



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

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Priest-in-Residence

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Parish Secretary

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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

Rodolfo (Boyet) Domingo

Children & Families Ministries and

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Helen Swindells

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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 **10:00am**

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10 AUGUST 2025

JOURNEY FROM ME CENTRED TO GOD CENTRED



An epitaph engraved on a tombstone aims at by passers, "As where you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so you must be." The message doesn't mean to be pessimistic but to waken the living to what this life means and how we live our lives. We are not immortal! But, 'Do not be afraid any longer, little flock!' Jesus keeps reassuring his disciples along the way. For the Kingdom has been given to us.

The gospel reading today happens in the context of Jesus and his disciples heading toward Jerusalem where ultimately he faced his fatal destination, and Jesus was fully aware of it. This is not just a geographical journey from north Galilea to south Jerusalem, it is also an internal journey of a disciple. An internal journey from surrendering the possessive ego self, which is the cause of spiritual enslavement, to the purified self where God, not me, is the centre, and be freed. It is an internal transformation or conversion.

But, in order to have this transformation occurs, we must be deeply in touch with the self that wants to be transformed. First, by being awoken to it, or vigilant as Jesus often talks about. The image of the vigilant servant on guard waiting for the arrival of his master, who may turn up at the day or hour he doesn't know, is the beginning of the transforming journey. Vigilant! Watchful! Awaken!

Our life will remain a dream if we just let it drift in the ocean of greed and ignorance (reminding us of the rich fool) without any purpose. We are not awake if we stay in dream. This is not a Christian life. We are called to remain awake or watchful as a faithful servant for the coming of the Lord who comes with glory, the glory that He wants us to share, to be part of. That's the image of the master who sits his watchful servant at the table and serves him in his Kingdom.

Let the Light of Christ, His Word, illumines the darkness of our egoistic self and transcends it into God-centred ego, to the point that there is no such 'my ego' but a total union with the God who is all in all.

"Too late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient, O Beauty so new. Too late have I loved you! You were within me but I was outside myself, and there I sought you! In my weakness, I ran after the beauty of the things you have made. You were with me, and I was not with you." (Prayer of St. Augustine)

Fr. John Quang svd.

Date Claimers

Tue. 12 Aug: Healing Mass at 10.00am

Fri. 15 Aug: Feast of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass at 9am

Sun. 17 Aug: Only one morning Mass at 9.30am. No 7.30am Mass.

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:

10th August & No Mass on 17th August 2025

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

Roster for the weekend of 16 Aug. — 17 Aug. 2025

Mass Coordinators

16 Aug. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez

17 Aug. 9.30am - Boyet D and Flor Gomez

Readers

16 Aug. 5.30pm - Verity M. & Abel Budiono

17 Aug. 9.30am - Jacob Domingo & Andrew Tualai

Communion Ministers

16 Aug. 5.30pm - Francisca O., Joshy S., Tua N

17 Aug. 9.30am - Kelemete T & Tiitii Toalepai

Altar Servers

16 Aug. 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel and Alexander

17 Aug. 9.30am - Noa and Salvius

Choirs

16 Aug. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir

17 Aug. 9.30am - Congregation Singing

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : SMK, Suli, Lipine and Alex

Flowers : SMK Feast

Collection: Week-ending: 03 August 2025

Envelopes Received	: 35
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,297.70
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 324.75
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TOTAL	: \$ 2,622.45

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.



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 10 August 2025

First Reading (Wisdom: 18: 6-9)

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

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

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading (Hebrews 11 : 1-2, 8-19)

We will look for the city designed and built by God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready;

You know not when the Son of Man is coming!

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 12: 32-48)

See that you are prepared.

Gospel : Luke 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



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!

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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**

**No Children Liturgy on:
Sunday 17th August 2025**



Healing Mass

Tuesday, 12 August 2025

**Mass @ 10.00am;
followed by luncheon**

All are welcome to join in!



