



# St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

*We, the Marsden Catholic Church Parishioners, respectfully acknowledge and honour the Aboriginal peoples from the Yagara and Yugambeh language groups, who originally inhabit Logan, as the traditional custodians of the land of this Parish, together with the Torres Strait Islander people. We acknowledge their Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.*

## PARISH CONTACTS

### Parish Priest

Fr. Mikhael Loke SVD 38030862

### Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD 38030862

### Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

### Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

### Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

Ron Klerks

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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	10.00am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

**Confession: Saturday 5.00pm**

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT : 9 MARCH 2025

On Ash Wednesday we began our journey with Christ. A journey that will last for about six and half weeks. The Lenten season presents to us the opportunity of re-living the Paschal mystery of Christ. This first Sunday of Lent, starts on a hopeful and joyful note. The readings bring in view concepts like faith, salvation and victory over sin. These remind us of the need to praise God for the great wonders he worked for our fathers in faith. Through our participation this Lent God is ready to extend the same wonders to us.

The first reading begins with a very brief account from Moses about how God delivered His chosen people Israel from bondage in the land of Egypt. Therefore, this reminds us of our own salvific journey. This Lenten season, we are on a journey to our salvation, and the hope of this salvation must sustain us throughout this season and beyond. The second reading presents another dimension to this journey towards salvation. It presents faith as a necessary tool which must be manifested through our confessions. Without faith, it will be practically impossible to reach our destination. Faith in this case is the energy that motivates us as we march on. If along this journey this season, we become weary, turning to Jesus is the best option available to us. If we call upon Him in faith, we shall find the strength to continue. We cannot prevail in this journey by our own strength alone.

This season therefore, we are to be mindful of the fact that temptations abound, just as our Lord was tempted today by the devil in our gospel. It is important to note that the tempter is always looking for a point of contact or weakness. This was why, once he realized that Christ was very hungry he felt it was an opportunity to use Him. However, the good news is that the devil was wrong, because Christ did not give him the chance to use Him. Hence, the devil cannot succeed with us too if we do not open avenues for him in our lives.

As Paul writes: *"the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but they are mighty through God for pulling down Strongholds (2 Cor. 10:4)*. Our weapons this season must include a very strong faith in God, prayer, uprightness, good works, and the word of God. This is because: *"We do not fight" (this season only), against flesh and blood. But, against...powers of this dark age...the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm"* (Eph 6, 10-12). Above all, we must allow the Holy Spirit to be in charge by being docile to Him.

Reflected by:

*Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.; a Catholic Priest and a Member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers (Spiritans)*

Loving God,

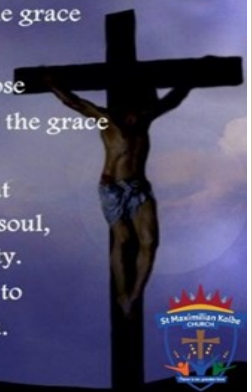
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

*Amen.*



## DATE CLAIMERS

Sun: 9th March: Community Life Ministry would like to invite all parishioners to morning tea to meet and greet all parishioners including the new parishioners after the 9.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Tue. 11 Mar.: Healing Mass at 10am

### Roster for the weekend of 15 March. / 16 March. 2025

#### Mass Coordinators

15 Mar 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez  
16 Mar 8.00am - Orlando Diente  
16 Mar 9.30am - Tua Niumagumagu

#### Readers

15 Mar 5.30pm - Abel Budiono & Michael Caroll  
16 Mar 8.00am - Andrew Taualai & Nimfa Brookes  
16 Mar 9.30am - Elenora Tufuga & Tiliola Niumagumagu

#### Communion Ministers

15 Mar 5.30pm - Sue McKeown, Francesca O., Paul Simpson  
16 Mar 8.00am - Lele F., Deb H., Talafaia T.  
16 Mar 9.30am - Kelemete Tito & Millie Petelo  
Lawrence Auva'a & TiiTii Toalepai

#### Altar Servers

15 Mar 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel and Alexander  
16 Mar 8.00am - John Paul & Andrew  
16 Mar 9.30am - Salvius, Noa and Zaia

#### Choirs

15 Mar 5.30pm - Trinity Choir  
16 Mar 8.00am - St. Peter the Rock Choir  
16 Mar 9.30am - Filipino Choir

**Counters :** Christine Lapalapa and Noel

**Cleaners :** Vaigafa Family and Diana Mulcahy

## First Sunday of Lent : 9 March 2025

### First Reading: *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

### Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 90:1-2, 10-15*

R. **Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

### Second Reading: *Romans 10:8-13*

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

### Gospel Acclamation: *Matthew 4:4*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**No one lives on bread alone,**

**but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### Gospel: *Luke 4:1-13*

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

## FAREWELL TO FR. MIKHAEL

The Parish Pastoral Council has decided to have a farewell morning tea with Fr. Mikhael, before moving to Murgon Parish, on the following date and time :

