



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

Kingston-Marsden-Loganlea-Crestmead-Waterford-Logan Reserve-Yarrabilba
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3489 4800

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5549 8000

San Damiano College

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5670 7000

Weekday Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>9.00am & 7pm</u>
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

Sunday Mass: 8.00am & 9.30am

Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe : 13 August 2023



Maximilian was a precocious Polish child when at 12 his life changed after a vision of Our Lady.

He was famous for at least three things. (A) Neipokalanow. (B) For his print and broadcast media and (C) For his missionary endeavour to Japan. He founded a friary which he named the City of the Immaculate or Niepokalanow.

He was arrested in 1941, February 17. As a religious he was singled out for harsh treatment. He was deported to Auschwitz in May and there he was branded with the number 16670. He was put to hard labour and despite having only one lung, he did not complain. The commandant conceived a relentless hatred against him giving him heavier tasks than the others.

Sometimes his colleagues would try to come to his aid but he would not expose them to danger. Always he replied, "*Mary gives me strength. All will be well*". At this time he wrote to his mother, "*Do not worry about me or my health, for the good Lord is everywhere and holds every one of us in His great love*". In Auschwitz, where hunger and hatred reigned and faith evaporated, this man opened his heart to others and spoke of God's infinite love. He seemed never to think of himself. When food was brought in and everyone struggled to get his place in the queue so as to be sure of a share, Fr. Maximilian stood aside, so that frequently there was none left for him. At other times he shared his meagre ration of soup or bread with others.

In reprisal for an escaped prisoner, ten men were chosen to die. Fr Kolbe chose to take the place of a prisoner: Franciszek Gajowniczek. The ten condemned men were led off to the dreaded Bunker, to the airless underground cells where men died slowly without food or water. Meanwhile one after another they died, until only Fr Kolbe was left. The authorities felt it was too long as the cell was needed for new victims. So they gave Fr .Kolbe an injection of carbolic acid. With that he died.

In Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 25, Jesus said, "I was hungry. You gave me to eat. I was thirsty. You gave me to drink. I was naked. You clothed me. I was homeless. You sheltered me. I was sick and in prison, you visited me." Maximilian understood that by ministering to those nine condemned hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, sick, imprisoned men in the bunker, he was ministering to Jesus! To those prisoners, Maximilian demonstrated that Jesus feeds our hungers and quenches our thirst, that Jesus clothes us with Himself, shelters us in His home which is the Kingdom, and heals and frees us from whatever holds us captive.

Survivors of Auschwitz, through their many testimonies have given firsthand witness account of what happened while Maximilian was in that bunker. The gist of their testimony was this: "*You wouldn't believe it. Instead of hearing the usual moans and groans and shrieks and cries and curses, we heard songs and prayers emanating from the window of that bunker. We heard the rosary. We heard hymns to Our Lady.*" Maximilian turned that horrible death cell of Auschwitz into a prayer cell, and it became an oasis of love.

Today, long after World War II and the Nazi monstrosities, we scarcely remember the names of those leaders at Auschwitz who tormented the poor prisoners, but we do remember that little friar-prisoner with the number 16670 stitched on his uniform and tattooed on his arm. Maximilian Kolbe demonstrated that love triumphs over hate.

Excerpts taken from a Reflection on St. Maximilian Kolbe by Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv.(from Fall 2018 Edition)

***Wishing all of you a Blessed Feast Day!
St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!***

Date Claimers

Tue. 15 Aug : Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - [Mass at 9am & 7pm](#)



ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

PRAYER

Lord, You inflamed St. Maximilian Kolbe with love for the Immaculate Virgin and filled him with zeal for souls and love of neighbour. Through His prayers, grant that we may work strenuously for Your Glory in the service of others and so be made conformable to Your Son in death. Amen

Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe:

13 August 2023

First Reading (Deuteronomy 10:12-22)

Circumcise your hearts. Love the strangers, for you yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20)

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second Reading (Romans: 9:1-5)

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the Gospel

To share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Mathew 17:22-27)

They put him to death and he rose. We are freed from tribute.



In Loving Memory of Mary Anne Fung May Seeto

Mary Anne Seeto passed away peacefully on 3rd August 2023. We extend our deepest condolences to the family during this time of sorrow and grief.

Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine on her.

May her beautiful soul rest in sublime peace, Amen!

