



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

Fr. John Quang SVD 38030862

(Away from 14 Oct. to 4th Nov.)

Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD

Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

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Noel Swindells

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Ron Klerks / Verity Madsen

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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 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 No Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 7:30am and 9:30am

Confession: Saturday : 5:00pm

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 19 Oct. 2025

Quoting from today's Gospel: *...will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night?*

Prayer, and specifically prayer of petition, is the theme of today's Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about the prayer of petition, asking God for what we need—as opposed to just what we want.

The widow and the judge.

The Gospel is a parable about a judge and a poor widow who is seeking justice. The point is that if even a totally corrupt person who cares neither for God nor man can be made to yield to the pestering of a totally defenceless widow, how much more will a loving and caring God take care of his children? The lesson, then, is to keep on asking. Does that mean we can keep asking for just anything?

The widow asked for something which God would certainly want for her—justice. Jesus elsewhere compares God to a decent, caring parent. Would such a parent give a child a stone when the child asked for bread? If even worldly parents will give their children what they need, says Jesus, how much more will a loving God see to the needs of his children?

On that occasion, Jesus concluded his teaching by saying that God will always give good things to those who ask him. Luke's version says: *...how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!* (Luke 11:13)

The good things

What are these 'good things'? How do we ask for the Holy Spirit? Surely it means asking for those things which will bring us closer to God; what helps us to know, love and serve him better. It means above all asking to know what is his will for us, and requesting the strength to carry it out. I want to do what God wants me to do.

Another way of reading the parable

When we read this parable about perseverance, we usually think of it in these terms: God is the judge and we are the widow. This means we should persevere in pestering God until we are given what we want. But what happens, if we turn that around and say that we are the judge and God is the widow? In some ways, this interpretation makes more sense.

We, like the judge, are basically unjust. Sometimes we, too, have no fear of God; that is, we do not allow God to scare us into being good. Similarly, like the judge we persist in refusing to listen to the cries of the poor all around us.

But God is the persistent widow who will not go away. God keeps badgering us, refusing to accept as final, our no to love. God will persist until we render a just judgement, that is, until we let the goodness out, until we learn to love. In Genesis we are told, we are made in the image and likeness of God. Perhaps our prayer could be: Dear God, Persevering One, make us more like you!

Fr. Nick

Date Claimers

Sat. 18 Oct. : Catholic Mission talk by Bishop Edwin Mulandu visiting from Zambia during 5.30pm Mass. Please refer the newsletter for details.

No Morning Mass on Saturday:

Effective Saturday, 18th October, 2025, there will be no morning Mass on Saturday's in our parish.

Roster sheet for Liturgical team for November and December are available at the entrance of the church.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

19 October & 26 October 2025

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

Roster for the weekend of 25 — 26 October 2025

Mass Coordinators

25 Oct. 5.30pm - Mary Klerks
26 Oct. 7.30am - Lele Faaeteete
26 Oct. 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

25 Oct. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden & Elenora Tufuga
26 Oct. 7.30am - Nimfa Brookes & Destiny D.
26 Oct. 9.30am - Boyet Domingo & Annabel Budiono

Communion Ministers

25 Oct. 5.30pm - Paul Simpson, Joshy Scaria.
26 Oct. 7.30am - Eseta Alosio., Sera Thomas.
26 Oct. 9.30am - Millie Petelo, Alfred Gomez, Kristine Domingo

Altar Servers

25 Oct. 5.30pm - Gerald Joshy
26 Oct. 7.30am - Parfait and Clovis
26 Oct. 9.30am - Jazmine and Tezaree

Choirs

25 Oct. 5.30pm - Trinity Choir
26 Oct. 7.30am - Congregation Singing
26 Oct. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

Collection: Week-ending: 12 October 2025

Envelopes Received	: 37
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,166.55
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 248.35
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TOTAL	: \$ 2,414.90

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 Pietkiewiez, 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.



