



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

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

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

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS : 14 SEPTEMBER

BITTER REMEDY THAT HEALS

We are so used to seeing the cross as a piece of decorative jewellery that we often forget what a cross truly represents. If we look at the cross with the eye of Jesus' contemporaries in Roman time, it is an abhorrence. A most excruciating humiliating capital punishment! It is meant not only for the victims but also for the onlookers as a warning sign if one dared to defy the roman authority. Is it an irony that we the church today celebrate the 'Exaltation of The Cross'? Why honouring such a cruelty?

Yet, Jesus demands those who want to follow him will have to pick up and carry his own cross and follow him, and also to give up all possessions. Jesus promised nothing but cross, but he also twice in today's gospel promises believing in him will bring eternal life.

Paradox of the Cross. One cannot understand the cross with the worldly logics, one needs to step out of human logics to understand God's mind. St. Paul said, "The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength" (1 Cor 1:25). Cross is the wisdom and strength of God. It is a paradox to the human mind. Jesus did not come to bring peace, but division. He demands his disciples to love him over all things even family ties, if not, one cannot follow him. To follow him is to pick up one's cross.

Not all crosses of pain, sorrow and death in our life are holy. At the scene of Jesus' death, there are three crosses, including of other two thieves. But only the cross with Jesus upon it is holy. If we carry our cross without Jesus, it is simply a burdening cross, unbearable to carry. Our daily cross becomes holy only if Jesus is with us.

The ultimate paradox of the cross is looking for life in death. It is the gain that falls to the ground rots and dies, then it bears fruit. The bitter fruit that heals and brings life. It is in dying to our own self that we find the godly life.

Cross the bitter remedy. Israelites in the desert rebelling against God, and snakes bit them causing many deaths. At Moses' intercession, God order Moses to raise the bronze snake so that those bitten looked at it will be healed. The very cause of death is also the cause of healing. Cross is a curse by the roman authority, but a healing remedy for those who accept it as Jesus did.

Conclusion. The prophetic raising of the deadly snake foreshadows the raising of Jesus on the deadly cross has become a life giving remedy for the world full of deadly snakes of sins. "We worship you and bless you Oh Lord, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

Fr. John Quang svd

Date Claimers

Tue. 16 Sept: Choir leaders meeting at 7pm.

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



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

14 September & 21 September 2025

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

Roster for the weekend of 20 — 21 September 2025

Mass Coordinators

20 Sept. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez
21 Sept. 7.30am - Lawrence Auva'a
21 Sept. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

Readers

20 Sept. 5.30pm - Abel Budiono & Verity Madsen
21 Sept. 7.30am - Beah Taulalai & Brian Cunningham
21 Sept. 9.30am - Salvius & Elenora Tufuga

Communion Ministers

20 Sept. 5.30pm - Paul S., Sue M., Francesca O.
21 Sept. 7.30am - Eseta A., Talafaia T., Lele F.
21 Sept. 9.30am - Millie P., Kelemete T., Tiitii., Doris D.

Altar Servers

20 Sept. 5.30pm - Gerald Joshy
21 Sept. 7.30am - Malachi., Talalei., Matilda
21 Sept. 9.30am - Jazmine, Tezaree & Noa

Choirs

20 Sept. 5.30pm - Trinity Choir
21 Sept. 7.30am - Peter the Rock Choir
21 Sept. 9.30am - Filipino choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa, and Noel

Cleaners : Alosio Family

Flowers : Nimfa and Olive

Collection: Week-ending: 07 September 2025

Envelopes Received	: 30
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,097.85
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 184.00
TOTAL	: \$ 2,281.85

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.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross : 14 Sept. 2025

First Reading (Num. 21: 4-9)

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 77: 1-2, 34-38)

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Second Reading (Phil. 2: 6-11)

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel (John 3: 13-17)

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Gospel : John 3 : 13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'



In loving memory of

Norman James MacDonald

Beloved partner of Irene Marooth

who entered eternal life on 8th September 2025

As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Irene's family as we share in your loss and uphold all of you in our prayers at this time of sadness and grief.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in sublime peace, Amen!

Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, 18th September at 11.00am in our parish.



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**




TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
6.30-7.30pm
We've saved you a seat!

Join us to watch the talk by Australian **Sr MARY GRACE SV** from the **2024 NYS Eucharistic Conference**

Be inspired

St Matthew's Parish Loganholme, Parish Hall
Contact Fiona: 0439 524 392
EXPLORING OUR FAITH GROUP

Discover Palms Volunteering

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/ VIC/ACT/TAS)



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MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among all peoples

catholic mission
Reach out. Give life.

You are Invited

Bishop Edwin Mulandu visiting from Mpika, Zambia for World Mission Month

Saturday 18th Oct 2025

Time: 5.30 PM

Venue: St Maximilian Kolbe Church 26 Macarthy Road, Marsden

Catholic Mission invites you to join us after mass for refreshments and meet and hear first hand from Bishop Mulandu's vision and passion for the people and communities in Mpika, Zambia.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UP KEEPING OF PARISH GARDEN

We are seeking volunteers for up keeping of parish gardens and surroundings. If you are able to help us, please write your names on the list provided at the entrance of the church.

Your cooperation is highly appreciated.

Fr. John and Fr. Nick

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

Question:

Why did Jesus have to die in such a horrible way for us on the cross?

ANSWER.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that “Jesus’ violent death was not the result of chance in an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances, but is part of the mystery of God’s plan.” (CCC 599) This is where the sense of paradox comes in: How could a loving and merciful God condemn his Son to such a fate? The only answer is love. God took the initiative to offer his Son on the cross in order to do something we could never do: save ourselves. Jesus took the punishment we deserved and became the instrument of atonement for our guilt to the Father. We are forgiven because of his suffering and death. This is why, for Catholics, the crucifix, in all its brutality, is the most powerful image of God’s love and concern for each of us.

Source: <https://nwcatholic.org/voices/cal-christiansen/why-did-jesus-have-to-die-on-the-cross>