



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

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Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD

Parish Secretary

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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 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 No Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 7:30am and 9:30am

Confession: Saturday : 5:00pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT : 22 FEBRUARY 2026

DOES GOD PUT US INTO TEMPTATION?

The straight answer is NO! St. James clearly said, "No one experiencing temptation should say "I am tempted by God"...For God is not subject to temptation to evil, and he himself tempts no one." (James 1:13). So, where does temptation come from? The gospel of this first Sunday of Lent says, after his baptism, "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." (Mk 4:1). Clearly, temptation comes from the devil, and God as a loving Father never tempts us into failure.

God doesn't tempt us, this doesn't mean we don't go through temptation. Devil is the tempter, Father of lies, and he will try by all means to fail us from being close to God. Jesus did went through temptation in the desert for 40 days. During Lent we practice fasting, almsgiving and prayer as disciplinary means to overcome our temptations and turn our hearts to God in conversion.

Pope Leo XIV in his Lenten message this year offers the advice for a new fasting, fasting from using harsh words and rash judgment against other people. This helps our conversion of heart to God who listens to our cry. Listening is a hospitality that we can offer to other people, when we listen we create relationship and enter into dialogue with others. God enters into covenantal relationship with his people by first listening to their cries in time of trouble.

Listening to the Word of God will enlighten our conscience and guide our journey of conversion to God. Jesus was able to overcome every temptation by invoking the Word of God. If Jesus as a human person could win a victory over the devil by the power of the Word of God, so can we! "Man doesn't live on bread alone but on every Word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Fr. John Quang, svd

Date Claimers

Mon. Feb.23: Bible timeline study at 6.30-8.30pm
Thur. Feb. 26: Finance Committee Meeting at 7pm
Fri. Feb. 27: Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

ADULT FORMATION MINISTRY

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

Friday February 27 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. Nick and Alfred Gomez

ROSTER SHEETS FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2026

Roster sheets for the month of March and April are available at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy of the sheet and contact the parish office if you need any changes in the next roster.

Fr. John and Fr. Nick.



Roster for the weekend of 28 Feb. —01 March 2026

Mass Coordinators

28 Feb. 5.30pm - Ron Klerks
01 Mar. 7.30am - Nimfa Brookes
01 Mar. 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

28 Feb. 5.30pm - Verity Madsen & Privilege Mtetwa.
01 Mar. 7.30am - Rachel Matijasevic and Lawrence Auva'a
01 Mar. 9.30am - Kelemete Tito and Flor Gomez

Communion Ministers

28 Feb. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez & Joshy Scaria.
01 Mar. 7.30am - Korina Laban, Sera Thomas, Eseta Alosio
01 Mar. 9.30am - Tiitii Toalepai, Alfred G., Winnie K, Kristine D.

Altar Servers

28 Feb. 5.30pm - Gerald and Daniel
01 Mar. 7.30am - Andrew Tevaga, John and May
01 Mar. 9.30am - Ailipata, Antonio and Andrew Taulai

Choirs

28 Feb. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
01 Mar. 7.30am - Congregation singing
01 Mar. 9.30am - Ekalesia Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele
Cleaners : Ekalesia Group
Flowers : Lent : No Flowers

Collection: Week-ending: 15 February 2026

Envelopes Received	: 32
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,405.15
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 305.10

TOTAL	: \$ 2,710.25

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: 22 Feb 2026

First Reading (Genesis:2: 7-9, 3: 1-7)

Creation of our first parents and sin.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17)

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading (Romans 5: 12-19)

Where sin is increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Gospel Acclamation

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 (Matthew 4: 1-11)

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Gospel : Matthew 4: 1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after 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**

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.

**Children's Liturgy started on:
Sunday 8th February 2026**

For further information, parents or guardians can contact our Children's Ministry Co-ordinator: **Tiresa Vaigafa 0434 570 123**



PROJECT COMPASSION

FIRST SUNDAY of LENT – 22 February

This Lent, our parish community is called to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Each year, Project Compassion invites us to encounter stories of courage and hope from people around the world who are striving for a brighter future.

In 2026, Project Compassion shares four stories of resilience and strength. We'll meet Sisilia, a young student from Tanzania, whose education was being disrupted by long daily walks to collect water for her family. With the support of Caritas Australia and people like you, Sisilia now has access to clean water from taps installed in her school and village.

Please take an envelope or a box from the entrance of the church and return them during Holy Week. Thank You for your generous support.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

22 February & 01 March 2026

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

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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ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Every Friday **5:30 pm** St Maximilian Kolbe

*One generation praises your deeds to another;
they proclaim your mighty works.
Psalm 145:4*



Come grow closer to Christ through Mary. We are launching a new group where we come together to learn the Rosary, deepen prayer, and grow in faith under Our Blessed Mother

We here at the Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe , as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane **MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES.** Archdiocesan Website www.bne.catholic.net.au or www.kingstonmarsdenparish.org.au

We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>



PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2026

SACRAMENTS	1 st 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 st 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, 15 March 2026	Sunday, 15 March 2026	Sunday, 7 June 2026
Rite of Enrolment in Church during Mass	-	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 22 March 2026	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 14 June 2026
Parent/Guardian Information Session	-	6.30pm on Wednesday, 29 April 2026	6.30pm on Wednesday, 17 June 2026
1 st Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	Only 1 workshop Saturday, 21 March 2026	Saturday, 2 May 2026	Saturday, 20 June 2026
2 nd Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	-	Saturday, 16 May 2026	Saturday, 18 July 2026
Rehearsal * Only for 1st Holy Eucharist, the rehearsal will be preceded by the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	-	9am Saturday, 23 May 2026	9am Saturday, 25 July 2026
DAY OF SACRAMENT	Saturday, 21 March 2026 (after the workshop)	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 30 May 2026	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 01 August 2026

CATECHISM CORNER

Why is Lent approximately forty days long?

In the Bible, forty days is a traditional number of discipline, devotion, and preparation. Moses stayed on the mountain of God forty days (Ex. 24:18, 34:28). The Israelites' spies were in the land of Canaan forty days (Num. 13:25). Elijah travelled forty days before he reached the cave where he had his vision (1 Kings 19:8). Nineveh was given forty days to repent (Jon. 3:4). And, most significantly for our Lenten observance, Jesus spent forty days in wilderness praying and fasting prior to undertaking his ministry (Matt. 4:2). Thus, it is fitting for Christians to imitate him with a forty-day period of prayer and fasting to prepare to celebrate the climax of Christ's ministry, Good Friday (the day of the crucifixion) and Easter Sunday (the day of the Resurrection).

Source: <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/lent>