29th Sunday In Ordinary Time : 19 Oct. 2025

First Reading (Exodus 17: 8-13)

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 120)

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 3: 14-4:2)

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active,
It probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 18: 1-8)

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Gospel : Luke 18 : 1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

ADULT FORMATION MINISTRY

All Parishioners are cordially invited to attend LECTIO DIVINA sessions that will be facilitated by Fr. Nick, in the Parish Meeting Room on:

Friday 24 October 2025: 7:30pm – 8:30pm

LECTIO DIVINA (Divine Reading) is a contemplative prayer practice which is intended to promote communion with God and deepen one's understanding of Scripture. It 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 John, Fr Nick and Alfred Gomez



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**



LOGAN DEANERY PRESENTS

WORKSHOP
FR. RAY SANCHEZ



ADORATION

MASS - 2PM



BURGERS \$6



SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$3



TEA & COFFEE \$1



WALKING TOGETHER
ON A SACRED JOURNEY UNITED IN PRAYER, LOVE AND UNITY

SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER, 2025

**1 BROMELTON STREET
BEAUDESERT QLD 4285**

COST: FREE ENTRY

**SATURDAY STARTING AT 9.30AM PRAYER,
ADORATION/RECONCILIATION/REFLECTION, MUSIC & MASS**

CONTACT: JOSEPHINE CULLEN (JO)
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RAFFLE SALE BY SMK OUTREACH MINISTRY

Parish Outreach Ministry is raising funds for the parish by selling Raffle Tickets after every Mass at the entrance of the Church. There are 6 large hampers and extra prizes to be won. **Ticket price is \$ 20.00** Please buy your raffle tickets and support the parish. Raffles will be drawn on 26th October after 9.30am Mass.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

We are looking for new members for the Parish Finance Council. If you are interested in joining the Parish

Finance Council, please send your expression of interest to the parish office via email.

Fr. John Quang

*October
Holy Rosary Month
Mission Awareness Month*

"The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. As long as people pray it, God cannot abandon the world..."
- St. Therese, Patroness of the Mission

"The Rosary is a school of prayer, the Rosary is a school of faith!"
- Pope Francis



You are Invited

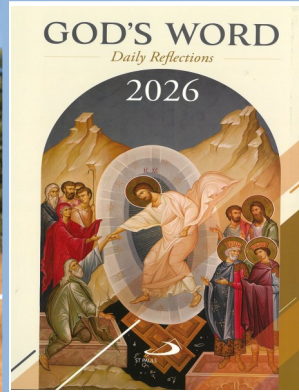
Bishop Edwin Mulandu visiting from Mpika, Zambia for World Mission Month

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.



God's Word 2026

\$ 20.00

Books are available for sale at the entrance of the church and also in the piety shop.

Please buy your copy.

Columban Art Calendar 2026

\$10.00

Columban calendar 2026 is available for sale at the entrance of the church and also in the Piety Shop. Please buy your copy.

PARISH COUNCIL FORMATION

After months of discernment and discussion with members of current parish council, and in conforming to the guidelines of the Archdiocese, I have decided to keep four members of the current council while anticipating four new candidates from the parish nomination by end of this year.

I have invited the following members of the current council to continue on as my advisors: Verity Madsen and Ron Klerks who are serving in critical role as safeguarding officials of the parish, Noel Swindells the chairperson of the council, Tom Fitzsimmons as the representative for Yarrabilba side of the parish, and Joshua the council secretary. I invite the whole parish to continue to carefully consider four more candidates to the council, bearing in mind the representative voice of the young, ethnic diversity, people who are active and care for the wellbeing of the parish and have not served in the council before.

I would like to extend the heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing members who generously served for years and their willingness to give other people the chance to serve. Their wisdom and knowledge are of course still needed. We the church are one body of Christ called to serve in different roles. Certainly they can come back after one term break as the guideline dictates.

Fr. John Quang

CATECHISM CORNER

Question:

Does prayer have an expiration? What if you stop praying for a particular intention, will God not answer it?

Answer:

The only ultimate expiration date we could speak of is when we die and have definitively chosen to separate ourselves from God in horrifically choosing hell (CCC 1033ff.). In the interim, God continues to seek us like the Good Shepherd who pursues his wayward sheep (Luke 15:1-7). So just because we stop praying for something doesn't necessarily mean it won't yet happen, as God will lovingly pursue us in turning back to him and seeking him and our prayer petition(s) anew. Of course, if a prayer petition is not according to God's will for our lives, the answer will be "no" (see, e.g., Jas. 4:3).

Bottom line, regarding our prayer, we must always keep our focus on God in radical childlikeness, avoiding both the grave sins of presumption and despair (CCC 2091-92),.

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