



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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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

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Community Life Ministries

Lele Faaeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

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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 Healing Mass 10:00am

Wednesday 9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

Friday 7:00pm

Saturday No Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 7:30am and 9:30am

Confession: Saturday : 5:00pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT : 30 NOVEMBER 2025



Walk in the Light of the Lord

The early Christians believed that the second and also final coming of the Lord Jesus is imminent, just that they didn't know exactly when. But it didn't happen as expected. Even Jesus as a human person said neither did he know but only the Father. Because of this unknown and unassured future, many of them had abandoned themselves to the life of orgies, drunkenness, promiscuity, lust, rivalry and jealousy (2nd reading). They became children of the dark. Paul urged them to conduct their life as children of the day, put on the armor of light.

The common theme of Advent we often hear from all readings is about watchful waiting in vigilance as we don't know exactly the hour. So, what does it mean for us to live in watchfulness and vigilance? It is about living in mindfulness, which means living one's life fully in the present moment. To use Christian language, it is to live one's life and conduct oneself as if one is always in the presence of the Lord. If we live fully in mindfulness of the presence of the Lord, we shouldn't have to be worried about that unknown hour, because the hour is always here and now, and we are fully prepared.

To live fully in the presence of the Lord is more than just passively surviving the day. It is an active preparation like a house owner who knows the hour of night when the thief is coming. He would stay watchful vigilant, actively taking necessary measures to prevent it.

Advent means 'arrival of a notable person'. We now have entered the blessed time of preparation for the arrival of the Savior Jesus Christ. He has arrived, but also is arriving every single day of our lives. Let's conduct ourselves as children who are waking in the light of the Lord, concretely the light of his way his instructions (1st reading).

Fr. John Quang svd.

Date Claimers

Sun. Nov. 30: Children and Families Ministry Meeting at 10.45am.

Mon. Dec.1 : Pastora Council Meeting at 7pm

Tue. Dec. 2 : Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm

Tue Dec. 2 : Healing Mass at 10am.

**Fri. Dec. 5 : First Friday of the month:
Adoration 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm.**

**Sat. Dec. 6 : Pilgrimage to St. Stephen's Cathedral.
You need to make your own transport arrangement to the pilgrimage.**

First Sunday of Advent : 30 November 2025

First Reading (Isaiah 2:1-5)

The Lord will gather all Nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

Responsorial Psalm (121: 1-2, 4-5, 6-9)

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading (Romans 13: 11-14)

The time has come, our salvation is near.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord show us your mercy and love

And grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 24: 37-44)

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Gospel : Matthew 24: 37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

30 November & 07 December

Centre Location:

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



Roster for the weekend of 06 — 07 December 2025

Mass Coordinators

06 Dec. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez

07 Dec. 7.30am - Nimfa Brookes

07 Dec. 9.30am - Flower Donohue

Readers

06 Dec. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden & Verity Madsen.

07 Dec. 7.30am - Malcolm D'Souza & Lawrence Auva'a.

07 Dec. 9.30am - Ron Klerks & Melody Gombe.

Communion Ministers

06 Dec. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez and Joshy Scaria.

07 Dec. 7.30am - Eseta Alosio and Korina Laban

07 Dec. 9.30am - Alfred Gomez, Winnie Kepu and Doris Deurloo.

Altar Servers

06 Dec. 5.30pm - John Paul and Andres

07 Dec. 7.30am - John and May

07 Dec. 9.30am - Jazmine and Tezaree

Choirs

06 Dec. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir

07 Dec. 7.30am - Congregation Singing

07 Dec. 9.30am - Ekalesia Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lete

Cleaners : Ekalesia Group

Flowers : Advent: No flowers

Collection: Week-ending: 23 November 2025

Envelopes Received	: 29
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,031.90
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 231.25
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TOTAL	: \$ 2,263.15



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**

The last day for Children's Liturgy for 2025 will be Sunday 7th of December 2025.

Rehearsals for the Nativity Play will continue every Friday from 5pm-6pm.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

St Vincent de Paul Society good works

YOUR SUPPORT WILL GIVE HOPE TO STRUGGLING FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS



Every family deserves a safe and happy Christmas.

This year, our parish St. Vinnies Conference will be collecting Monetary Donation, Gift Cards and Non-Perishable Food items as part of their annual Christmas Appeal project. They welcome your generous and kind contributions in support of this project. A box will be placed at the entrance of the church during our weekend Masses in Advent, to collect the monetary donations and gift cards and a basket to collect the food items. Thank you kindly for all your support!



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, Peter Beirne, Janus Deurloo Shiralee Bull and all who are ill.



CAROLS
BY
Candlelight

DECEMBER
FRIDAY 19 06:00 PM

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish
26-38 Macarthy Rd, Marsden 4132

Join us for a Christmas experience of
carols, community, and connection.

A night filled with music and the joy of Christ's birth.

**PILGRIMAGE TO
ST STEPHEN
CATHEDRAL
HOLY DOOR
MASS
SATURDAY**

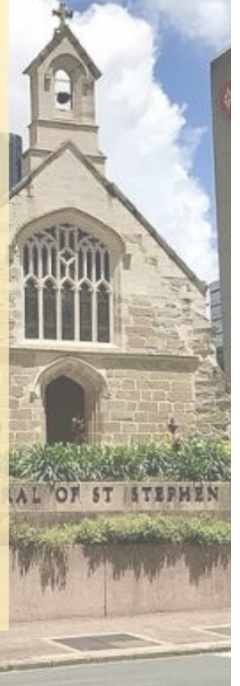
6 DECEMBER 2025 10AM

**249 ELIZABETH ST,
BRISBANE 4000 QLD
ST MARY MCKILLOP CHAPEL**

*Join us as we celebrate the Year of
Jubilee – a time of gratitude,
renewal, and joy! Together, we give
thanks for God's blessings and look
forward with faith and hope to the
years ahead.*

*For more information,
contact the parish office on*

**3803 0862 or email
marsden@bne.catholic.net.au**



ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH MARSDEN

Advent
**Reflection
& Recollection**

WITH FR. JOHN QUANG SVD

**THEME:
"RETURNING TO THE LOST PARADISE"**

**WHEN:
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
7PM**

**WHERE:
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



**Christmas Nativity
Play Rehearsals**

This is an invitation to all the children/youth of the
parish, to join us in celebrating the Nativity of the
Birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve.

We will have rehearsals every Friday.

**Rehearsals begin from Friday 14 Nov 2025
5pm – 6pm**

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden

**For more information, please contact
Helen Swindells on 0400014042**

God's Word 2026

\$ 20.00

Books are available
for sale at the
entrance of the
church and also in the
piety shop. Please
buy your copy.

**Columban Art Calendar
2026: \$10.00**

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CATECHISM CORNER

Advent wreath meaning

The circular shape of the Advent wreath symbolizes God's infinite love for us – it is never-ending, just like the true Light of the World, Jesus, who leads us into eternal life with Him. The materials of the Advent wreath similarly lead us to reflect on the everlasting nature of God; traditionally, Advent wreaths have been made of evergreen leaves, such as pine or fir, which maintain their green color beyond the season in which they are collected. Nowadays, there are many modern interpretations of Advent wreaths that still help us celebrate the traditional meaning of the wreath: preparing the way for the Light of the World, Jesus. Battery-operated/LED wreaths are a good example of this as they simulate the four candles but don't require lighting each week.

<https://hallow.com/blog/advent-candles-and-advent-wreaths/>