**Sunday, 20 April 2025 (Easter Sunday) after the Easter Sunday Mass at 10.45am.**

## YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

**WEEK END COMMUNITY MASS WILL BE HELD AT**

**4PM ON SUNDAY**

**9 MAR. & 16 MAR. 2025**

**ST. CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL,**

**2 COMBS STREET, YARRABILBA**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



## LENT

The 40-day period leading up to Easter (excluding Sundays) that starts on Ash Wednesday. It is marked by praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

### FASTING

Act of mortification (dying to ourselves) to cultivate Christian discipline, self control, and self-denial



**What?**

**One meal a day, and two smaller meals** which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

**When?**



**Who?**

**18 - 59 years of age**

### ABSTINENCE



**Refraining from luxury such as eating meat.** Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.



\*or other acts of penance

**14 years old and above**

Exemption: physically and mentally ill, pregnant or nursing women



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, 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, Eric Alfred John Engberg, Coleen Goodwin, Austine Jonse, Zakelyn Curtis, John Williams, Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, Ann Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay Rudd, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Paxson Swerling, Cliff Naughton, Myrna Aloquin, Peter Beirne and all who are ill.



## 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

## Stations of the Cross REHEARSALS

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 7 AND 12, WE INVITE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR STATIONS OF THE CROSS. REHEARSALS WILL BE HELD ON:

**FRI 7/3**  
**FRI 14/3**  
**FRI 21/3**  
**FRI 4/4**

5-7PM

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT SHANNA OR THE PARISH OFFICE



### First Sunday of Lent: 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



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You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) : Or by calling 1800 024 413



# 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**

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# KOLBE YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUNG PARISHIONERS AGED 13 AND ABOVE, ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE KOLBE YOUTH MINISTRY

### CITIZENS OF CHRIST

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.

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING

5 PM - 7 PM

MARYFIELDS HALL

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## PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2025

SACRAMENTS	1 <sup>st</sup> RITE OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)	CONFIRMATION	FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST
Age Group	Grade 5 & above	Grade 3 & above	Grade 3 & above
Important Enrolment Conditions	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation and 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist	This sacrament is offered to children who have already been Baptised	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation
Dateline for Submission of Enrolment Forms	Sunday, 16 March 2025	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
Parent/Guardian Information Session	-	6.30pm on Wednesday, 30 April 2025	6.30pm on Wednesday, 18 June 2025
Rite of Enrolment in Church during Mass	-	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 30 March 2025	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 15 June 2025
1 <sup>st</sup> Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	Only 1 workshop Saturday, 22 March 2025	Saturday, 03 May, 2025	Saturday, 21 June 2025
2 <sup>nd</sup> Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	-	Saturday, 17 May 2025	Saturday, 19 July 2025
Rehearsal <b>* Only for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist, the rehearsal will be preceded by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation</b>	-	9am Saturday, 24 May 2025	9am Saturday, 26 July 2025
<b>DAY OF SACRAMENT</b>	<b>Saturday, 22 March 2025 (after the workshop)</b>	<b>6.30pm Thursday, 29 May 2025</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 02 August 2025</b>

### JUBILEE 2025: YEAR OF HOPE



We had so far touched on all the parts in the Introductory Rites of the Holy Mass. Before continuing on with our series of topics about the different parts of the Mass, we pause and reflect on the meaningful celebration of the Catholic Church for this year --- the Jubilee Year of Hope.

“Jubilee” comes from the Hebrew word *yobel* which refers to the ram’s horn used to announce a special event in the Old Testament. Leviticus 25:8-55 discusses about the Year of the Jubilee with all its intentions and which should be celebrated every 50 years as instructed by God to Moses. The first

Christian jubilee was proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 AD. It was thereafter celebrated by the Church every 100 years, shortened to every 50 years and then every 25 years. The Pope can also declare extraordinary Jubilee year in between the regular 25 years as in the case of the Jubilee year of Mercy on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council in 2015.

Jubilee 2025 began with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome on the eve of Christmas last year, and will end on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord in January 2026. The jubilee was proclaimed by Pope Francis in the Papal Bull *Spes Non Confundit* (“Hope does not disappoint”).

The pope said that *Christian hope is a gift from God that fills our lives with joy*, and that we need it a lot today. With all the challenges we have been through the past years and still facing today --- the effects of Covid-19, poverty and food insecurity, job losses and the lack of means to have a decent living, wars and violation of human rights, the effects of climate change, and many more, we indeed need hope today. This is why the theme of the Jubilee 2025 rightly puts it, “**Pilgrims of Hope**”, as we are all journeying today needing that hope, “the hope that does not disappoint” (*Rom 5:5*), our hope in God.

Pope Francis cited in that bull, the focus and the intent of the celebration --- “The Jubilee will be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. **May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God’s gift of creation.**” (*Spes Non Confundit* #25)

More about this joyful celebration of HOPE next week!

- Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick, and the Liturgy Team