



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our church stands today, the Yugambeh and Yuggera people, and pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We, the St. Maximilian Kolbe Community, continue to be inspired by the value of justice, peace, and unity as we work together for the common good.

Parish Contacts

Parish Priest

Fr. John Quang SVD 38030862

Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD

Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

Rodolfo (Boyet) Domingo

Children & Families Ministries and

Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells

Community Life Ministries

Lele Faeteete

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	7:30am and 9:30am

Confession: Saturday : 5:00pm

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 03 AUGUST 2025

GREED: SCOURGE OF IGNORANCE AND ITS ANTIDOTE

If one looks deeply enough, the world and its wealth by nature are neutral. They are neither good nor bad. Suffering doesn't come from them per se. The greed and attachment to them are the source of suffering. The greedy who are so attached to them always are in a state of not always having enough. Unsatisfactory! And thus they suffer! Money is not evil, but the love of it is!

The foolish rich man in today's gospel is not accused for being rich or unjust. He seemed to be satisfied with his wealth that may last well till the end of his life. But he is a fool in the eye of God. For all that he was possessing are just vanity of vanities (1st reading), or, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong? Jesus said. He is indeed a man of ignorance suffering his unsatisfactoriness.

St. Paul in 2nd reading advised the Colossians to put to death the parts that are earthly, among which he named "The greed which is idolatry." Idolatry is when we worship anything other than God Himself. When Jesus taught, "Happy are the poor in spirit, for the Kingdom of God is theirs," he insists the gaining of the Kingdom of God cannot be compromised by greed and attachment to the earthly possession. One cannot serve both masters wealth and God. Choosing to be poor in spirit doesn't mean we disdain the earthly wealth that is meant to be means, but rather we choose God, and if we have God in our lives, we have everything that belongs to God.

Ignorance of God is the source of suffering because without God we are not aware how poor we are, though we may, like the foolish man, have the whole world under our feet. Ah, vanity of vanities!

The antidote to this ignorance is the dependent attitude on God, relying on God not on wealth. Be rich in the eye of God. That's our eternal security where moths can't eat and thief can't break in and take away. "What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

Fr. John Quang svd

Date Claimers

Sun. 3 Aug: Children and Families Ministry Team Meeting at 10.35am .

Mon. 4 Aug: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm

Tue. 5 Aug: Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm

Sat. 9 Aug.: Working Bee from 9.00am

Working Bee



Saturday, 9th August from 9.00am

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



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

3rd August & 10th August 2025

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

Roster for the weekend of 09 Aug. — 10 Aug. 2025

Mass Coordinators

09 Aug. 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
10 Aug. 7.30am - Kristine Domingo
10 Aug. 9.30am - Nimfa Brookes

Readers

09 Aug. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden & Michael Caroll
10 Aug. 7.30am - Lawrence Auva'a & Brian Cunningham
10 Aug. 9.30am - Kelemete Tito & Ron Klerks.

Communion Ministers

09 Aug. 5.30pm - Patricia V., Paul S., Kaylene Caroll
10 Aug. 7.30am - Eseta A., Deb H., Boyet D
10 Aug. 9.30am - Flor Gomez & Tuala Petelo.
Joy Wallace & Elisapeta Tito

Altar Servers

09 Aug. 5.30pm - Gerald Joshy
10 Aug. 7.30am - Antonio and Andrew
10 Aug. 9.30am - Parfait and Clovis

Choirs

09 Aug. 5.30pm - Fono
10 Aug. 7.30am - SMK Choir
10 Aug. 9.30am - African Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Tualai Family

Flowers : Evelyn, Nimfa and Olive

Collection: Week-ending: 27 July 2025

Envelopes Received	: 30
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,331.40
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 203.55
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TOTAL	: \$ 2,534.95

Samantha Miriam Briody, 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.Dun more, T.Gibson, 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, Rob Canning, Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewicz, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef W. Carroll, Daisy A. Thomas, Eric Alfred John Engberg, Coleen Goodwin, Austine Jonse, Zakelyn Curtis, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, Ann Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay McCarthy, Judith Sherry, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Paxson Swerling, Cliff Naughton, Peter Beirne, Janus Deurloo Shiralee Bull and all who are ill.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 03 August 2025

First Reading (Eccl: 1:2, 2:21-23)

What do people gain by all their work.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17)

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading (Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11)

Seek the things that are above where Christ is .

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit
The kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 12: 13-21)

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to. Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to, do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'



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

Kolbe Youth Ministry

Young parishioners aged 13 and above, are invited to join the Kolbe Youth Ministry **Citizens of Christ** every Friday evenings from :

5pm- 7pm at Maryfields Hall.

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!

Please contact:

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Children's Ministry

**Every Sunday Morning
9:30am/ Parish Hall
Come and Join Us!**

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 Co-ordinator: **Tiresa Vaigafa 0434 570 123**



FAMILY MASS 2025



The Children and Families Ministry are holding a Family Mass on Sunday 24/8/25 at the 9.30am Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend and share their faith together as one parish family at this special Mass. Morning tea will be shared after the Mass on the day.

Kind regards, SMK Children and Families Ministry

ADULT FORMATION MINISTRY

DROP BY AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS!

All Parishioners are cordially invited to attend LECTIO DIVINA sessions that will be facilitated by Fr. Nick, in the Parish Meeting Room on:

Friday 08 August 2025: 7:30pm – 8:30pm

LECTIO DIVINA (Divine Reading) is a contemplative prayer practice which is intended to promote communion with God and deepen one's understanding of Scripture. It involves the reading of a Gospel section, then reflecting on it in silence followed by 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. Fr John, Fr Nick and Alfred Gomez

MULTICULTURAL MASS

"Migrants, missionaries of hope" Pope Francis



CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE



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24 AUG 2025

2PM, QUEEN OF VIETNAMESE MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 54 FLINT ST, INALA

ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH MARSDEN



Multicultural

FEAST DAY & INSTALLATION MASS FOR

FR. JOHN QUANG

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2025

9:30AM



SMK PARISH PICNIC IN THE PARK



WHEN: Saturday 13/9/25: TIME: From 9.30am

WHERE: Riverdale Park, Armstrong Road, Meadowbrook PC4131

WHAT TO BRING: BYO Picnic Morning Tea/Lunch, Sunblock, a Hat, Suitable Footwear and Outdoor Games eg Cricket

The parish family is warmly invited to come and share in this communal day of fun and friendship.

All enquiries may be made to the Children and Families Ministry Team Members.

Called by Name

National Vocation Awareness Week

3-10 August 2025



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CATECHISM CORNER

Question:

What Is Catholic Social Teaching on Poverty ?

Answer:

There are some key elements of Catholic Social Teaching that frame the Church's response to poverty, they are solidarity, preferential option for the poor and the universal destination of goods. As always, the beginning point for all the social teaching is human dignity. It is the right of every human to be treated in accordance with their innate dignity and society ought to be ordered towards that good. Socio-economic structures which put and keep people in poverty and disadvantage therefore are inherently unjust and require change.

The Australian Bishops reminded us in their 1996 Social Justice Statement, 'A New Beginning', 'it includes a willingness and readiness on the part of the better off to share their wealth and their power.' But as Pope John Paul II commented in his 1991 encyclical Centesimus Annus we must also be careful not see the poor as victims only to be helped. People's poverty is not simply about lacking in resources but more significantly about being excluded from networks of exchange and productivity (for example an employment sector that largely excludes people living with disability is the real cause of their economic poverty).

Source: <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/the-church-on-poverty-a-brief-introduction/>