



# St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri : 9.00am - 2.30pm | Closed on Wednesday

*We, the Marsden Catholic Church Parishioners, respectfully acknowledge and honour the Aboriginal peoples from the Yagara and Yugambah language groups, who originally inhabit Logan, as the traditional custodians of the land of this Parish, together with the Torres Strait Islander people. We acknowledge their Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.*

### Parish Contacts

#### Parish Priest

Fr. Mikhael Loke SVD 38030862

#### Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD 38030862

#### Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

**Away on leave until 17th October**

#### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

#### Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

#### Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

Ron Klerks

STOP line: 1300 304 550

### PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

#### Liturgy Ministries

Rodolfo 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	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	No Mass
Saturday	8.00am

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

## TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 22 Sept.2024

### **Reflection**

There is a lot of conflict in this world. I don't just mean wars, terrorism or violence although they often seem the worst and most extreme conflicts. I also include the daily conflicts we are part of at work, school, in our families and even in this Church. Small arguments, little disagreements, frustrations that other people don't quite see the world as we see it. Tiny fights we need to win each day to succeed in our work, play and faith.

There is something about being human that drives us to succeed, to want to achieve things. For some people they target greatness, look at our Olympic and Paralympic athletes, for others maybe the ambition is smaller, getting the kids to eat breakfast and get to school on time is challenge enough.

Ambition, drive, success and winning are the themes of today. And our teaching from Christ today seems contradictory, "If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all." The message doesn't fit with the way we see the world work.

We are told that the disciples had been arguing over who was the greatest. I had to smile and see myself reflected in that line. I remember bad team meetings at work that dissolved into boasting of successes and putting down of others. Sometimes I took part, others I sat back and thought to myself, this is stupid why can't they see this gets us nowhere, I am a much better manager because I am not taking part. On reflection I see how wrong I was on both occasions, and the disciples knew they were wrong also, they were ashamed to tell Jesus what they had been arguing over.

Our society tells us that being right, being first, being the best is all important. But society is wrong. There is nothing good or important about being first, however there is only one thing bad about being right, or first or best, and that one thing is doing something just to be right or just to be the best or just to be the first.

So what are we supposed to do?

We are called to be gentle and are called to endure. We are called to bring peace to conflict. As James tells us the seeds of the peace maker will bear fruit in holiness. Jesus tells us to be the servant of all.

It's in our nature to put ourselves first. Christ tells us not to, he tells us to put others first. He shows us a small child as an example. Put them first, serve them and you are serving Him.

There is a huge difference between doing your best and being best. Being the best student, the best driver, the best mum, the best doctor, the best anything you can be is good, it's holy and it will bear fruit. Being better than anyone else is point less and will only lead to conflict.

Use your skills for others, welcome their needs, their vulnerabilities. Help them as you would help a child. Welcome them with open arms, you will be welcoming Christ.

Following our lord is not easy. He never promised it would be. Selflessness is not in our nature, pride and greed are. If you are to be a follower of Christ you needs put your human nature last to enable you to put your spiritual nature first. Work hard, but always for others, strive to do your best, but resist the urge just to be the best, if you are the best thank God that you are able to serve so well.

This week please reflect on the today's teaching. It's a hard one, a call to be selfless. It's one we will all find difficult, and without prayer and a relationship with a loving God we may find impossible. But we have a loving God, one who is selfless, who died for us, who forgives us, and is ready to help us if just ask in prayer for help. Please pray about conflicts in your life, pray for help in bringing peace, pray that you maybe be a seed of the peacemakers and bring all huge harvest of holiness.

By Deacon John Scanlon

Adapted from: <https://www.deaconjohn.co.uk/>

The Lord upholds my life.

Psalms 54:6



### Date Claimers

There is no morning Mass from Tuesday 24 September to Friday 27th September 2024 as both the priests are on retreat.

Deanery First Aid Training at St Peter's Parish, ROCHEDALE on SATURDAY, 28 Sept 2024 at 8am – 4pm. Training costs \$166 per person. The parish will cover part of the cost. Space available only for 3 persons from each Parish to attend the course.

