



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

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Parish Secretary

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Ron Klerks / Verity Madsen

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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

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 24 AUGUST 2025

COSTLY GRACE VS CHEAP GRACE



When going through trial of life: sickness, suffering, failure, even death do we think that God is testing us, or punishing us? No, as a loving Father, God never wills any pain or suffering as a test in our life. We know suffering and death are the consequences of sin, but God can make good use of these trials as discipline for our own good. "Do not disdain

the discipline of the Lord...for whom the Lord loves he disciplines...later it brings peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it." (2nd reading today).

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German protestant theologian, who died in a Nazi concentration camp as a result of his courageous and outspoken stand against Nazism, said Christian discipleship is a choice of costly grace over cheap grace. Cheap grace means grace like inferior quality goods sold at supermarket. This cheap grace devalues our calling to discipleship. It is as cheaply as people who claim that "we ate and drank in your company, you taught on our streets" but God doesn't recognise who they are, for they are not engaged.

We live in 'instant noodle' or fast-food time. We look for fast cheap convenient low cost gratification. No discipline or sacrifice is demanded. It is like people who sit on the fence, or people in an audience as spectators rather than people who take acting parts in a drama. It is a spiritual laziness. On judgement day, God may tell us, like the man who locked the door at proper time and told people outside, "I do not know where you are from, depart from me, all you evil doers."

Whereas, costly grace is like the treasure hidden in the field, the precious pearl once found, one would go off and sell everything he/she has in order to possess it. Costly grace is like the narrow door, one has to make effort to get in, the locked door one has to strive enter (today's gospel). It demands discipline or sacrifice. We only value what we make sacrifice to earn it.

Discipleship like costly grace is therefore proactive, it demands the discipline of sacrifice. In pursuit of the eternal Kingdom, God's grace is always enough for us if we are open to it. God helps those who help themselves. Strive to get through narrow door and the locked door before the 'appointed time'. Gaining this Kingdom is not possible on human efforts alone, but with God, all is possible.

Fr. John Quang svd.



"I would like to congratulate and thank all our parishioners for the exceptionally successful celebration of our combined Celebration: Feast Day of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Multicultural, Installation. The outreach generosity and the spirit of working together as a parish team show what a great potential this parish has when we put our hands and work together. The Archbishop and guests were very pleased and grateful for the invitation. All thanks and praises offered to the Glory of God." Fr. John Quang & Fr. Nick.

Date Claimers

Mon. 1 Sept: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm

Tue. 2 Sept: Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm

ROSTER SHEETS

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

Fr. John & Fr. Nick

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

24th August & 31st August 2025

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



Roster for the weekend of 30 — 31 August 2025

Mass Coordinators

30 Aug. 5.30pm - Mary Klerks
31 Aug. 7.30am - Nimfa Brookes
31 Aug. 9.30am - Lawrence Auva'a

Readers

30 Aug. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez & Verity Madsen
31 Aug. 7.30am - Flower Donohue & Lele Faaeteete
31 Aug. 9.30am - SMK Youth

Communion Ministers

30 Aug. 5.30pm - Rosemarie O., Joshy S., Paul Simpson
31 Aug. 7.30am - Sera Thomas, Brian C., Korina Laban
31 Aug. 9.30am - Elisapeta T., TiiTii., Doris D., Flor G.

Altar Servers

30 Aug. 5.30pm - John Paul and Andrew
31 Aug. 7.30am - John, May and Zaia
31 Aug. 9.30am - Abigail, Annabel and Alexander

Choirs

30 Aug. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
31 Aug. 7.30am - Boyet Domingo
31 Aug. 9.30am - SMK Youth choir

Counters : Noel Swindells and Christine Lapalapa

Cleaners : Vaigafa Family and Diana Mulcahy

Flowers : Suli, Lipine and Malia

Collection: Week-ending: 10 August 2025

Envelopes Received : 37
Amount from Contributions : \$ 4,085.45
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$

TOTAL : \$ 4,085.45

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 McCreedy, 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.



21st Sunday In Ordinary Time : 247 August 2025

First Reading (Isaiah. 66: 18-21)

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 116)

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading (Hebrews 12 : 5-7, 11-13)

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 13: 22-30)

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Gospel : Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.'

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



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

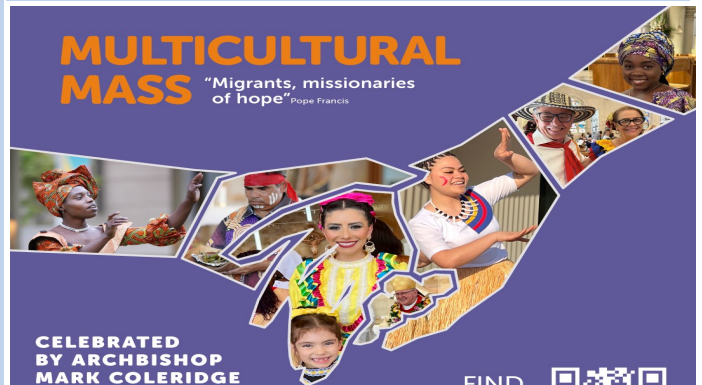
Every Sunday Morning 9:30am/ Parish Hall Come and Join Us!

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**



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

FAMILY MASS 2025



2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

This 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 from the entrance of the church with you. You can return it on 30th or 31st August. Fr. John & Fr. Nick

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.

Saturday 23/8/25: Practice for Family Mass at 1pm



Farewell Mass for Archbishop Mark Coleridge

On **Saturday 6 September 2025**, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Mark Coleridge at **11.30 am** at the Cathedral of St Stephen.

Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Hanly Room. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate his service and leadership as Archbishop of Brisbane for over 13 years.

PILGRIMAGE AND RETREAT AT MARIAN VALLEY, CUNUNGRA

The Adult Faith Formation Ministry is organising a Pilgrimage and Retreat at Marian Valley, and we are inviting all parishioners to join.

Date: Saturday, 06 September 2025

Schedule of Activities:

10:00 am – Holy Hour (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

11:00 am – Mass (Main celebrant – **Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green**
Co-celebrant – **Fr Nick de Groot**)

12:00 pm – Lunch available in the Canteen or BYO

1:00 pm – Retreat talks by **Fr Nick** and **Sister Anne Bond RSJ**

Topic: SYNODALITY IN OUR PARISH ..ON MISSION TOGETHER

Note: For those who need transport or do not drive long distances please make a note beside your name when you register. We will try to arrange a ride share for you.

Please register your name on the sheet provided at the entrance of the church.

CATECHISM CORNER

QUESTION

“The Christian God can’t exist. Why would a good God allow innocent people to suffer and die with no clear purpose?”

ANSWER :

God can bring good from evil and he can more than compensate us.

The faculties that allow suffering—such as the pain receptors in our nervous systems—have a purpose, which is to help us avoid, but sometimes they are triggered in situations where they don’t help—resulting in apparently purposeless suffering.

Fortunately, God can bring good out of every tragedy, and faith tells us he will (Rom. 8:28; CCC 324). However, there is more that can be said.

For a person with an atheistic perspective, death is the ultimate end. If someone has suffered unjustly in this life, that’s it. The person is just out of luck. Nothing can ever make up for the suffering he experienced.

But from a Christian perspective, death is not the end. It’s a transition, and we will exist forever. That means that no matter what we have suffered in this life or how short our life was, God can make it up to us. Indeed, he can do far more. Paul says: “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Rom. 8:18).