St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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3489 4800

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday	**9.00am & 7pm**
Tuesday	**9.00am**
Wednesday	**9.00am**
Thursday	**9.00am**
Friday	**9.00am**
Saturday	**8.00am**

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

Sunday Mass: 8.00am & 9.30am

Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe : 14 August 2022

Maximilian was a precocious Polish child when at 12 his life changed after a vision of Our Lady.

He was famous for at least three things. (A) Neipokalanow. (B) For his print and broadcast media and (C) For his missionary endeavour to Japan. He founded a friary which he named the City of the Immaculate or Niepokalanow.

He was arrested in 1941, February 17. As a religious he was singled out for harsh treatment. He was deported to Auschwitz in May and there he was branded with the number 16670. He was put to hard labour and despite having only one lung, he did not complain. The commandant conceived a relentless hatred against him giving him heavier tasks than the others.

Sometimes his colleagues would try to come to his aid but he would not expose them to danger. Always he replied, "*Mary gives me strength. All will be well*". At this time he wrote to his mother, "*Do not worry about me or my health, for the good Lord is everywhere and holds every one of us in His great love*". In Auschwitz, where hunger and hatred reigned and faith evaporated, this man opened his heart to others and spoke of God's infinite love. He seemed never to think of himself. When food was brought in and everyone struggled to get his place in the queue so as to be sure of a share, Fr. Maximilian stood aside, so that frequently there was none left for him. At other times he shared his meagre ration of soup or bread with others.

In reprisal for an escaped prisoner, ten men were chosen to die. Fr Kolbe chose to take the place of a prisoner: Franciszek Gajowniczek. The ten condemned men were led off to the dreaded Bunker, to the airless underground cells where men died slowly without food or water. Meanwhile one after another they died, until only Fr Kolbe was left. The authorities felt it was too long as the cell was needed for new victims. So they gave Fr .Kolbe an injection of carbolic acid. With that he died.

In Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 25, Jesus said, "I was hungry. You gave me to eat. I was thirsty. You gave me to drink. I was naked. You clothed me. I was homeless. You sheltered me. I was sick and in prison, you visited me." Maximilian understood that by ministering to those nine condemned hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, sick, imprisoned men in the bucker, he was ministering to Jesus! To those prisoners, Maximilian demonstrated that Jesus feeds our hungers and quenches our thirst, that Jesus clothes us with Himself, shelters us in His home which is the Kingdom, and heals and frees us from whatever holds us captive.

Survivors of Auschwitz, through their many testimonies have given firsthand witness account of what happened while Maximilian was in that bunker. The gist of their testimony was this: *"You wouldn't believe it. Instead of hearing the usual moans and groans and shrieks and cries and curses, we heard songs and prayers emanating from the window of that bunker. We heard the rosary. We heard hymns to Our Lady." Maximilian turned that horrible death cell of Auschwitz into a prayer cell, and it became an oasis of love.*

Today, long after World War II and the Nazi monstrosities, we scarcely remember the names of those leaders at Auschwitz who tormented the poor prisoners, but we do remember that little friar-prisoner with the number 16670 stitched on his uniform and tattooed on his arm. Maximilian Kolbe demonstrated that love triumphs over hate.

Excerpts taken from a Reflection on St. Maximilian Kolbe by Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv.(from Fall 2018 Edition)

Wishing all of you a Blessed Feast Day!
St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

Date Claimers

Mon. 15 Aug : **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 9am & 7pm**

Training for All (New & Current): Mass Coordinators & Communion Ministers

10am on Saturday, 27 August 2022

This training is for all those who had recently signed-up to serve in these two ministries as well as those who are currently serving in these ministries. You will be required to attend if you wish to be placed in our regular monthly roaster, after being commissioned.

Parish Spring Fair 2022

We are establishing a Committee to organise our Parish Spring Fair this year. Invitation is open to any parishioner who is able and willing to be part of this organising committee, to attend the 1st meeting on:

Sunday, 21st August 2022 after the 9.30am Mass

Roster for the weekend of 20 – 21 August 2022

Mass Coordinators:

20 Aug.	5.30pm	-	Adeline Barncastle
21 Aug.	8.00am	-	Nimfa Brookes
21 Aug.	9.30am	-	Joy Wallace

			Readers	Altar Servers
20 Aug	5.30pm	-	Wilda D'Souza	
		-	Francesca Ordonez	
21 Aug	8.00am	-	Brian Cunningham	Vera, Antonio & Andrew
		-	Marcia Canty	
21 Aug	9.30am	-	Fono Tufuga	
		-	Destiny D.	

Communion Ministers :

20 Aug	5.30pm	-	Wendy Simpson, Sue Barrett
21 Aug	8.00am	-	Irene Marooth, Rachel Matijasevic
21 Aug	9.30am	-	Luta Nanai, Viyolete N.

Choir:

20 Aug	5.30pm	-	Trinity Choir
21 Aug	8.00am	-	St.Peter's the Rock Choir
21 Aug	9.30am	-	Filipino Choir

Counters : Malcolm & Wilda, Noel Swindells

Cleaners : Alex and Lipin, Filomena Tuiafiso, Mary Klerks, Elisa Warne, Rowena Tan and Evelyn Nicolosi

Flowers : Suli, Telesia, Luta

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First Reading (Proverbs 3:1-2, 5-8)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22)

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones

Second Reading (1 John 3:14-18)

The way we came to know love was that He laid down His life for us;

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
If you hate your life in this world,
You will preserve it to life eternal.
Alleluia!

Gospel (John 15:12-16)

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Collection: Week-ending 07 August 2022

Envelopes Received	:	**35**
Amount from Contributions	:	**$2,487.55**
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	**$ 155.00**
	TOTAL :	**$2,642.55**

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YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

St Clare's PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekend Community Mass will be held at 5.00pm on:

Sunday, 21 Aug. 2022

Centre Location:
St. Clare's Primary School, 2 Combs St, Yarrabilba

Please Pray for the Sick

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, 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, O. 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, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef Wallace Carroll.

….to everyone who had helped us put together the events to celebrate our Parish Feast Day of St. Maximilian Kolbe!

From our meaningful Liturgy and music to our beautiful new statue of St. Maximilian Kolbe as well as all the stunning altar decorations and the beauty of the whole interior and exterior of our church in addition to all the food and fun you so lovingly and generously provide, we are humbled and very grateful to all of you! May God, through the intercession of our beloved St. Maximilian Kolbe, continue to bless and prosper our parish and each heart and home that makes us a family of Christ, Amen!

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Long

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sessions will be held at the Parish Hall at **9.30am 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, **Tiresa 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.

Young parishioners **aged 13 and above**, are invited to join the Kolbe Youth Ministry. Come participate and enjoy the fellowship with others in your age group, to strengthen your faith journey and get involved in our upcoming events for the rest of the year.

Kolbe Youth Ministry

Our next Kolbe Youth Gathering will be held at 6.30pm on Friday, 12th August 2022

15 August

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.
Amen.

Adapted from: International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL)

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Annual Catholic Campaign

Over the weekend of August 20 - 21 we will be promoting the Annual Catholic Campaign in our parish. This is to support the many important and meaningful initiatives of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

It is the one time every year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish.

The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly, and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please do take a Campaign brochure and contribution envelope with you when you go today.

You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week.

Thank you very much for your generosity & your continued support!

God Bless You!
Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Long