### Adult Formation Ministry:

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend the **LECTIO DIVINA** sessions that will be facilitated by Fr Nick on the following dates in the parish meeting room:

- ♦ Friday 27 September 2024 7:30 pm- 8:30pm
- ♦ Friday 11 October 2024 7:30 pm- 8:30pm

**LECTIO DIVINA** is a contemplative prayer practice which 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 Mikhael, Fr Nick and Alfred Gomez

### Roster for the weekend of 28 Sept — 29 Sept . 2024

#### Mass Coordinators

28 Sept. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden  
29 Sept. 8.00am - Sera Thomas  
29 Sept. 9.30am - SMK Youth

#### Readers

28 Sept. 5.30pm - Sarah Wiss & Malcolm D'souza  
29 Sept. 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete & Orlando Diente  
29 Sept. 9.30am - SMK Youth

#### Communion Ministers

28 Sept. 5.30pm - Rosemarie, Francesca, And Wilda  
29 Sept. 8.00am - Deb H., KorinaL., Nimfa Brookes  
29 Sept. 9.30am - Boyet., Kelemete T. Lawrence A., Shanna K.

#### Altar Servers

28 Sept. 5.30pm - John Paul and Andrew  
29 Sept. 8.00am - Malachi, Talalei, Matilda  
29 Sept. 9.30am - Annabel, Abigail, Alexander

#### Choirs

28 Sept. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir  
29 Sept. 8.00am - Congregation singing  
29 Sept. 9.30am - SMK Youth

**Counters** : Christine Lapalapa and Noel

**Cleaners** : SMK Group, Suli, Lipine, and Alex

**Flowers** : Agnes

### Collection: Week-ending: 15 Sept. 2024

Envelopes Received	: 43
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2874.55
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 203.90
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>: \$ 3078.45</b>

A Catholic Mental Wellbeing morning is held weekly on a Wednesday morning at 58 Morgan Street, The Valley.

Participants who would enjoy a morning of companionship, reflection and prayer, and to celebrate Mass followed by a light lunch are most welcome to attend. For more details please contact Judy Norris Ph 3324 3193 or email

[judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au)

### Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time : 22 Sept, 20214

**First Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20**

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 53: 3-6, 8**

*The Lord upholds my life.*

**Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3**

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*God has called us with the gospel*

*To share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37**

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity....All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*



### YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

**22 Sept. & 29 Sept.**

**Centre Location:**

St. Clare's Primary School, 2 Combs St,  
Yarrabilba



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.Dunmore, T.Gibson, F.Petelo, 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, Sesilia Muevae, 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, John Williams, Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, AnDaphne Canal n Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay and Michael Rudd. Alan Langdon, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Ted Barrett, Paxson Swerling, Cliff Naughton



*Funeral Mass in loving memory of ....*

*Shannon Louise Fay Fitzsimmons*

*who entered eternal life on*

*Sunday, 8 Sept. 2024*

**to be held at Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish,  
Marsden on Monday 23rd September at 10:00am**

Beloved daughter of  
Tom and Shirley Fitzsimmons,  
our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) member.

*As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Tom and everyone in the family as we share in their loss and uphold all of them in our prayers at this time of sadness and grief.*

## 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 Children Baptism Coordinator is Mrs Helen Swindells**

Young parishioners **aged 13 and above**, are invited to join the Kolbe Youth Ministry. 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.



**Our next Kolbe Youth Gathering will be at 6.00pm on every Friday. New members are welcome to join. Please contact:**

**Shanna Kelemete: 0456152625, email: salzhope83@outlook.com**  
**Lawrence Auva'a: 0434763218, email: auvaalaw30@gmail.com**

Our parish secretary Ronet will be away on leave for the next few weeks until the 17th October 2024. We wish him safe travels and an enjoyable time with his family and friends overseas.



Sessions will be held at the **Parish Hall at 9.30am every Sunday**. 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 Coordinator, **Tiresa Vaigafa - 0434570 123**.



*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*  
Matthew 19:14

## ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH Ministry Focus CITIZENS OF CHRIST YOUTH GROUP



Catholic youth play a vital role in the Church's future. Growing in love and relationship with God involves prayer, participation in the sacraments, studying Scripture, and actively serving others. Building a strong faith community and seeking guidance from mentors also deepens spiritual growth.

## ANNUAL PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN VALLEY

Date: Saturday, 05 October 2024.

Place: The Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians  
(Marian Valley, Canungra). GPS: 2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren

Our annual parish pilgrimage to Marian Valley falls on the Feast Day of Saint Faustina. This year it is more significant and memorable with the blessing and opening of the newly built Divine Mercy Chapel. This event will help strengthen the Divine Mercy devotion that Holy Spirit Catholic Parish has been doing for more than 10 years. You are invited to this memorable occasion.

