



# 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	9.00am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 6 OCT 2024

### Reflection



The Church's liturgy is our great teacher. As it weeks pass it reviews the great issues of our existence, and the Word of God points the way forward.

In today's world, marriage is in crisis, and the break-up of families leaves many young people seriously deprived in their formative years. Without the guidance of Christ we would be at a

loss to find the truth that should guide us. In today's reading from Mark, Jesus is asked whether divorce was permissible. In the time of Jesus, although divorce was permitted (see Deut 24: 1-4) the proper grounds for divorce were debated. Jesus bypasses this debate, and speaks of what marriage is in the plan of the Creator – 'in the beginning'. Citing today's first reading from Genesis, he makes the startling assertion that true marriage is more than an arrangement entered into by two human persons; it involves God – 'What God has united, man must not divide'.

One of Pope John Paul II's contributions to the Church's life was his series of addresses on human love and sexuality, given at his weekly audiences (1979-1984). Explaining how it is that Jesus can make such an assertion, he interprets today's reading from Genesis. This seemingly simple text speaks with great depth and subtlety of what it means to be human. The solitude of Adam, finds no companion in the animal kingdom - because, made in the image of God, Adam has in him a depth that they will never fill. It is only in the sharing of human companionship that this mysterious depth in the human person can be filled. The Creator provides for Adam the perfect companion: 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh'. Paradoxically, this companionship becomes life-giving in self-donation, and destructive in selfish exploitation.

The true beauty of human sexuality shines out as this self-donation finds expression in the body language which is part of God's creation; Jesus quotes the Genesis text, 'the two become one'. The body language of sexuality is not only the expression of authentic self-donation, but also the source of new human lives – marriage is a sharing in the work of the Creator. Though the account of Jesus welcoming the 'little children' is a separate incident, it follows on well from the discussion of marriage, reminding us of the children who are so often forgotten in the discussion of marriage relationships today. Marriage breakdown is a very complex pastoral problem. But the great ideal Jesus puts before us must never be forgotten.

We begin reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, a treatise written to give heart to Jewish converts, who were tempted to lapse into a mood of anticlimax and nostalgia, in a world that seemed little changed after the Resurrection. Its message is straightforward; the things of old Israel were only shadows; now – by faith – we possess all that these shadows promised.

Today's passage is a fine description of the Paschal Mystery that should be central to Christian faith. Jesus is 'crowned with glory and splendour' after he has shared life with us. His death has been a source of life for all mankind - after sharing our 'imperfect' world and its 'suffering' he has given us a share in his 'glory' and 'holiness'. He is forever our 'leader' and our 'brother'.

By John Thornhill sm

Adapted from: *The Emmaus Series* at [www.theemmausseries.com](http://www.theemmausseries.com)

### Date Claimers

Sunday 06/10/24: Fr Nick to present at Children's Liturgy at 9.30am

Sunday 06/10/24: Children & Families Ministry Team Meeting at 10.35am in the meeting room

Monday 07/10/24: Parish Council meeting at 7.00pm

Tuesday 08/10/24: Healing Mass

Tuesday 08/10/24: 1:00pm Funeral Service - Aleida VanDenBerg

Thursday 17/10/24: 10:30am Funeral Mass - Alan Langdon

### Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time : 06 Oct 2024

**First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24**

*They were two in one flesh.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 127**

*May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.*

**Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11**

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel: Mark 10:2-12**

*What God has joined together, no one must divide.*

### Adult Formation Ministry:

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

◆ 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

### Collection: Week-ending: 29 Sept. 2024

Envelopes Received : 32  
Amount from Contributions : \$ 2129.40  
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 151.55

TOTAL : \$ 2280.95



### In Loving Memory

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved parishioners:

**Alan Langdon, Aleida VanDenBerg and Robert (Bob) Wilson (Pauline's husband).**

Please keep their families in your prayers during this difficult time. May we pray for the eternal rest of Alan, Aleida and Bob's souls.

### Roster for the weekend of 12 / 13 October 2024

#### Mass Coordinators

12 Oct 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez  
13 Oct 8.00am - Orlando Diente  
13 Oct 9.30am - Nimfa Brookes

#### Readers

12 Oct 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden & Beah Tualai  
13 Oct 8.00am - Brian Cunningham & Tovio Tagalao  
13 Oct 9.30am - Kelemete B Tito & Ron Klerks

#### Communion Ministers

12 Oct 5.30pm - Paul S, Talafai T & Patricia V  
13 Oct 8.00am - Sera T, Eseta A & Rachel M  
13 Oct 9.30am - Alfred G, Joy W, Millie P & Tuala P

#### Altar Servers

12 Oct 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel, Alexander  
13 Oct 8.00am - Antonio & Andrew  
13 Oct 9.30am - Parfait, Clovis

#### Choirs

12 Oct 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir  
13 Oct 8.00am - St. Maximilian Kolbe  
13 Oct 9.30am - African Choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Tualai Family

Flowers : Evelyn, Nimfa, Olive & Tanya



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.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, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Ted Barrett, Paxson Swerling, Cliff Naughton and all who are ill.

