



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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Ronet D'Mello

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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

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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 9.00am & 7.00pm

Tuesday 10:00am

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 07 SEPTEMBER 2025

THE GOD WHO DISTURBS

Today's gospel starts "great crowds" were traveling with Jesus on the way to Jerusalem. To Jerusalem means to suffer and die for Jesus. But we also learn that along that way, many people dropped out, quitted! At the foot of the cross where Jesus died, only a few people stayed. Many deserted him, even his closest friends! The road of the discipleship is not for the light hearted people. As Jesus said, many are called but few are chosen.

Count the cost. The gospel reading of two Sundays back, Jesus said don't expect that he came to bring peace but division. Today he again demands that to love Him is to make Him the priority of the first among other firsts, even over our family ties: parents, husband-wife, siblings, relatives... Only God and God alone. And that's not all, he also demands the carry of one's own cross to follow him. Cross is the sign of the most excruciating humiliating death. One cannot be a disciple by chance, but by a deliberate decisive choice.

It is the counting of the cost, like the man who is to build the tower, the king who is to march into the battle. One has to sit down and count the cost. It is the costly grace that one is to embrace. The discipleship that chooses cheap grace will not last like those who dropped out along the way to Jerusalem. A true discipleship cannot just happen.

Paradox of discipleship. Is a Christian masochistic? Definitely not. We know our goal and meaning of this life. We know the treasure that we are hunting for and would gladly sell off everything in order to possess it. Discipleship is the paradox of losing in order to gain, dying in order to live. Unless a grain falls and dies, it will remain a grain, but if it dies and rots, it will bear much fruits.

Conclusion. One may then ask, so what do I get out of it for embracing this costly discipleship? A fair and must-ask question. Remember Jesus never promises his disciples any worldly leisure or short lived reward, he only promises us the lasting joy and reward that this world cannot give. Eternity! Rejoice not because you are able to perform great miracles and people heap praises on you, but rather because your name has been written in heaven. Jesus said.

Eternity is not what to be waited for until we reach the other end, but in the here and now, William Blake said, "To see the world in a grain of sand, and a Heaven in a wild flower, hold Infinity in the palm of your hand, and Eternity is in an hour."

Fr. John Quang svd.



God our Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers in the world.

We pray for them so that they may find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice. We ask you for an ever-increasing faithful and generous love of fathers to their respective wives and children.

We ask you not only for their physical and material well-being, but also that they be authentic Christian fathers seeking holiness in the middle of the world so as to attain happiness here on earth and in heaven.

We pray for those whose children are lost, sick or are suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men, especially the priests and monks, who exercise their paternity in a spiritual way and guide others with fatherly concern and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Bless them and may they rest in peace.

Amen

Date Claimers

Mon. 8 Sept: Feast of Nativity of Virgin Mary: Masses at 9am and 7pm

Tue. 9 Sept: Healing Mass 10am

Sat. 13 Sept: SMK Parish Picnic in Riverdale Park from 9.30am

Tue. 16 Sept: Choir leaders 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.

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

07 September & 14 September 2025

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



Roster for the weekend of 13 — 14 September 2025

Mass Coordinators

13 Sept. 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
14 Sept. 7.30am - Boyet Domingo
14 Sept. 9.30am - Kelemete Tito

Readers

13 Sept. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden & Micheal Carroll
14 Sept. 7.30am - Chris G. & Kristine Domingo
14 Sept. 9.30am - Flower Donohue & Millie Petelo

Communion Ministers

13 Sept. 5.30pm - Kaylene C., Joshy S., Patricia V.
14 Sept. 7.30am - Deb H., Sera T., Nimfa Brookes
14 Sept. 9.30am - Ron K., Elisapeta T., Tuala P., Joy W.

Altar Servers

13 Sept. 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel & Alexander
14 Sept. 7.30am - John Paul and Andrew
14 Sept. 9.30am - Salvius, Noa and Zaia

Choirs

13 Sept. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
14 Sept. 7.30am - Congregation singing
14 Sept. 9.30am - African choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Tualai Family

Flowers : Agnes

Collection: Week-ending: 31 August 2025

Envelopes Received	:	32
Amount from Contributions	:	\$ 2,565.70
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 165.00
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TOTAL	:	\$ 2,730.70

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.



23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time : 07 September 2025

First Reading (Wisdom 9: 13-18)

Who can comprehend the will of God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17)

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading (Philemon 9-10, 12-17)

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,

And teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 14: 25-33)

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Gospel : Luke 14: 25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'



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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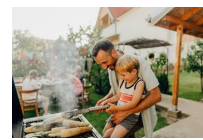
Children's Ministry

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**



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.

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. Please write your names on the sheet provided at the entrance of the church as you walk in for the Mass. Fr. John & Fr. Nick and Liturgy Committee

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



QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

7 - 13 September 2025 #qldchildprotectionweek



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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.

Installation Mass for Archbishop - elect Shane Mackinlay

At 11am on *Thursday 11 September*, Archbishop-elect Shane Mckinlay will be installed as the Archbishop of Brisbane. Due to the number of visitors and clergy attending from across the country, seating in the Cathedral is limited to invitation only. For those who wish to attend the festivities, there will be limited outdoor seating adjacent to the Cathedral where the Mass can be viewed on outdoor screens. The Mass will also be livestreamed.



Website: brisbanecatholic.org.au/livestream/

All are welcome to attend Archbishop-elect Shane's first Mass as Archbishop on **Sunday 14 September at 10am** at the Cathedral of St. Stephen.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL. In light of the latest directive from the safe guarding office of the Archdiocese and conforming to the statutes of the parish council (PC) guideline, the parish is looking forward to a new PC consisted of 8 members (10 max). The four members of the current PC will remain as interim parish council. We invite all parishioners to consider and ponder for the nomination of four new candidates, aged over 18, who preferably active in the parish and young , without excluding the seniors who have not served before, and taking into consideration of the ethnic representation of our parish.

We look forward tentatively by February 2026, the new parish council will be in place. We acknowledge the courageous openness and sacrifice of the outgoing PC members. With gratitude for their years of dedicating service. Fr. John Quang.

CATECHISM CORNER

CHALLENGE

“The Crucifixion seems irrational. Couldn't an omnipotent God save us without Jesus dying on a cross?”

DEFENSE

God could have chosen another way to bring about the salvation of the world. According to the common view, he could simply have forgiven our sins and saved us without any earthly sacrifice. But there are reasons why he chose the Crucifixion.

By using the Crucifixion to accomplish the redemption, God drew on a theme that first-century Jews would have understood: sacrifice. In fact, this was something everybody in the ancient world understood. The impulse to sacrifice is found in cultures all over the world and is innate to human nature, providing a way for people everywhere to understand what Christ did for us.

In the Crucifixion, Jesus presented himself as a sacrifice on our behalf. Indeed, he was the sacrifice to which all other Jewish sin offerings pointed, “for it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins” (Heb. 10:4).

More fundamentally, God communicated important lessons to us. One is just how serious our sins are—given that it took the death of the Son of God to atone for them. He also showed us just how much he loves us in spite of our sins. “God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8; cf. CCC 604).

Source: <https://www.catholic.com/audio/ddp/why-the-cross>