

St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 9.00am
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

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER: 15 May 2022



On this fifth Sunday of Easter we continue glorifying the risen Christ. In today's first reading, Paul encourages us to remain faithful in our missions as disciples of Jesus Christ. He reminds us that: "We all have to experience many hardships before we enter the kingdom of God."

In other words, our suffering as Christians is the stepping stone to our victory. If we do not lose our faith during times of persecutions and hardships we shall be victorious. Therefore, love for the word, and love for one another must sustain us as we march towards the kingdom of God.

Through the vision of John in today's second reading, God gives us a glimpse of that kingdom that Paul spoke of in our first reading. It is a place of renewal where all our lost glory would be restored. The New Jerusalem is the reward of all Christians who bear an authentic witness to the risen Christ. It is the hope of all who endure persecutions for the sake of Christ and His good news.

It is a place of comfort and consolation where the risen Christ: "...Will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness." Through this vision, we are once again encouraged and assured that God himself has a place for us in His kingdom. It is His wish that one day we too shall be with Him in His eternal kingdom where He promised to make all things new for us. However, before then we must endure the trial of this world.

In today's gospel, Christ gives us a new commandment that will help us to overcome this world and march into the New Jerusalem. He says: "I give you a new commandment, love one another; you must love one another..." Through this, Christ reminds us that the only way we can overcome the tribulations and persecutions of this world is by remaining united in love. In times of trials and persecutions, love is the greatest virtue that sustains every Christian community. The early Christian community understood this very well. They obeyed Christ's command and were successful in their missions.

Any Christian community or family that is united in love will never lose its focus or faith in God. This is the love that Paul described in chapter thirteen of his first letter to the Corinthian Christian community. This love cares, it does not exploit the other, it endures and forgives, and it empathizes and sympathizes with the other. This love may be blind, but it still remains very prudent, sensible, reasonable and godly.

Finally, the love that Christ talks about here is an identification mark. Hence He says: "...By this love everyone will know that you are my disciples." In other words, it is what defines us as true disciple of Christ. Only those who love sincerely can enter the New Jerusalem that the risen Christ promised his people. This love is a mark of the newness of life that Christ brings to all his people this Easter season.

Reflected By: Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp

Member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers (Spiritans)

Date Claimers

Sun. 22 May: Logan Deanery Family Festival (11am - 3pm) Will be held at PCYC-Logan Youth Club.

FR. LONG ON HOME LEAVE: MAY 16 – JULY 12

Our dear Fr. Long will be on his home-leave back to Vietnam from May 16 to July 12.

We wish him a truly wonderful, restful and memorable time with his family and friends! May God Bless and Protect him all through his journey and holiday break. It is our fervent prayer that the good Lord brings him back to us; safe, refreshed, contended and happy!

We will miss you Father and will keep you in our prayers!
With much love and our sincere wishes,
Parishioners of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Marsden



Please Pray for the Sick

J&A Pale, 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, M.Glorioso, D.Hall, J. Lachlan, A.Van Uitregt, V.Toalepai, K Brown, M.Trehane, 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 Guadez, M.Vaigafa, Verity Madsen, Oliver Barrett, Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto M., John Daley, Mikaele Tito, Nora Philips, Alzira D'souza, Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse, Tuala V & M L Petelo, Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewiez, Zhaylee Curtis, Sesilia Muevae, Hilda DMello, V&A Asiata-Kelemete.

Roster for the weekend of 21 & 22 May 2022

Mass Coordinators:

21 May 5.30pm - Adeline Barncastle 22 May 8.00am - Christine Lapalapa 22 May 9.30am - Mary Klerks

21 May 5.30pm - William Barncastle

Wilda D'Souza

Readers

22 May 8.00am - Rachel Matijasevic Abel, Abigail &

Lele Faaeteete Annabel

Altar Servers

22 May 9.30am - Flower Donohue Vera, Antonio & - Kelemete Tito Andrew

Special Ministers for Eucharist:

21 May 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez 22 May 8.00am - Brian Cunningham 22 May 9.30am - Luta Nanai

Choir:

21 May 5.30pm - African Choir

22 May. 8.00am - Congregation-led singing

22 May. 9.30am - Family Choir

 Counters
 : Swindells Family

 Cleaners
 : Ekalesia Group

Flowers : Evelyn, Nimfa and Veronica

5th Sunday of Easter: 15th May 2022

First Reading: Acts 14: 21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144: 8 - 13

R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

<u>Second Reading</u>: Revelation 21: 1 - 5 He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Collection: Week-ending 8 May 2022

Envelopes Received : 33

Amount from Contributions: \$2,279-50 Yarrabilba Mass Centre: \$ 70-00

TOTAL: \$2,349-50

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE



Weekend Community Mass will be held at 5.00pm on:

Sunday, 15 May & Sunday, 22 May 2022

Centre Location:

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



In Loving Memory of Salvatore Sciacca

who passed away peacefully on Tue. 10 May 2022

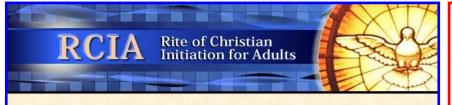
Fondly known as Sam, he was a long-standing and respected member of our parish community. We extend our deepest condolences to his beloved wife, Lourdes and the rest of Sam's family during this time of grief. Funeral arrangements are currently being finalised by the family.

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

May his soul rest in peace, Amen!



Schedule of Preparation for the 2022 Children's Sacrament of Confirmation	
Wednesday, 20 April	Parents/Guardians' Information Session at 6.30pm with Lorraine Wynne, who is a Project Officer (Children & Families) at Evangelisation Brisbane.
Sunday, 1 May	Rite of Enrolment @ the 9.30am Mass
Saturday, 7 May	1st Workshop : 3.30pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Saturday, 14 May	2nd Workshop : 3.30pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Saturday, 28 May	Rehearsal for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Saturday, 4 June: Confirmation Day: Mass @ 5.30pm	Mass will be presided by our newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, Bishop Timothy Norton, SVD. This will be followed by cake-cutting and a light meal for everyone. The congregation: i.e the confirmation candidates, members of their families and friends as well as everyone present at this Mass are welcome to meet Bishop Tim after Mass and to join in the meal. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you!



with your child's Baptism Certificate by Friday, 10 June 2022.

In the near future the Parish will be starting the RCIA Journey -

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(Sacramental Preparation for Adult Baptism/Holy Communion/Confirmation)

This is the way we accompany people seeking to know God better, to become a Catholic. It provides for people who have never been baptised and for those who have been baptised in another Christian tradition. It is a journey of faith getting to know God better through discussion about Jesus, the life and teachings of the Catholic Church and our own personal spiritual journey.

If you are someone or you know of someone who...

- ☐ Has expressed an interest to become a Catholic
- ☐ Would like to learn more about the Catholic faith
- Was baptized as a Catholic but has not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation

We welcome you to contact the Parish Office to register your interest.

The Parish Office, St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church, Marsden Tel No: (07) 3803 0862 | Email: marsden@bne.catholic.net.



Our Prayer for the young children in our Parish who are currently being prepared to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all our candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Prayer for the Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our state

and country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We make this prayer in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Author Unknown -



As our Parish is part of the Logan Deanery, we are contributing Gift Hampers towards the Raffles that will be drawn on that day. For this purpose, we are currently seeking contributions in cash or kind; a basket has been placed at the entrance of the church. Please support this initiative to bring our Catholic families in this region, together for a day of fun.

Thank you everyone! SMK Parish Council

National Volunteer Week 16 – 22 May 2022

We are greatly privileged to be blessed with so many wonderful and hardworking volunteers in our parish who serve God in so many ways here. We remain deeply grateful to each and everyone of you! You are such a beautiful blessing in our lives and it is our great honour to serve God's purpose here in this Parish, alongside with you!

On this occasion of the National Volunteers Week 2022, we pray for all our Parish volunteers who tirelessly and generously contribute their time, talents and efforts in various areas of our Parish life and across all ministries.

With our deepest Appreciation & Blessings,

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Long



A new command I give you:
Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34-35

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