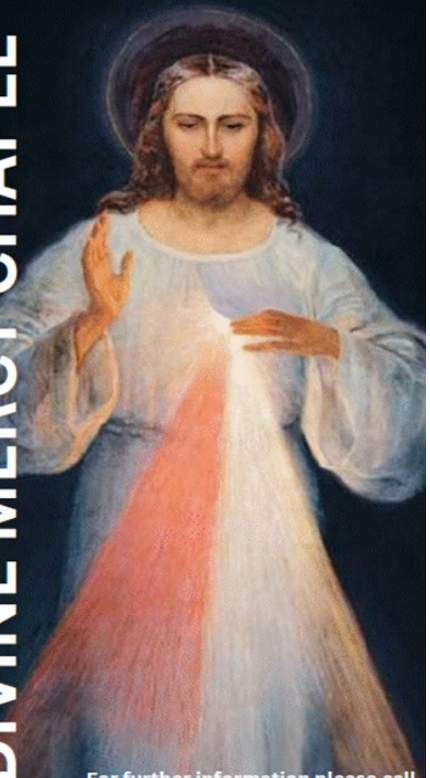
Celebrant & Homilist  
Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE  
Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese



- 10.00am Holy Hour, Exposition, Rosary, Confession
- 11.00am Solemn Mass at the Divine Mercy Chapel for the blessing & opening of the Chapel
- 12.30pm Lunch (available at the Shrine)
- 1.30pm Eucharistic Procession to Fatima Grotto for the 1st Saturday Devotions
- 3.00pm Divine Mercy Hour

A coach will be departing Holy Spirit Catholic Church at 9am. Please use the sign-on sheet at the back of the church to register. Cost \$30. RSVP 27 September.

Blessing & Opening  
**DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL**



For further information please call  
Jan 0438 721 447/Maureen 0413 136 544

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** "For many, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is the least utilized and least understood of the seven sacraments. It is a sacrament of healing, and therefore, can be received multiple times and at various stages in a person's life. It is not only for those who are in danger of imminent death, but also for those whose sickness might lead to death, are of old age, or are about to undergo a serious operation (CCC, §1513–1515).

Healing, of both the body and the soul, was at the heart of Christ's earthly ministry. Yet despite his countless miracles, Jesus did not physically heal every person suffering from illness and disease. How are we to make sense of this?

Through his life, Jesus transforms our understanding of suffering by taking on our infirmities. "On the Cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the 'sin of the world,' of which illness is only a consequence. By his Passion and Death on the Cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion" (CCC, §1505).

Illness and suffering have, and always will be, a part of earthly existence; but death does not have the final say. By the power of the Cross, we have been given the promise of the Resurrection, the hope of new life. Christ's healing ministry, therefore, does not end when he ascends to heaven, but it is carried on through the sacraments he entrusts to his Church. Christ wants to continue to heal and comfort us through the Anointing of the Sick. Sometimes this sacrament will result in miraculous healings; but even if there is no physical healing, there will always be a radical healing which the eye cannot yet see—that of the soul. This is the primary effect of the sacrament—that the individual be united to the Passion of Christ; have the strength, peace, and courage to endure his or her suffering in a Christ-like manner; be freed from sin; and be prepared to pass into eternal life (CCC, §1532).

And so, the individual receiving the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is called to exhibit the virtue of hope. This virtue is nourished through prayer and the graces of the sacraments. Those witnessing the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick are also called to practice hope, for "it affords us joy even under trial" (CCC, §1820). Indeed, these "sacramental celebrations with and for the sick, [are] a source of strength amid pain and weakness, hope amid despair, and as an occasion of joyful encounter" not only for the individual but for the Body of Christ (Christifideles Laici, 54)." (by Caitlin Sica for the McGrath Institute for Church Life blog, <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/>)



## POSTURES AND GESTURES IN WORSHIP

The Catholic liturgy is rich in signs and symbols. Among these are the postures and gestures (actions) at Mass.

The Dictionary of the Liturgy by Jovian Lang defines postures in worship as "natural movements of the body that express, in some stylised form, the love of God during corporate worship and give the important non-verbal manner of communicating during a liturgical celebration. The liturgical posture conveys personal relationships by means of *directional movement*. Ordinarily, an up or down movement portrays the belief or feeling about relations between human beings and God, e.g. sitting, standing, and kneeling. Horizontal movements, on the other hand, communicate rather the relations between humans, e.g. giving of peace."



In the Eucharistic celebration, the common postures of standing, sitting and kneeling have these meanings:

- **Standing.** A position of prayer, a sign of reverence or respect, a symbol of Resurrection.
- **Sitting.** Expresses an attitude of receptivity, attentiveness, and respectful listening.
- **Kneeling.** Indicates adoration or the expression of humility before the greatness of God.

Next time, reflect on why you stand, sit or kneel in different parts of the Mass.

May God continue to pour His blessings on us!

- Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick, and the Liturgy Team