

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 (1st Friday) 7.00pm
Saturday 8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm Sunday Mass: 8.00am & 9.30am

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER: 1 May 2022

Today, through the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm that the risen Christ is the Lamb that was sacrificed; hence, He is worthy of to be given all power, honor, and glory. In the first reading, led by Peter, the apostles continued to bear testimony to the risen Christ. Not even the Jews who they were previously afraid of could stop them. Fear now belongs to the past. So, Peter boldly said to the High Priest: "We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit..." In spite of all the humiliations and threats to their lives, Peter insisted: "Obedience to God comes first before obedience to men." They are now confident that they will overcome death as Christ did. Their resoluteness reminds us that obedience to God manifests itself in faithfulness to our vocations, and our witness for Christ.

In today's gospel, Jesus appeared to his apostles for the third time. This time it was in the place of their "fishing business." What a frustrated and embarrassed men they were! In spite of their fishing experience and skills they could not catch any fish. This is because they abandoned their real business and mission. They acted contrary to Christ's mission statement for them: "From today you will no longer catch fishes, I will make you fishers of men" (Mt 4:9). They were supposed to be taking care of the Lord's business and not theirs. Also, today Christ asked Peter thrice: "Simon son of John, do



you love me? Feed my lambs...look after my sheep..."? Christ needed to be assured of Peter's commitment to lead his flock. This also showed the magnitude of the mission that Christ was to entrust to Peter. It was a way of reminding us that: "To whom much is given, much is expected." Hence, Christ reminds us that our vocation is very important. He also reminds us that as his disciples, we must be ready to accept every kind of humiliation for the good news.

There are many other lessons to learn today. At times, abandon our vocations, for other "more interesting things, or places." Unfortunately, instead of progressing, we become frustrated like Peter and his companions. So, we fail most times because we are in the wrong place, or doing the right thing at the wrong time. Whenever we abandon the will of God and our vocation, we may labor in vain "all night long." Also, when we depend solely on our human instinct or senses rather than on spirit of God, success might elude us. So, we must not always forget these words of Christ: "Apart or separated from me, you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5).

Finally, as Christ revealed Himself to his disciples through the sacrifice of bread and wine, every day, He continues to reveal Himself to us through the Holy Eucharist and ordinary things of life. Therefore, at Mass, simple things like bread and wine helps us to discover the presence of the Lord among us. This is, in spite of our infidelity and weakness. Through the Eucharist, Christ strengthens our faith. He also reminds us of our mission and who we ought to be. May all power, honor, glory and praise be to the Risen Christ forever and forever. Amen.

Excerpts from reflection by Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp; a Catholic Priest & member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers & Brothers (Spiritans).

Date Claimers

Mon. 2 May: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm Tue 3 May : Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm

Fri. 6 May : Eucharistic Adoration at 6.30pm & Mass 7pm Tue. 10 May: Healing Mass-10.45am followed by Luncheon

General Notice

- Parish Ministry Roster for the months of May and June 2022 is now available; please collect a copy from the table at entrance of the church.
- We are looking for more volunteers to be trained Mass Coordinators, Special Eucharistic Ministers and Readers*; please email or call the Parish Office if you are interested. * youth aged 14 and above are encouraged to join in the Readers pool; training will be provided.



In Loving Memory of Rev. Fr. Patrick Charles Cassidy

Fr. Pat passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 26 April 2022. Fr. Pat served as the Parish Priest of our parish, St. Maximilian Kolbe from 1992 to 2000. We extend our deepest condolences to Fr. Pat's family, his

brother priests and his friends during this time of grief. Funeral Mass for Fr. Patrick Cassidy will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians at 37 Gipps Street, Nanango on:

Monday 2nd May, commencing at 11am

Following Mass, the funeral will proceed to Nanango Cemetery for the Rite of Christian Burial.

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

May his soul rest in peace, Amen!

