St Maximilian Kolbe CHURCH

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

Parish Priest

Fr. Mikhael Loke SVD 38030862 (away from 11 June till 16 July)

Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD 38030862

Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

Pastoral Council ChairpersonNoel Swindells

Finance Committee Chairperson Tom Kalaja

Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

Ron Klerks

STOP line: 1300 304 550

PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

Rodolfo Domingo

Children & Families Ministries and Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells

Community Life Ministries

Lele Faaeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete Lawrence Auva'a

Adult Faith Formation Ministries

Alfred Gomez

Outreach Ministry

Winnie Kepu

Affiliated Catholic Schools

St. Francis College - Tel. No 3489 4800 Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)

St. Clare's Primary School - 5549 8000 Ms. Liesl Profke (Principal)

San Damiano College - 5670 7000

Mr. Peter Edwards (Principal)

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 16 June 2024



Reflection...

When Jesus spoke to people, he spoke to them in a way and language that they understood. He spoke to them about the natural world that they lived in. He told them that the kingdom was like a woman baking bread. He spoke to them about farming and harvests. He talked about fishing, water, light, wine, vineyards, shepherds, sheep and all the things they saw and used in their ordinary daily lives. In the gospel this Sunday Jesus says that the Kingdom of God is like seeds being sown; especially the mustard seed. The Kingdom of God does not float down to us or miraculously or appear out of no where. It comes through the events of our ordinary daily lives and actions that we know so well.

Farming for a living or even growing seeds and

plants in our small gardens can take a lot of hard work and requires a lot of faith. The ground is cleared and prepared. The seeds are sown and then the long waiting and watching begins. And, as the farmer sleeps, the seed begins to change and eventually the earth produces new plants and crops. Farmers only sow the seeds, they don't make them grow. But seeds have to be sown by us if we want crops to grow.

Jesus is asking us to have the faith and patience of the farmer. We are called to plant the seeds of faith, hope, forgiveness, justice and peace as followers of Jesus. We are called to plant the 'seeds' of the gospel message that we, each of us have, wherever and whenever we can. We need to believe and have faith that in God's own time, not ours, the seeds will become a fruitful harvest in and for God's Kingdom. These fruits will be seen in the quality of our daily lives. Jesus asks us to bear fruit, fruit that will last.

In the second part of the gospel, Jesus goes further and uses the mustard seed as an example of the Kingdom of God. This is a tiny, almost impossible to see little seed. Yet, when it is sown, watered and cared for, it grows into the greatest of all trees where even the birds of the air will find shelter and protection.

What are we to make of this? Jesus is asking us to be careful that we do not dismiss even our smallest acts of love, kindness, forgiveness or compassion. Great things can happen because of our smallest and seemingly insignificant words or actions. Our small acts of kindness can make a great difference to someone. We need to remember that what we say, do and how we treat each other, can either tear a person down or build them up. We are all 'mustard seeds', each of us having within ourselves the ability to accomplish great things for God's Kingdom. The 'mustard seed' that Jesus calls us to be aware of, is that 'divine spark' of God that we each have within us. This enables each of us to contribute to the living and spreading the good news of the gospel, no matter how small our efforts may seem. This 'mustard seed' faith tells us that even the smallest acts of compassion can spread further and wider than we could ever imagine or dream of.

Reflected by Fr. Michael Moore OMI

Date Claimers

Fri. 21 June: Children's Super Hero Disco from 6pm to 8pm in the parish hall.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN:

THE WHY AND HOW OF ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

SATURDAY 13 JULY 9:30AM - 12PM HANLY ROOM, FRANCIS RUSH CENTRE, 196 CHARLOTTE ST, BRISBANE









Roster for the weekend of 22 - 23 June 2024

Mass Coordinators

22 June 5.30pm - Christine Lapalapa 23 June 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete 23 June 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

22 June 5.30pm - Ron K. & Verity Madsen 23 June 8.00am - Josephine T & Rachel M.

23 June 9.30am - Nina Domingo & Tamate Tumanuvao

Communion Ministers

22 June 5.30pm - Korina L., Mary K., Rosemary O.
23 June 8.00am - Eseta A., Buxton T., Deb Howkins
23 June 9.30am - Alfred G., Viyolete N., Doris D.