SPECIAL BLESSING TO THOSE

WHO ARE CELEBRATING

WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARIES

&

Birthdays



EVERY MASS OF THE FIRST WEEKEND  
OF THE MONTH

# 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**

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**THE BISHOP'S ELECTION STATEMENT:** The Queensland State Election is due to be held later this month. The Catholic bishops of Queensland have collaborated on a statement urging those seeking election at this year's State election to speak the truth and those who will vote for them to use their ballot for the good of all. The Bishop's Election Statement is now available for viewing together with a video featuring most of Queensland's bishops, on this page: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/queensland-bishops-election-statement/> Printed hard copies will be available soon, we are awaiting the same from the Archdiocese.

**CANDIDATE FORUMS:** Through Queensland Churches Together - Christian Churches across Queensland are working together to host "candidate forums" for their electorate in the up-coming State election. The purpose of the candidate forums is to get Christians of the electorate together to meet their candidates, ask them questions and hear their responses. It is not about preferring one party over another, but about giving all candidates a fair chance to hear our concerns and respond to them. This provides us with the opportunity to hear directly from the candidates on the important issues, so we can make an informed choice at the ballot box. This link provides details of forums being held in various electorates - <https://meetyourcandidates.org.au>



On 20-22 September, the Citizens of Christ Youth Group attended the Ignite Youth Conference at St. Laurence's College in South Brisbane, alongside 2000 other young people. The conference celebrated Mass with Archbishop Mark Colledge, workshops that were led by priests and other organisations, as well as Rallies that had our young people in high spirits. It was a great experience to deepen their faith in God, with each other, and themselves.

Citizens of Christ  
YOUTH GROUP



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 6/10/24**

A special Children's Liturgy will be held at 9.30am in the hall. All children in the congregation are invited to join our special guest presenter Fr Nick. It will be wonderful for our children to engage with an educator of such great experience and faith.

**Sunday 3/11/24**

A special Children's Mass will be held at 9.30am. Children will be involved in all aspects of the mass including as Readers, Offertory Gift Bearers and Singers. Preparation for this event will be held during the Children's Liturgy weekly sessions at 9.30am on Sundays – any children who would like to be a part of this mass are welcome to attend. A final rehearsal will be held at 10am on Saturday 2/11/24.



### A VOCATION VIEW:

The Christian Vocation has expression through marriage, single life, priesthood, and consecrated life. Our call to holiness is to answer God's call to build the Kingdom of God. 'Let the little children come to me; ... for it is too such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs.'

To find out more: Call 1300 133 544 or go to: [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com)

**Citizens of Christ Youth Group HAMPER RAFFLE**

1ST PRIZE 2ND PRIZE 3RD PRIZE

**\$40 PER TICKET**

HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CASH OR PAY ID: 0434763218

# KOLBE YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

YOUNG PARISHIONERS AGED 13 AND ABOVE, ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE KOLBE YOUTH MINISTRY

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING

CITIZENS OF CHRIST 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.

6PM - 8:30PM

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MARYFIELDS HALL

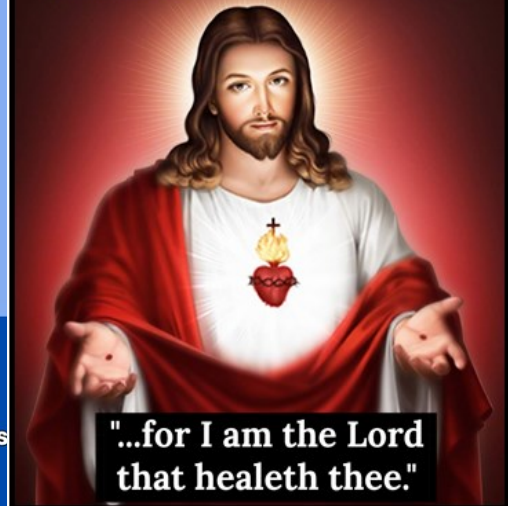


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH  
**Monthly Ministry Focus**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**



The Parish Pastoral Council (PCC) advises the parish priest on matters of pastoral planning, community needs, and mission. It fosters collaboration between clergy and laity to strengthen parish life, ensuring the church meets spiritual, social, and practical needs of the community.

Healing Mass Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 @10:00am  
followed by lunch. All are welcome!



"...for I am the Lord  
that healeth thee."

**YARRABILBA MASS  
CENTRE**

WEEKEND COMMUNITY MASS  
WILL BE HELD AT 4.00PM ON:

13th & 20th Oct

Centre  
Location:

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



**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**

**STILL ON GESTURES: GENUFLECTION**

Genuflection is the act whereby the right knee touches the ground near the left ankle in reverence or to show adoration or homage. (Dictionary of the Liturgy by Jovian Lang)

**Simple genuflection:**



(GIRM 274) The priest celebrant genuflects at the Consecration after each elevation of the bread and wine and before Communion (makes a profound bow if prevented by health, old age or the like).

All genuflect when passing the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle, when entering or leaving church with the Blessed Sacrament present.

We also genuflect to the Holy Cross from the solemn veneration during the liturgical celebration on Good Friday until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

(GIRM 137) On Solemnities of the Annunciation (25<sup>th</sup> of March) and of the Nativity of the Lord (25<sup>th</sup> of December), all genuflect when reciting the Creed at the words "*and by the Holy Spirit...and became man*" or at the words "*...who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary*" instead of a profound bow.

**Double genuflection:**

Kneeling on both knees and slightly bowing the upper portion of the body and then rising again, was the sign of adoration made before the Holy Eucharist exposed. The current rubric specifies only the simple genuflection before the Blessed Sacrament reserved or exposed. But none should prevent us from still doing the double genuflection out of devotion.

May God continue to bless us all!

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

