



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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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	7:00pm
Saturday	8:00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5:30pm
Sunday	7:30am and 9:30am

Confession: Saturday : 5:00pm

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 31 AUGUST 2025

STRENGTH OF HUMILITY



The life of Jesus as described in New Testament is full of eating occasions. Before public ministry, he was at wedding in Cana, eating with people from the lowest class like sinners and tax collectors to the highest esteemed people like the Pharisees. Before his death, he had the last and most important meal with his disciples. After resurrection, Jesus ate breakfast with his

disciples by the lake, had meal with the two disciples on the way to Emmaus. No wonder, his opponents accused him a glutton.

Jesus is a genius teacher in using social meal, a very ordinary daily activity to approach his wider audience, and effectively communicated his message about God's Kingdom. Today's gospel, on his way to Jerusalem where Jesus ultimately submitted himself to death in humility to the Father's will, with a touch of humour, and using a wedding parable, He teaches us humility in the eye of God.

Humility in the eye of God is not about being subservient or inferior, which can be a sign of inferior complex. God created us in his image and likeness, why would He want us to be subservient or inferior? Christian humility is to know who we truly are with our strengths and weaknesses in the eye of God. To see ourselves and others as God would see us. Humility is not about weakness, on the contrary, as a great mystic of last century Thomas Merton put. "It is the surest sign of strength." This is the strength of the God, who exults the humble, and humbles the exulted. Pride makes us superficial whereas humility makes us real.

Jesus loves to compare the Kingdom of God to the wedding banquet thrown open to welcome everyone. A banquet where the poor the lame the crippled and the blind have their own place, not being shut out behind the locked door. We are not entering his banquet on our strength and merits but at God's gracious hospitality and our humility.

At the last supper banquet, The Jesus who is God in divinity stripped himself off power and authority lowered himself in humility of a servant/slave to wash the dirty feet of his disciple before his death. A humility displayed at the banquet by the host is the sign to us that God the creator will also serve us his created at his eternal banquet. Humility is not about thinking less of oneself, but thinking of oneself less. (C.S. Lewis)

Fr. John Quang svd

COMMISSIONING OF ALL LITURGICAL TEAM MEMBERS

The commissioning of all Liturgical Team Members will take place during the weekend Masses of 13th and 14th September 2025. All liturgical team members (Mass Coordinators, Readers, Communion Ministers) both new and existing are requested to attend any one of these weekend Masses.

Fr. John & Fr. Nick and Liturgy Committee

Date Claimers

Mon. 1 Sept: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
Tue. 2 Sept: Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm
Fri. 5 Sept: First Friday: Adoration @ 6.30pm & Mass @ 7pm
Sun. 7 Sept: Children and Families Ministry Team Meeting at 10.35am.

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.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

31st August & 07 September 2025

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

Roster for the weekend of 06 — 07 September 2025

Mass Coordinators

06 Sept. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez
07 Sept. 7.30am - Lele Faaeteete
07 Sept. 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

06 Sept. 5.30pm - Malcolm D'Souza & Nina Domingo
07 Sept. 7.30am - Mary Klerks & Rachel Matijasevic
07 Sept. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa & Flor Gomez

Communion Ministers

06 Sept. 5.30pm - Rosemarie O., Sue M., Kristine Domingo
07 Sept. 7.30am - Eseta A., Lawrence A., Korina Laban
07 Sept. 9.30am - Alfred G., Doris D., Tiitii T., Winnie K.

Altar Servers

06 Sept. 5.30pm - Gerald Joshy
07 Sept. 7.30am - Antonio and Andrew
07 Sept. 9.30am - Parfait and Clovis

Choirs

06 Sept. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
07 Sept. 7.30am - Congregation singing
07 Sept. 9.30am - Ekalesia choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Ekalesia Group

Flowers : Agnes

Collection: Week-ending: 18 August 2025

Envelopes Received	: 16
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 947.75
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 190.00
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TOTAL	: \$ 1,137.75

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.



22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time : 31 August 2025

First Reading (Sirch 3: 17-20, 28-29)

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 67: 4-7, 10-11)

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading (Hebrews 12 : 18-19, 22-24)

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me,

For I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 14: 1, 7-14)

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

Gospel : Luke 14: 1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



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**



SMK PARISH PICNIC IN THE PARK



WHEN: Saturday 13/9/25: TIME: From 9.30am

WHERE: Riverdale Park, Armstrong Road, Meadowbrook PC4131

WHAT TO BRING: BYO Picnic Morning Tea/Lunch, Sunblock, a Hat, Suitable Footwear and Outdoor Games eg Cricket

The parish family is warmly invited to come and share in this communal day of fun and friendship.

All enquiries may be made to the Children and Families Ministry Team Members.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, 8 September

Feast Day Masses: 9.00am and 7.00pm

Mary our Mother, our Father in Heaven created you with delight. You are His creature whom He made worthy to become the holy Mother of His Son. You were born into a family of Saints. Pray for us today that our joy in your Son will increase and that our family may become more holy. Loving Mother, on this feast of your birth, please pray for stronger and holier families.

Jesus our Lord and Master, please grant through Your mother's intercession that we may always bring Your Love, Your Peace and Your Mercy into our Family, Amen!

Healing Mass

10.00 am Tuesday, 09th September 2025

Celebrating the Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary and Father's Day



2025 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important local ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to Archbishop Mark's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or bring it next weekend Mass. You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the envelope, or going to catholiccampaign.com.au Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to approach me after Mass. **Fr. John & Fr. Nick**



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:

What is a parable and why did Jesus use parable in his teaching?

Answer:

A parable is, literally, something “cast alongside” something else. Jesus’ parables were stories that were “cast alongside” a truth in order to illustrate that truth. His parables were teaching aids and can be thought of as extended analogies or inspired comparisons. A common description of a parable is that it is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

Jesus explained that His use of parables had a two-fold purpose: to reveal the truth to those who wanted to know it and to conceal the truth from those who were indifferent. In the previous chapter (Matthew 12), the Pharisees had publicly rejected their Messiah and blasphemed the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:22–32). They fulfilled Isaiah’s prophecy of a hardhearted, spiritually blind people (Isaiah 6:9–10). Jesus’ response was to begin teaching in parables. Those who, like the Pharisees, had a preconceived bias against the Lord’s teaching would dismiss the parables as irrelevant nonsense. However, those who truly sought the truth would understand.

Jesus made sure His disciples understood the meaning of the parables: “When he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything” (Mark 4:34b).

After telling some of His parables, Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear” (Mark 4:9, 23). This was a call to listen to the parables, not just as one would listen to an ordinary story but as one who is seeking the truth of God. May God grant us all ears to truly “hear.”

Source: <https://www.gotquestions.org/what-is-a-parable.html>