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 Team.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

"Migrants, missionaries of hope" Pope Francis



CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE



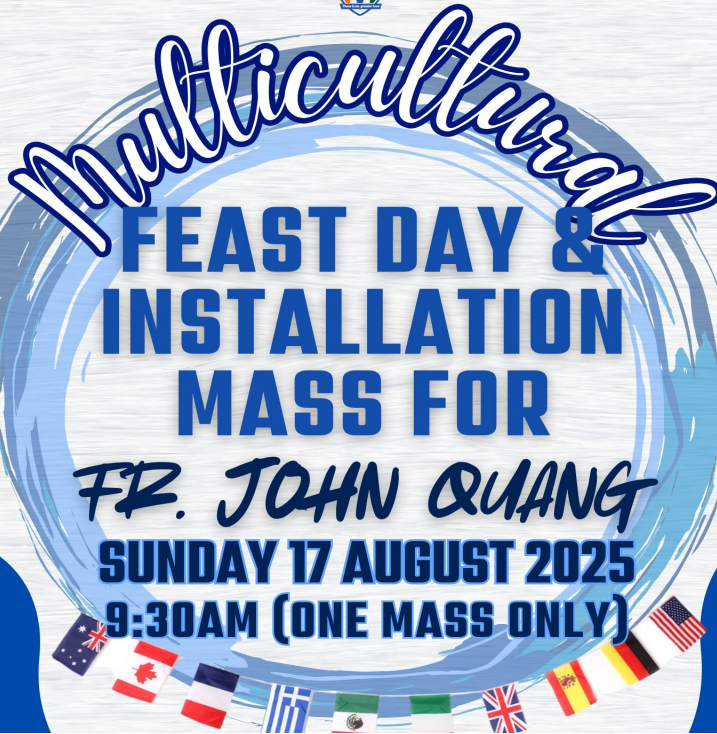
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24 AUG 2025

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

ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH MARSDEN



2025 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

On the weekend of 23rd & 24th of August, our parish will support the Annual Catholic Campaign. This special campaign brings together all the parishes of the Archdiocese, to provide care and support for local ministries and people in need in our own communities.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, giving local families in dire need access to a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community. Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you. You can return it on 23rd or 24th August. **Fr. John & Fr. Nick**

The Parish congratulates the twenty three children who received the Holy Communion for the first time on 2nd August. We thank their parents/caregivers and the parish catechism team for their dedication.

*Adam Chanel Lisati Taulalai
Matthew Heffernan
Lucy Diamond Drage
Iosefo Ioane Jnr Faafoi
Konelio Roberts
Tyler Matauaiga Taua Sulu
Eddy Tresor
Sally Clyde*

*Angelles Victoria Rose Vitale
Naomi Sofia De Guzman
Lina Myles Pieczonka
Nathan Ogbodu
Ezekiel Darren Chandra
Lachlan Heffernan
Chelsea Anne Gerardo
Lavinya Avane Faafoi*

*Hannah Katrielle De Dios
Freddy Divin
Kevin Bienvenu
Lennox Leo Lewis
Nicole Stefani De Guzman
Noelle Shaina De Guzman
Sienna Rose Pesce*

CATECHISM CORNER

Question:

How can we fear God and yet love him at the same time?

Answer:

The word *fear* in the expression “fear of the Lord” means awe or profound respect. It does not mean literal fear of God’s power but an awe and respect for the absolute majesty of God. We should “fear” offending God not because of his just punishment but because he is all good and deserving of our love.

As Pope Francis has said: [Fear of the Lord] does not mean being afraid of God: we know well that God is Father, that he loves us and wants our salvation, and he always forgives, always; thus, there is no reason to be scared of him! Fear of the Lord, instead, is the gift of the Holy Spirit through whom we are reminded of how small we are before God and of his love and that our good lies in humble, respectful and trusting self-abandonment into his hands. This is fear of the Lord: abandonment in the goodness of our Father who loves us so much ([General Audience, June 11, 2014](#)).

(Source: <https://www.catholic.com/qa/fear-of-the-lord>)