St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri : 9.00am - 2.30pm | Closed on Wednesday

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today, acknowledging their continuing connection to land, water and community.

Parish Contacts

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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	**8.00am and 9.30am**

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER: 16 Apr 2023
~ Divine Mercy Sunday ~

What a grace-filled day this is! It is the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter. On this eighth day of Easter, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a day when the floodgates of mercy are opened wide and God lavishes us with more than we could ever hope for. The Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated for years as a private devotion. But in the year 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II, who himself was an extraordinary instrument of God's mercy, put this feast on the Church's official calendar as he raised Sister Faustina to sainthood.

Saint Faustina was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She died in 1938. She came from a simple and poor family of farmers, had only three years of rudimentary education, and performed the humblest of tasks in her convent. But she also was a mystic who was privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord that she recorded in her diary of Divine Mercy. She writes of her experience on February 22, 1931:

In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'

Later, Jesus explained to her in another vision:

"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross….Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."

Jesus spoke again to her of His desire that the Solemnity of Divine Mercy be established:

"On that day (the 8th day of Easter each year) the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, intensely reflect upon the abundance of this gift that God wishes to pour forth upon us. There is no limit to how much our God of perfect mercy loves us. And today, on this the eighth day of Easter, we should especially be aware of the fact that the floodgates of Heaven are opened to us to an unimaginable degree. Turn your eyes toward our merciful Lord and be open to all that He wishes to bestow.

Lord of Mercy, help me today to begin to understand what mercy is all about. Help me to first be open to the mercy You wish to bestow upon me. As I receive Your own Divine Mercy, help me also to be an instrument of that mercy for all to see. Jesus, I trust in You.

Reflection adapted from:
https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/triduum-and-easter-prayers/divine-mercy-Sunday/

Schedule of Preparation for the 2023 Children's Sacrament of Confirmation

Eligibility	This sacrament is offered to children who are presently in **Grade 3 or above and who have already been Baptized**.
Sunday, 26 March	**Dateline** for submission of enrolment forms to the Parish Office
Wednesday, 19 April	**Parents/Guardians' Information Session** at 6.30pm with Lorraine Wynne, who is a Project Officer (Children & Families) at Evangelisation Brisbane.
Sunday, 23 April	**Rite of Enrolment** @ the 9.30am Mass
Saturday, 6 May	**1st Workshop**: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Saturday, 20 May	**2nd Workshop**: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Saturday, 3 June	**Rehearsal** for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Sunday, 11 June	**CONFIRMATION DAY— Mass at 9.30am**

Roster for the Weekend of 22 - 23 April 2023

Mass Coordinators

Sat. 22 Apr 5.30pm - William Barncastle
Sun. 23 Apr 8.00am - Ron Klerks
Sun. 23 Apr 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

Sat. 22 Apr 5.30pm - Adeline Barncastle & Hilda Bowden
Sun. 23 Apr 8.00am - Rachel Matijasevic & Lele Faaeteete
Sun. 23 Apr 9.30am - Kelemete Tito & Elenora Tufuga

Communion Ministers

Sat. 22 Apr 5.30pm - Rpsemary Ordonez
Sun. 23 Apr 8.00am - Korina Laban
Sun. 23 Apr 9.30am - Deb Howkins

Altar Servers

Sat. 22 Apr 5.30pm - Saneth & Chagika
Sun. 23 Apr 8.00am - Salvius & Parfait
Sun. 23 Apr 9.30am - Antonio & Andrew

Choirs

Sat. 22 Apr 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
Sun. 23 Apr 8.00am - African Choir
Sun. 23 Apr 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Agnes & Lele
Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group
Floral Arrangement : Agnes

Collection: Week-ending: 9 April 2023

Envelopes Received : 33
Amount from Contributions : $ 3,422.45
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : $ 191.35

TOTAL : $ 3,613.80

2nd Sunday of Easter: 16 Apr 2023

First Reading: Acts 2:42 - 47
The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9
He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation:
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.

Farewell Celebration for our Fr. Long Nguyen, SVD

Sunday, 23 April 2023
Mass @ 9.30am

To be followed by a fellowship meal; everyone is welcome to bring a plate to share.

There will be a Farewell Card from the Parish which will be made available at the entrance of the church for anyone to sign on; this will be presented to Fr. Long at the Farewell fellowship meal on Sunday, 23 April.

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE
Weekend Community Mass

Centre Location

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

Mass will be held at 5.00pm on:

- **Divine Mercy Sunday, 16th April**
- **Sunday, 23rd April**

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

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, G & M.Glorioso, D.Hall, J.Lachlan, A.Van Uitregt, V.Toalepai, K.Brown, M.Trehane, J.Maloney, J&A Dent, Gladdis 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, O.Barrett, Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto M, J.Daley, Mikaele Tito, Nora Philips, Alzira D'souza, Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse, Tuala, V&M L.Petelo, Z. Curtis, Sesilia Muevae, C.Hetherington, P.Pietkiewiez, R.Canning, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef W.Carroll, Daisy A.Thomas, P.Donovan, Noreen Audley, J.Engberg, J.Curyer, Baby Charlotte.