

St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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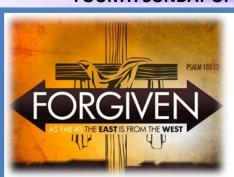
Weekday Mass Times

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 27 MARCH 2022



The Prodigal Son story in today's Gospel is one of those stories we hear so often that we think we know it all too well. However, if we think about this story a little deeper, we will find that there's always something new to learn about God (in his role as our Heavenly Father) and about ourselves as his children.

We read that the younger son "came to himself" and eventually made his way back

home to his Father. What follows is one of the most poignant scenes of "an expectant father," the old owner of this plantation sees the son, even while the boy is a long way off, walking home slowly, awkwardly and ashamed of his state. It is the father who takes the first step, who chooses to go out and meet his wayward son enroute, instead of waiting for him to come crawling home. This father would have been well within his rights to turn the son away, on the basis of his deeply insulting actions, and the shame he had caused his family.

The reaction of the elder son is one of righteous indignation: His words quickly make it clear that, although he has done his filial duty, it has apparently not been out of any sense of love or generosity; instead, he feels that he has been imposed upon, has "slaved away" for years for his father without appropriate gestures of gratitude. He focuses, not on what he has been given, but on what he feels he has been deprived of. He suffers from the terrible disease of entitlement!

This deeply moving parable highlights two characteristic emphases: The first is God's welcome of sinners and those who are considered socially and religiously unacceptable, and the second is the rejoicing and celebration that accompanies that welcome i.e when those who are invited accept God's welcome in an act of repentance. In this story there is the full reconciliation. Pope Francis calls the mercy of God the 'beating heart of the gospel': if mercy should cease the gospel would no more be alive, as when the heart cease to beat, the body dies.

Just as God took the initiative in sending his son to reconcile the world, so he expects us to take the initiative to restore harmony to a broken world, to wounded families, and an often-divided Church. On this fourth Sunday of Lent, along our Lenten journey on the road to the Father, may a song of gratitude and joy burst forth in the

wilderness of our hearts and the deserts of our vengeance, meanness and hardness of hearts.

May God teach us to read the signs of love in the world today, and gladden our hearts at the Word that sends us on our way in reconciliation and peace.

Adapted from:

Learning to Read Signs of Love by **Fr. Thomas Rosica**



Our steps are slow, Our breathing ragged. Our burdens heavy. This walk to the cross, It is not easy, Yet Christ walked it for us For the joy that was set before him, He despised the shame, He bore our blame, And shared our pain, Now let us build on the rock, That is Christ. Let us walk the way of the cross together, Moving forward without fear, Into God's eternal purposes. For Christ himself is with us, every step of the way. Let us trust in God alone, And find the joy that Christ did, Obedience to our loving God.

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Date Claimers

Mon. 28 Mar: Bible Timeline Session at 6.30pm

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

Fri. 1 Apr : Eucharistic Adoration - 6.30pm

Stations of the Cross - 7.00pm

Sat. 2 Apr : Rehearsal for Palm Sunday Liturgical Teams

at 10.00am



Saturday, 9th April from 8.30am

We invite all able-bodies to help us prepare our church building and grounds for the upcoming Holy Week celebrations. Thank you very much!

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Long

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.

Roster for the week ending 2/3 April 2022

Mass Coordinators:

2 Apr. 5.30pm - William Barncastle 3 Apr. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes 3 Apr. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

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

2 Apr. 5.30pm - Adeline Barncastle

Verity Madsen

3 Apr. 8.00am - Josephine Thomas Anella, May - Brian Cunningham John

3 Apr. 9.30am - Kelemete Tito Abel, Abigail - Fono Tufuga Annabel

Special Ministers for Eucharist:

2 Apr. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez 3 Apr. 8.00am - Buxton Thomas 3 Apr. 9.30am - Ron Klerks

Choir:

2 Apr. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir 3 Apr. 8.00am - St. Max Choir 3 Apr. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Noel Swindells and Malcolm & Wilda

<u>Cleaners</u> : Alex & Lipin Makaohi, Filomena Tuiafiso, Mary Klerks,

Elisa Warne, Rowena Tan and Evelyn Nicolosi

Flowers : Repeka, Debbie, Lele and Agnes

4th Sunday of Lent: 27 March 2022

First Reading: Joshua 5: 9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there

kept the Passover.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33: 2-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

<u>Second Reading</u>: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell Him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

Collection: Week-ending 20 March 2022

Envelopes Received : 39

Total Amount : \$1,960.95 Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 105.45

TOTAL : \$2,066.40



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

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

27th March & 3rd April 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.





Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Divine Mercy Kovena & ∫east Day Celebrations 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

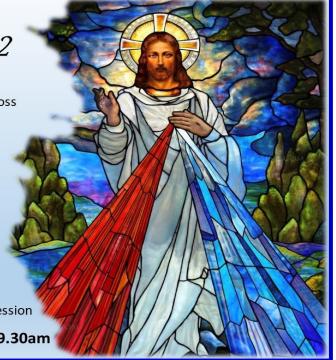
Day 6: Easter Wednesday, 20 April - Novena @ 7.00pm

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





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	ī
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	ī
Palm Sunday Mass	Sun, 10 Apr	8.00am & 9.30am	5.00pm
Holy Thursday Mass	Thur, 14 Apr	7.00pm	ī
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross / Passion Play *	Fri, 15 Apr	10.00am	-
Good Friday Service		3.00pm	ı
Easter Vigil Mass	Sat, 16 Apr	7.00pm	1
Easter Sunday Mass	Sun, 17 Apr	9.00am (<u>only one Mass</u>)	9.00am



St Vincent de Paul Society

The Vinnies Conference of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Marsden, would like to thank all donors from our SMK Parish, St. Clare's Primary School community in Yarrabilba and those from the school community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel College in Cooparoo who had very generously responded to our Christmas 2021 Hamper Appeal. Your combined donations of cash and



gift cards, enabled us to provide timely assistance to 45 needy families with about 160 children, in our local service areas.

Since commencing our visitations in January

2022, we have provided assistance to such families at an average of \$700 per family in food and clothing vouchers each week. In these recent past few weeks, our focus has been on families living within our service areas that were adversely affected by the recent flood crisis.

From SMK Parish, we currently have 8 serving parishioners who have volunteered their time since beginning of 2021, to organise and distribute the provisions and vouchers through on-going weekly home visitations.

Now, we wish to welcome anyone who might be keen to join us in carrying out these community initiatives. Please call the Parish Office with your details so one of members of our Conference can get in touch with you.

With our grateful thanks!







Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture. With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challengestoday and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

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