Collection: Week-ending 06 August 2023

Envelopes Received : 42
Amount from Contributions : \$2,560.35
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 94.80

TOTAL: \$2,655.15

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Roster for the weekend of 19 – 20 August 2023

Mass Coordinators:

19 Aug. 5.30pm - Mary Klerks
20 Aug. 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete
20 Aug. 9.30am - Tua Niumagumagu

Readers

19 Aug 5.30pm - Wilda Fernandes
- Francesca Ordonez
20 Aug 8.00am - Rudolfo Domingo
- Brian Cunningham
20 Aug 9.30am - Tiliola Niumagmagu
- Floer Donohue

Communion Ministers :

19 Aug 5.30pm - William Barncastle & Rosemary Ordonez
20 Aug 8.00am - Eseta Alosio & Korina Laban
20 Aug 9.30am - Doris Deurloo & Deb Howkins

Altar Servers :

19 Aug 5.30pm - Saneth and Chagika
20 Aug 8.00am - Salvius & Parfait
20 Aug 9.30am - Antonio & Andrew

Choir:

19 Aug 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
20 Aug 8.00am - Congregation singing
20 Aug 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Rosary Group

Flowers : Suli,

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass
will be held at 4.00pm on:

Sunday, 20 Aug. 2023

Centre Location:

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



Please Pray for the Sick

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, Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto M, John
Daley, Mikaele Tito, Nora Philips, Alzira D'souza, Agnes Hamil-
ton, Wena Prowse, Tuala, V&M L Petelo, Zhaylee Curtis, Sesilia
Muevae, Rob Canning, Catherine Hetherington, Pete
Pietkiewiez, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef W.
Carroll, Daisy A. Thomas, Patricia Donovan, John Engberg, June
Curyer, Baby Charlotte, Coleen Goodwin, Mary Farrell, Eric
Alfred, Austine Jonse, Zakelyn Curtis. Michelle Williams and
John Williams, Cath Turner.

THANK YOU!

To everyone who had helped us to put together the events to celebrate our Parish Feast Day of St. Maximilian Kolbe! From our meaningful Liturgy and music to our stunning altar decorations and beauty of the whole interior and exterior of our church in addition to all the food and fun you so lovingly and generously provide, we are humbled and very grateful to all of you!

May God, through the intercession of our beloved St. Maximilian Kolbe, continue to bless and prosper our parish and each heart and home that makes us a family of Christ, Amen!

Sincerely,
Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Nick



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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 these faith-forming, fun-filled and learning sessions.

For further information, parents/guardians can contact our Children's Liturgy Ministry Coordinator, **Tiresa Vaigafa (Ph No: 0434 570 123)**.

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**.

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 next Kolbe Youth Gathering will be at 6.00pm on Friday, 18th Aug. 2023

Solemnity of the



**Mass:
9am
&
7pm**

15 August

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives
you praise,
for all life and all holiness
come from you.
In the plan of your
wisdom
she who bore the Christ in
her womb
was raised body and soul
in glory to be with him in
heaven.

May we follow her
example in reflecting your
holiness
and join in her hymn of
endless love and praise.
Amen.

Adapted from: International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)

**Assumption
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**





**CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION**
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Annual Catholic Campaign

Over the weekend of August 19 - 20 we will be promoting the Annual Catholic Campaign in our parish. This is to support the many important and meaningful initiatives of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

It is the one time every year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish.

The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly, and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please do take a Campaign brochure and contribution envelope with you when you go today.



Your gift today is a blessing to your local community

The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.



catholiccampaign.com.au



CENTACARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Your gift to Centacare provides care to families in distress, to victims of domestic violence, to those suffering mental illness, to those in prison, and to hospital chaplaincy. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are some of the most important outreaches of the Church to people in real need.



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HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

With your gift, you help educate our ordained leaders of the future. These men need to be formed to be the ministers of Christ's mercy, through your care, you make that possible.



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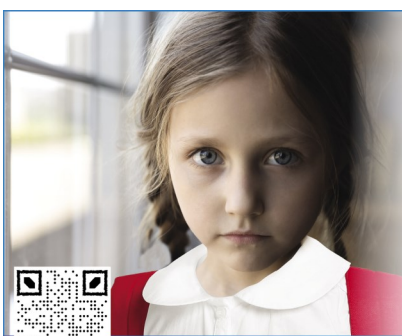
THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION

Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.



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MARY MACKILLOP BURSARY FUND

Through your gift, you serve and care for destitute families who can only dream of a Catholic education for their children. Your gift will provide bursaries for these children to attend their local Brisbane Catholic Education school.



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You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week.

Thank you very much for your generosity & your continued support!

God Bless You!