Altar Servers

22 June 5.30pm - Saneth, Chagika, Pramudsth 23 June 8.00am - Malachi, Talalei, Matilda 23 June 9.30am - Jazmine , Tezaree

<u>Choirs</u>

22 June 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir 23 June 8.00am - Congregation singing 23 June 9.30am - Divine Mercy

Counters: Swindells FamilyCleaners: Divine Mercy Group

Flowers : Suli, Lipine

Collection: Week-ending: 9 June 2024

Envelopes Received : 34

 Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time: 16 June, 2024

First Reading: Ezekiel 17: 22-24
I have made the small tree great.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91: 2-3, 13-16Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; All who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

16 June & 23 June 2024

Centre Location:

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



F.Bowden, L.Seeto, J.Collins, Tuala, M.Dunlop, D.Curtis, M.Pierce, R.Henwood, V.Reid, V.Gspejon, V.Dancey, S.Daniel, A.Purkis, L.Guadez, K&S Talatonu, D.Hall, B.Hodgson, M.Finnerty, G&M Glorioso, 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, T.Gibson, F.Petelo, Helen Guadez, M.Vaigafa, Verity Madsen, Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto M, John Daley, Alzira D'souza, Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse, V&M L Petelo, Zhaylee Curtis, Sesilia Muevae, Rob Canning, Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewiez, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef W. Carroll, Daisy A. Thomas, John Engberg, Coleen Goodwin, Eric Alfred, Austine Jonse, Zakelyn Curtis, Michelle & John Williams, Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, AnDaphne Canal n Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay and Michael Rudd. Alan Langdon, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal.



During the weekend of 29th and 30th June, there will be a Special Collection for Peter's Pence. This is a worldwide fundraiser that supports the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. Funds will be used to help victims of famine, natural disasters, war and other initiatives to bring relief to the poor. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a true witness of Christ-like compassion towards our suffering brothers and sisters worldwide.

For more information, please visit: http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/peters-pence

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).

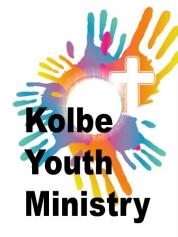
Our Parish's Children Baptism Coordinator is Mrs. Helen Swindells. We currently need more volunteers to help in this ministry; please contact the Parish Office for more details.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

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 weekly faith-forming, fun-filled and learning sessions. For further information, parents or guardians can contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Tiresa Vaigafa - 0434570 123.

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.



Our next Kolbe Youth Gathering will be at 6.00pm on every Friday.

New members are welcome to join. Please contact:

Shanna Kelemete: 0456152625, email:Salzhope83@outlook.com Lawrence Auva'a: 0434763218, email.auvaalaw30@gmail.com



What to bring: A plate of food to share – no nuts
Requirements: Children need to be signed in and out
by a parent/guardian

Schedule of Preparation for Children's Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion

Children's Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion	
Day/Date	Particulars
Saturday, 15 June	1st Workshop : 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Saturday, 13 July	2nd Workshop : 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Saturday, 20 July	Sacrament of 2nd Rite of Reconciliation & Rehearsal for Holy Communion at 9.00am
Sunday, 27 July	1st Holy Communion Mass @ 5.30pm



PARISH PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN 2024/2025



As the current financial year is coming to an end on 30 June 2024, we wish to extend a grateful thanks to each and every one of you who have faithfully and very generously supported the Parish financially through the past year in the midst of your personal life circumstances. We just want you to know that your contributions are greatly valued. In saying this, as you know, we are now facing

increasing cost of living which directly impacts our operational costs every week. This is especially so with our key expenses such as utilities (electricity and rates) as well as church and ground maintenance including equipment, machinery and repairs due to damages caused by continuous weather events as well as wear and tear. Needless to say, these expenses are heavily impacting our overhead costs every month.

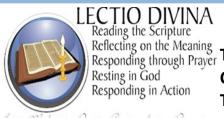
On that note, we are humbly asking if you would kindly consider reviewing your personal contributions to see if there is any possibility of an upward revision. This will certainly help us in planning for the next half of this year, particularly to reduce our increased running costs and also to enable the parish to fund more spiritual development programs for our different ministries and also to provide for parish community events.

To those of you who are still uncertain about joining our Planned Giving Program, we urge you to talk to one of us so that you can get a better understanding on how your contributions help keep our Parish afloat financially so that we can continue to provide spiritual and pastoral shelter for all who seek to share our space here in this part of Logan. You may action your planned giving in any one of the following ways:

- By making a Direct Debit. (This method is highly recommended)
- By using the weekly planned giving envelopes.
- By downloading & using Planned Giving App:

Your continued support to our parish is greatly appreciated and we remain very grateful for your generosity!

Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick and Finance Council



FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Reflecting on the Meaning Responding through Prayer The Parish Faith Formation team would like to launch a Contemplative Prayer practice which is called Lectio Divina. The practice involves the reading of a Gospel section, then Lectio Meditatio Oratio Contemplatio Operatio reflecting on it in silence and that is then followed by a

sharing, which is voluntary. The general experience is how the Word of God can open up in our hearts, for one another and with one another.

We propose a one-hour time slot, once a week, possibly after a weekday mass, say from 10-11am.

Parishioners are encouraged to put down their name and preferred day on the registration sheet on the table at the entrance of the church.

Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick and Alfred Gomez