Roster for the weekend of 7 & 8 May 2022

Mass Coordinators:

07 May 5.30pm -Hilda Bowden 08 May 8.00am Christine Lapalapa 08 May 9.30am Kelemete Tito

> Readers **Altar Servers**

07 May 5.30pm Verity Madsen

Noreen Audley

Vera, Antonio, 08 May 8.00am Br. Brian Cunningham

Andrew Josephine Thomas

Maria Setefano Vitolina, Paula, 08 May 9.30am Ron Klerks Michael

Special Ministers for Eucharist:

07 May 5.30pm -Doris Deurloo **Buxton Thomas** 08 May 8.00am 08 May 9.30am -Vivolete N

Choir:

07 May 5.30pm -Saturday Night Choir 08 May. 8.00am African Choir 08 May. 9.30am -Ekalesia Choir

Noreen Audley **Counters**

Mafuli and Tua Niumagumagu Cleaners

<u>Flowers</u> Suli, Litia, Telesia and Luta

3rd Sunday of Easter - 1st May 2022

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Collection: Week-ending 24 April 2022

Envelopes Received

Amount from Contributions : \$1,774.40 **Divine Mercy Group** \$ 500.00 Yarrabilba Mass Centre 90.20

TOTAL: \$2,364.60 _____



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass will be held at 5.00pm on:

Sunday, 1 May and Sunday, 8 May 2022

Centre Location:

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



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, L.Guadez,

M.Glorioso, D.Hall, J. Lachlan, A.Van Uitregt, V.Toalepai, K Brown, M.Trehane, J.Maloney, E.Kruger, J&A Dent, Gorosito, Asiata J.Lealaitafea, 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.

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.



Sessions will be held at the Parish Hall at **8.00am 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, Tilesa Vaigafa (Ph No: 0434 570 123).





Schedule of Preparation for the 2022 Children's Sacrament of Confirmation

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 @ 5.30pm Mass

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

Healing Mass

10.45am
Tuesday, 10th May 2022
Honoring Mother Mary

& Celebrating Mother's Day

> With Lunchgon All are welcome!



2nd May

Almighty God, Creator of the world, we give you thanks for the gift of stewardship



and work. Deliver us, in our various jobs, from the service of self alone, that we may do our work in truth and beauty and for the common.

God of justice, we pray for all workers, that they would receive fair compensation and treatment in their labor.

For those who seek work, provide jobs — both citizen and immigrant alike. For those who cannot work, provide sustenance. Make those who lead the industries and commerce of this country responsive to your perfect will. Build up in the leaders of our country a respect for all labors. Deliver us, Lord Jesus, from the maligning evils of greed, sloth, and gluttony that we may lead lives of holiness in service to you and our neighbor. We ask all these things for our good and your glory. Amen.



Will YOU answer a Call to Join the Parish Liturgical Team?

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St Paul writes about spiritual gifts. He says: Now there are varieties of gifts (charismata), but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone (1Cor 12: 4–6). So it is in and through the members of his Body that Christ himself is still engaged in the work of service.

The key Christian ministries are the ordained ministries (Bishop, Priest and Deacon) but, through Baptism, all the People of God share in the life of Christ and have a responsibility to take part in Christian ministry in some way. There are numerous particular ministries in which the People of God can participate.

What it means to serve as a ...

MASS COORDINATOR

The Mass Coordinator makes sure that all of the preparations are made for the celebration of the Eucharist.

This includes ensuring the altar is dressed, the liturgical vessels, hosts and wine are ready, the Sacramentary and the Lectionary are in place, and any other items required for that particular Mass are ready.

Mass Coordinators will be required to welcome the congregation and read the Mass Introduction at the beginning of every weekend Mass. They are also in-charge of inviting two people (or more if needed) from the congregation, to present the bread and wine at the Offertory.

When other members of the Liturgical Team are absent from duty, the Mass Coordinator has to find a replacement from other trained members in the congregation.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER*

Eucharistic Ministers assist the Priest to prepare and distribute the bread and wine to the people during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

They stand at the altar with the Priest, pray with the assembly and reverently distribute the bread to the people. Eucharistic Ministers will be given special instruction and training before they perform this ministry. They can also take the Eucharist to believers who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability.

