vigil - Sat. 8th April at 7pm

Tamate Tumanuvao

Communion Ministers

H/Thu 6 Apr 7.00pm - William Barncastle & Rachel Matijasevic
G/Fri 7 Apr 3.00pm - Elisapeta Tito & Winnie Kepu
H/Sat 8 Apr 7.00pm - Marcia Canty, Winnie Kepu & Elisapeta
E/Sun 9 Apr 9.00am - Violete N & Doris Deurloo

Altar Servers

H/Thur 6 Apr 7.00pm - Abigail, Annabel, Antonio & Andrew
G/Fri 7 Apr 3.00pm - Saneth, Matilda & Pramudsth
H/Sat 8 Apr 7.00pm - Annabel, Abigail, Salvius & Parfait
E/Sun 9 Apr 9.00am - Ruby & Israel

Choirs

H/Thur 6 Apr 7.00pm - Divine Mercy & Ekalesia
G/Fri 7 Apr 3.00pm - Filipino Choir
H/Sat 8 Apr 7.00pm - SMK Music Ministry
E/Sun 9 Apr 9.00am - African Choir

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

Cleaners : SMK Group

Floral Team :

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

Palm Sunday: 2nd April 2023

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: Matthew 26:14—27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Collection: Week-ending: 26 March 2023

Envelopes Received	: 33
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,223.05
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 211.60

	\$ 2,434.65



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

Centre Location

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

**Sunday, 2nd April at 5.00pm
&
Easter Sunday *, 9th April at 9.00am**
*** Please bring a plate to share after
the Easter morning Mass.**



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



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

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

WELCOME . ACCEPTANCE . PREPARATION . CONVERSION . DISCERNMENT

Becoming Catholic

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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**

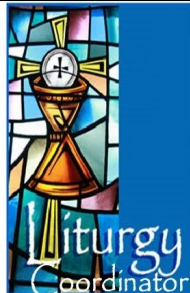


With your past support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

This Lenten season, we appeal for your continued support and ask that you take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to offer your contributions towards the ongoing work of Caritas Australia in helping vulnerable communities around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. Donations can also be made by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413. Grateful thanks to all of you for your kind contributions. God Bless You All!

- ◆ 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** are now available at the entrance of the Church; you may drop your contribution at all Masses throughout the Holy Week.

Thank you very much,
Fr. Mikhael



We have a vacant position for the role of **Liturgy Coordinator** in our Parish and we would like to invite applications for qualified candidates to fill this very important role.

The Liturgy Coordinator has the key responsibility of working in close collaboration with our Parish Priests to ensure the implementation of the direction/vision of liturgical events in our Parish. In this capacity, he/she will also work in collaboration with the other members of the Liturgy Committee.

Key Accountabilities of a Liturgy Coordinator

- ⇒ Coordinates the collaborative efforts of all liturgical events planning are celebrated in a way to encourage maximum and all-inclusive participation.
- ⇒ Ensures that all liturgical celebrations, including decorations and environment, are appropriate to the liturgical seasons, as well as the feasts and special occasions.
- ⇒ To keep updated knowledge of changes in the Liturgical policies and practices through maintaining close connection with Liturgy Brisbane and to actively share such knowledge at the parish level (particularly with the members of the Liturgy Committee), to facilitate shared understanding.
- ⇒ Communicates and collaborates effectively and in conjunction with Parish Council, sacramental and other ministry team coordinators in the parish.
- ⇒ Chairs the monthly Liturgy Committee Meetings, which assists in planning and implementing liturgical events.
- ⇒ Works collaboratively and in close communication with the Parish Office in coordinating the calendar for all liturgical events.

Qualifications

Conditions will be discussed at the interview.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please submit your application addressed to me, either through the Parish Office or via email to lokem@bne.catholic.net.au

Thank you,
Fr. Mikhael Loke

Healing Mass

Tuesday, 11 April 2023
at 10.00am

Followed by luncheon
Celebrating Easter



2023



Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Liturgical Event	Day/Date	Time
Ash Wednesday	Wed, 22 Feb	9.00am & 7.00pm
Stations of the Cross (weekly)	Every Friday in Lent	7.00pm
Lenten Reflection by Fr. Ray Sanchez; followed by 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	Fri, 31 Mar	6.30pm - 7.30pm 7.30pm onwards
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	Sat, 1 Apr	5.30pm
Palm Sunday Mass	Sun, 2 Apr	8.00am & 9.30am 5.00pm-Yarrabilba
Holy Thursday Mass	Thur, 6 Apr	7.00pm
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross	Fri, 7 Apr	10.00am
Good Friday Service		3.00pm
Easter Vigil Mass - to be followed by light refreshments; bring-a-plate concept	Sat, 8 Apr	7.00pm
Easter Sunday Mass - to be followed by light refreshments after both Masses; bring-a-plate concept	Sun, 9 Apr	9.00am - SMK 9.00am - Yarrabilba

Holy Week should be the most important week of the year for all Christians. It should be the week in which we give of ourselves to the fullest in order to fully receive Christ during the Easter celebration. That's the ideal.

However, we all know that sometimes life just gets in the way. Work or school, various activities, and even our family responsibilities can keep us from making the most of Holy week that should be set apart from all others.

At other times it's not our busyness that prevents us from living out Holy Week, it's our laziness. Maybe we've worked so hard during Lent that, by the time Holy Week hits, we're done or, maybe, we never even started Lent and when Holy Week begins we feel no motivation to try.

Whatever your situation is, **Jesus is still calling you** to seek Him with all your heart during this time. Use our 5 tips to help you make the most of Holy Week this year. Come Easter Sunday, you will be so happy that you put forth the time and effort to be with Christ.

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF HOLY WEEK?

5 WAYS TO LIVE IT WELL

01 MEDITATE ON THE PASSION

Meditate on the Passion using passages in the Bible, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, etc.

02 TRY TO BE SILENT

Avoid listening to music or attending parties or celebrations. Make sure to keep your conversations as sober as possible.

03 MAKE AN EXTRA SACRIFICE

In addition to fasting and abstinence on Friday, make another small sacrifice.

04 ATTEND THE LITURGIES

Try to attend all of the liturgies and invite your family and friends.

05 KEEP ALL DISTRACTIONS AWAY

Keep away from distractions like your cell phone, videos, etc.

#HOLYWEEK

