

St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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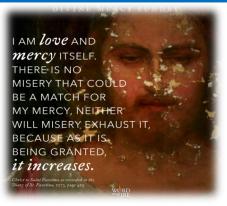
Weekday Mass Times

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

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2022



We are used to the saying "seeing is believing" and not "believing is seeing". There are indeed great differences in the two expressions. One is earthly, the other is heavenly. One is about Faith, the other is about evidence. One is scientific, the other miraculous. One deals with human relations, the other deals with Divine relations.

In today's gospel, Thomas, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, sought to apply human

evidence before he could believe heavenly things. The resurrection was a Divine action and not human. As such, even though there was the evidence of the empty tomb, the cause of which was even disputable among the Jews, we need Faith in the words spoken by Jesus Himself that on the third day He would rise, to believe that He truly rose from the dead in accordance with the Scriptures.

Our basic Catechism tells us that "Faith is a supernatural gift of God which enables us to BELIEVE WITHOUT DOUBTING whatever God has revealed". In our relationship with God, we cannot do without Faith. We have good examples of those who met with God's favour because of their strong Faith which enabled them to believe God whole and entire, without doubts. The first among these was Abraham. Abraham was still childless when God promised to make His descendant as many as the stars in the heaven (Gen. 15: 5-6). And when the time came (in Gen 18:10-15), Sarah could not believe this word; because it sounded absurd to her. There was no human, scientific evidence to make one believe that Sarah could still bear a child. Yet Abraham believed God.

Good news is that Jesus has proclaimed here, blessings for those who would have faith, those who would not seek the evidence and yet believe God - Happy are those who have not seen, yet believe (John 20:29). The Blessed Virgin Mary was called Blessed because she too believed that she would conceive in a manner that cannot be humanly explained or scientifically be proven (Lk. 1:45). A great question to ask is: what is it that I am being called today to believe? What has God revealed? Where would I find it? Through the Spirit, Christ has guided the Church in the path of Truth and has revealed to her the mysteries of the Eternal Word whose contend is not only that which we can humanly and physically read.

Today's gospel concludes by saying: "There are many other signs that Jesus worked and THE DISCIPLES SAW, but they are not recorded in this book" (Jn: 20:30. Such things must have been handed down to us as the Sacred Tradition. No wonder St Paul admonishes us: "Stand firm, brothers, and keep the traditions that we taught you whether by word of mouth or by letter" (2 Thess 2:15).

Adapted from: ttps://www.catholicforlife.com/ year-c-reflection-homily-for-divine-mercy-sunday/

Date Claimers

15—24 Apr : Divine Mercy Novena (see schedule on Pg 3)

Mon. 25 Apr : Anzac Day - Mass at 9.00am 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

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 as 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.
- Registration for the 2022 Sacrament of Confirmation has closed.

TH thank you!

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to each and everyone of you for the generous outpouring of your monetary contributions towards all the different charity fund-raising initiatives that was held during our Lenten and Holy Week season this year. These include contributions made towards Project Compassion (by Caritas Australia), Good Friday collections for the Holy Land and all Easter weekend contributions.

Thank you so much for rising-up to support the greater needs of the church in the service of the poor and needy both locally and internationally. We pray that our resurrected Lord will prosper your good works and bless you and your household with lasting peace and true joy!

Sincerely, Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Long

Roster for the week ending 30 April / 1 May 2022

Mass Coordinators:

30 Apr. 5.30pm - Adeline Barncastle 01 May. 8.00am - Christine Lapalapa 01 May. 9.30am - Kelemete Tito

<u>Readers</u> <u>Altar Servers</u>

30 Apr. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden - William Barncastle

01 May. 8.00am - Telesia Vaafusuaga Vera, Antonio - Nimfa Brookes Andrew

01 May. 9.30am - Flor Gomez Abel, Abigail,
- Flower Donohue Annabel

Special Ministers for Eucharist:

30 Apr. 5.30pm - Sue Barrett
01 May. 8.00am - Brian Cunningham
01 May. 9.30am - Mary Klerks

Choir:

30 Apr. 5.30pm - Congregation-led singing 01 May. 8.00am - Congregation-led singing 01 May. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

<u>Counters</u> : Swindells Family

<u>Cleaners</u>: Rosary Group and Agnes Faamausili

Flowers : Suli, Litia, Telesia and Luta

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday 24 April 2022

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 22-27

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

<u>Second Reading</u>: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

Collection: Week-ending 17 April 2022

Envelopes Received : 39
Amount from Contributions : \$2,832.20
Ekalesia Group Contribution : \$ 300.00
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 222.60

TOTAL : \$3,354.80



In Loving Memory of Sauro (Sam) Scarponi

Sam passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 19 April 2022. We extend our deepest condolences to Sam's

family during this time of grief. Sam's Funeral Mass will be held at **11am** on **Thursday, 28 April 2022**.

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



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, 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.

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.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

held at 5.00pm on:

Sunday, 1st May and Sunday, 8th May 2022

Centre Location:

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



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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Rehearsal for the Confirmation at 9.00am

Confirmation Day @ 5.30pm Mass



28 May

Saturday,

4 June

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all. Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from: https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4228/family-prayer-1-anzac-day-25-april-2020.pd

Divine Mercy Novena & Feast Day Pelebrations 2022

Day 1: Good Friday, 15 April;

Novena starts right after the 10am Stations of the Cross

Day 2: Holy Saturday, 16 April - Novena at 8.00am

Day 3: Easter Sunday, 17 April - Novena @ 10am

Day 4: Easter Monday, 18 April – Novena @ 7.00pm

Day 5: Easter Tuesday, 19 April - Novena @ 7.00pm

Day 6: Easter Wednesday, 20 April - Novena @ 7.00pm

Day 7: Easter Thursday, 21 April - Novena @ 7.00pm

Day 8: Easter Friday, 22 April - Novena @ 7.00pm

Day 9: Easter Saturday, 23 April - Novena @ 8.30am & Confession

Sunday, 24 April – Feast Day Celebration Mass at 9.30am





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.

The St. Maximilian Kolbe Church - Parish Council



How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a glorious way to enter into the abundant Mercy of God. Using a rosary, follow the guide below to offer this wonderful prayer. It is especially good to pray it at the three o'clock hour.

Begin by making the sign of the Cross In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us. O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

(Repeat three times)

The Lord's Prayer Hail Mary/Holy Mary

The Apostles Creed Prayed on large bead prior to each decade

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

Prayer on 10 small beads of each decade: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

At the end i.e after praying all 5 decades, the Chaplet is complete and you can end it with the following prayer:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat three times)

Concluding Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion-inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.