* a blue card will be required for this role; the Parish Office can help coordinate this

GREETERS / USERERS

The ushers and greeters meet and greet people in a warm and welcoming manner as they arrive at the church. They will hand out the parish newsletters and other and notices so that people feel welcome and prepared for Mass. They will also help those who may need to the priest for confession before Mass or for other reason.

LITURGICAL READER

The mission of a Liturgical Reader is to proclaim the Good News of the scriptures in a reverent and emphatic

Pope Francis spoke of the importance of having good readers because when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people because the Word is a real presence of Christ. Therefore, Readers of the Word of God need to realise that they are an instrument of God when He uses them to deliver His message to His people. Readers must be prepared to rehearse before the Mass in order to read well and to help contribute towards creating a climate of receptive silence.

Those who have the gift of clear vocals are invited to consider this role.

ALTAR SERVER

The altar servers help the Priest throughout the liturgy. Anyone who has received their First Holy Communion and is trained can be an altar server. At the beginning of the Mass the altar servers process into the church with the Priest, and they bring religious symbols such as the cross or candles into the sacred space.

During the Preparation of the Gifts, the altar servers stand either side of the Priest at the front of the altar to receive the gifts. They then take the gifts and the water used by the Priest to the altar table. At the conclusion of the liturgy the altar servers process out of the church with the Priest.

Keen to give any of this a try?... Pray and discern if this is for you!

If you think you can offer your service in any of these roles, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email



We are on the lookout for our next Youth Ministry Leadership Team!

We welcome applications for those who feel that they can contribute (on voluntary basis) to help us structure an annual program for our Youth Ministry! We are looking for potentially 6 persons (couples or individuals; aged 25 and above) to form our new Team of Leaders who will be working alongside our Parish Priests to develop the Youth Ministry.

Apply today and have the privilege of providing holistic and Christ-centred leadership in an environment that encourages young people to grow and develop spiritually in the Biblical truth. Rejoice in the opportunity to witness young people cultivate mature relationships with each other and with Jesus, and establish their faith alongside others of the Christian faith.

The Role and what it involves

- The role of a Youth Ministry Leader is fundamental in supporting, nurturing and engaging young people who are already a part of our parish, and motivating and inspiring them to grow in their knowledge of the Christian faith and in following Jesus.
- Working under the guidance and mentorship of our Parish Priests, you will be required to prepare an annual Youth program for the young people in our Parish aged 15 and above. This will involve a minimum of 2 hours per fortnight on Fridays.
- You will also be expected to actively participate (as Youth leadership representative) at the
 various ministries within the parish (each can pick at least one Ministry to represent the youth
 in). These would include the Parish Council, Liturgy Committee and Music Ministry, as well as to
 participate in other Parish activities and projects.
- As Youth leaders, you will be given the appropriate support and access to the necessary funding required to run the Youth programs; as deemed fit and approved by the Parish Priest.
- You will also be given opportunities to attend and participate in personal and spiritual development programs organised at the Archdiocesan level, the Deanery level and/or at the National level (such as the Australian Catholic Youth Festival).

Who We Are Seeking—the desired applicant(s):

- The successful applicant will be a faithful and prayerful disciple of Christ, a role model for our youth, with a high level of organisational skills and the ability to work with diverse team (from difference cultures and backgrounds).
- Working in consultation with the Parish Priest, members of the Parish Council and other leadership teams within the Parish, you will need to have excellent interpersonal and communication skills with an adept ability to develop and maintain key relationships.
- ⇒ You must be eligible to hold and maintain a Working with Children Blue Card. Qualifications in Youth Work, Counselling or related field are desirable but not necessary.
- Apply today by submitting your application letter to our Parish Priest, Fr. Mikhael Loke, describing why you think this role is for you and what you envision yourself contributing to enrich this Ministry which we want to be a platform for our young parishioners (and future church leaders) to share and grow deeper in their Christian faith. Note: Couples may apply with a single application letter. Applications close by end of May 2022.

Thank you,

The St. Maximilian Kolbe Church - Parish Council

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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.

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