



# St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

Kingston-Marsden-Loganlea-Crestmead-Waterford-Logan Reserve-Yarrabilba  
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri : 9.00am - 2.30pm | Closed on Wednesday

### Parish Contacts

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3489 4800

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5549 8000

### Weekday Mass Times

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 9.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 7.00 pm

Friday 9.30am & 3.00pm

Saturday 7.00pm

### Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday: Easter vigil 7.00pm**

**Sunday : Easter : 9.00 am**

### PALM SUNDAY : 28 MARCH 2021



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. 1 Apr** : Lord's Supper - Mass @ 7pm
- Fri. 2 Apr** : Stations of the Cross @ 9.30am  
: Good Friday Service @ 3pm
- Sat. 3 Apr** : No Morning Mass  
: Easter Vigil Mass @ 7pm
- Sun. 4 Apr** : Easter Sunday Mass @ 9am  
at SMK Parish and Yarrabilba

### Project Compassion:

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## PRAY FOR THE SEMINARIANS AND PRIESTS

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### Please pray for the sick in our Parish:

R Kasipale, J&A Pale, F.Bowden, L.Seeto, J.Collins, M.Dunlop, M.Pierce, R.Henwood, D.Curtis, V.Reid, V.Gspejon, V.Dancey, S.Daniel, A.Purkis, L.Guadez, K & S Talatonu, B.Hodgson, T.Canty, M.Finnerty, L.Guadez, M.Glorioso, D.Hall,J. Lachlan, A.Van Uitregt, N.Cutuk, V. Toalepai, G.&K Brown, M. Trehane, B.Vandenberg, J.Maloney, E.Kruger, J&A Dent, G&M Gorosito, Asiata J.Lealaitafea, A.Carter, E.B Sebuano, Pona Vai, N.Dunmore, V.Venables, T.Gibson, F. Petelo, Helen A Guadez, M.Vaigafa, O.Donna, Verity Madsen, Oliver Barrett, Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto Martinez, John Daley, Mikaele Tito, Maureen Joy Mitchell, Nora Philips, Alzira D'souza.

## Palm Sunday : 28 March, 2021

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.*

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Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark*

## YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

### Weekend Community Masses

**Palm Sunday, 28 March Mass @ 5.00pm**

**&**

**Easter Sunday 04 April Mass @ 9am**

**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.**

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

**Fr. Sunil Paul Nagothu, SVD**

**Friday, 9 April 2021**

**Mass @ 6.30pm**

*followed by a  
fellowship meal*



### FAREWELL PLANNING MEETING

The farewell arrangement committee meeting has been arranged on **Sunday 28 March 2021 at 10.30am** in the parish hall. All are welcome.

The Parish Pastoral Council

# LIST OF LITURGICAL TEAMS FOR THE HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY: 7.00pm		GOOD FRIDAY : 3pm	
MASS COORDINATORS	Luis Vasquez	COORDINATOR	Lele Faaeteete
	Marcia Canty		Irene Marooth
READERS		READERS	Brian Cunningham (Narrator)
	Buxton Thomas		Manuel Taofinu'u (P)
	Noreen Audley		William Barncastle (C1 &C2)
			Kelemete Tito (C3&C4)
ALTAR SERVERS	Jeressa	ALTER SERVERS	John Paul/Vera
	Stebelle		Christopher/Abi
	Annella		
CHOIR	Family Choir	CHOIR	Combined Choir
EASTER VIGIL MASS: 7.00pm		EASTER SUNDAY MASS: 9am	
MASS COORDINATORS	Christine Lapalapa	MASS COORDINATOR	Irene Marooth
	Luis Vasquez		SMK Youth
READERS	Josephine Thomas	READERS	
	Hilda Bowden		SMK Youth
	William Barncastle		
	Lisa Makaohi		
ALTAR SERVERS	Abel	ALTER SERVERS	Daniel
	Destiny		Salvius
	Rylie		
CHOIR	Combined Choir	CHOIR	SMK Youth



**WE WALK WITH JESUS**

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**Good Friday**  
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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 in behalf of the Church.

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## **PARISH OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday Vigil Mass - Saturday, 27 March @ 5.30pm**

**Palm Sunday – Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Church - 8.00am and 9.30am**

**St. Clare’s Primary School, Yarrabilba - 5.00pm**

**Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 1 April @ 7.00pm**

**Good Friday – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Stations of the Cross 9.30am**

**Good Friday Service 3.00pm**

**Easter Vigil Mass - Saturday, 3rd April @ 7.00pm**

**Easter Sunday – Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Church - 9.00am**

**St. Clare’s Primary School, Yarrabilba - 9.00am**

