

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: 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.00 am & 9.30am

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: 20 MARCH 2022

The Book of Exodus recounts for us the encounter of Moses with the living God. As part of His plan of salvation, God called forth a leader and mediator for his people—Moses—who carried God's message to the Israelites and led his people out of their enslavement in Egypt. Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush was a pivotal moment in salvation history. Although resistant at first, Moses embraced the will of God and his role in leading his people out of Egypt. This is a God who seeks us out, a God who reveals Himself, a God who asks us to live for Him and a God who is always faithful in His relationship with us, even when He asks difficult things of us. Sometimes we do not want to change our lives, to repent, and invariably we need reminders.

After being liberated from slavery in Egypt, the Israelites spent forty years in the desert before entering the Promised Land. During that time, they violated God's covenant through idolatry and doubts against God's providence. Yet, God remained faithful to them when they were unfaithful to Him. In the 2nd reading St. Paul reminds the Corinthians just as he is reminding us today to stay faithful, not to be disobedient to God. We should not take God's love and bounty for granted, as though we have won salvation and all its rewards and we no longer have any work to do. No. Rather, we must strive every day to live faithfully God's Law while we trust in God's love for us. No matter what the circumstances, we must be convinced of His love and care for us.

St Luke's Gospel records strong words from Jesus; they are words that reflect the tradition of the Old Testament. God loves us intensely and wants our love in return. He wants us to turn away from sin and to turn to Him. The Parable of the Fig Tree is about repentance and mercy. God, in his mercy, gives us ample opportunity to repent and bear fruit. However, if we persist in the refusal of his love, we will indeed perish by our own choice. God does not rejoice in lost souls. God wants to reclaim our hearts in this time of Lent. When we give our hearts and our whole being to God, good works result in abundance. As monks our sacrifices for Lent in the monastery (yes, we fast, pray, and stint on material things, too!) are less about us, but more about sowing seeds and bearing good

fruit for the glory of His kingdom.

During this time of Lent let us aspire to draw deeper into the mystery of God's presence in our world and in our personal lives. May we open our hearts to Him and seek Him with our whole heart and all our being. May this Lent be a time of repentance and love for us.

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.

Adapted from: https://christdesert.org/2019/03/3rd-sunday-lent-cycle-c-2019/

Date Claimers

Sat. 19 Mar : Feast of St. Joseph - Mass @ 8am

Thur. 24 Mar: Praise and Worship 7pm - 8.30pm

Fri. 25 Mar : Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

- Mass @ 9am

Wed. 30 Mar: Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent-7pm

Important Notice

- Please note that the church is guided by the instructions of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to follow the Ordinary Form of the Latin Rite which states that the Body of Christ should be administered only in the hand. To ensure we abide by this and as a continuous Covid-safe measure, Holy Communion will only be served on the palm of the hand and not on the tongue (effective immediately).
- Parish Ministry Roster for the months of March and April 2022 is now available; please collect a copy from the table near the entrance of the church.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation for baptised children (Age 8 and above) will be held on Saturday, 4 June 2022. Preparation sessions will commence with a Parents Information Session on 20 April 2022 (further information will follow). Registration Forms are now available at the entrance of the Church; to be returned by 10 April 2022; late applications will not be fitted into this year's batch.

Now on Sale at the Parish Piety Shop

 'The Spirit of the Cross' 2022 Daily Reflection for the Season of Lent/ Easter - \$5/book



The Catholic Leader \$4:00/copy

Roster for the week ending 26/27 March 2022

Mass Coordinators:

26 Mar. 5.30pm - Adeline Barncastle 27 Mar. 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete 27 Mar. 9.30am - Kelemete Tito

Readers Altar Servers

26 Mar. 5.30pm - William Barncastle

Hilda Bowden

27 Mar. 8.00am - Marcia Canty Vitolina, Paula - Rachel Matijasevic Michael

27 Mar. 9.30am - Mary Klerks Destiny, Salvius

Maria Setefano

Special Ministers for Eucharist:

26 Mar. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez 27 Mar. 8.00am - Repeka Kasipale 27 Mar. 9.30am - Luta Nanai

Choir:

26 Mar. 5.30pm - St. Max Choir 27 Mar. 8.00am - Divine Mercy Choir 27 Mar. 9.30am - Family Choir

 Counters
 : Swindells Family

 Cleaners
 : Ekalesia Group

Flowers : Fr. Long, Evelyn, Nimfa and Veronica

3rd Sunday of Lent: 20 March 2022

First Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel:

I AM has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4.17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Collection: Week-ending 13 March 2022

Envelopes Received : 39

Total Amount : \$ 2,146.65 Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 113.65

TOTAL : \$ 2,260.30



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass will be held at **5pm on Sundays:**

20th & 27th March 2022

Centre Location:

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



Please Pray for the Sick

R Kasipale, 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 Martinez, 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, Jenny Madden.



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)**.

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).

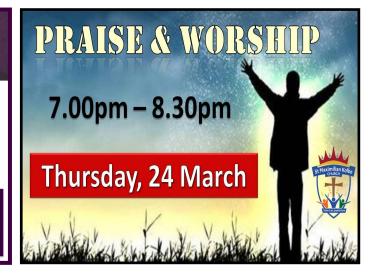
Our Parish's Children Baptism Coordinator is Mrs. Helen Swindells.



In preparation for Easter, there will be a **2nd Rite of Reconciliation**

held at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 30th March 2022

Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Long will lead us in a short time of reflection, to be followed by the 2^{nd} Rite of Reconciliation. We may also have other priests available to hear confessions.





Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business. Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way For All Future Generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the entrance of our church or by visiting <u>lent.caritas.org.au</u>, or by calling 1800 024 413.







2022 Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Event	Day/Date	SMK Parish	St. Clare's Mass Centre (Yarrabilba)
Stations of the Cross (weekly)	Every Friday in Lent	7.00pm	-
2nd Rite of Reconciliation (Confession)	Wed, 30 Mar	7.00pm onwards	available before 5pm Mass; every Sunday
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass	Sat, 9 Apr	5.30pm	-
Palm Sunday Mass	Sun, 10 Apr	8.00am & 9.30am	5.00pm
Holy Thursday Mass	Thur, 14 Apr	7.00pm	-
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross / Passion Play *	Fri, 15 Apr	10.00am	-
Good Friday Service		3.00pm	-
Easter Vigil Mass	Sat, 16 Apr	7.00pm	-
Easter Sunday Mass	Sun, 17 Apr	9.00am (only one Mass)	9.00am

* NOTE

Those who wish to participate in the Passion Play on Good Friday Stations of the Cross, please contact our Passion Play Coordinator: Fono @ 0406 852 930



Going Deeper:

A journey to rediscover what it means to be a Catholic

If you have been a Catholic for sometime (doesn't matter how long) but are longing to just learn more about the Catholic faith, we would like to invite **YOU** to delve into the heart of our belief through a short 5 weeks of 1-hour sessions entitled 'Going Deeper'; brought to us by Evangelisation Brisbane.

Each group would have not than 10 parishioners at a time. Participants will together reconnect with what it is to truly be a Catholic and explore different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life. Together, they will dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?' Here they enter into the wonder and mystery of God's relationship with each of us individually and collectively. No matter your faith background or experience, you will find that Going Deeper is for you. To provide more information on what is involved, please use this link to watch this video which would give you a sampler of the topics that will be shared:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZem_X-_jOE

So take the first step and register your interest through our Parish Office (Ph. No: 3803 0862 / E: Marsden@bne.catholic.net.au). The day/dates/time for the each group will be finalized once we have the numbers and group consensus (if we have sufficient numbers, we can arrange for a morning session and another session in the evening). So you are interested to participate, it is recommended that you arrange your time so that you are available to attend ALL five sessions which will be fully funded by the Parish and held at the Parish.

Thank you, Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Long

