



# 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

### **Priest-in-Residence**

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD

### **Parish Secretary**

Ronet D'Mello

### **Pastoral Council Chairperson**

Noel Swindells

### **Finance Committee Chairperson**

Tom Kalaja

### **Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.**

Ron Klerks / Verity Madsen

STOP line: 1300 304 550

## 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 9.00am and 7pm.**

**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**

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT : 07 DECEMBER 2025**

Dear Parishioners of Maximilian Kolbe, both Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV have introduced us to special documents with valuable Christian teachings. For example "Laudato si", "Dilexit Nos" and "Dilexi Te". Having discussed this with the Parish Pastoral Council, we would like to present sections of these documents each Sunday for your further reflections and prayer.

### **Introduction**

1 Dilexi Te (Latin for "I have loved you"), subtitled "on love for the poor," is Pope Leo XIV's first major teaching document. In it, the pope calls us to reject the "empire of money" and the corrupt system that creates poverty and join in loving solidarity to "honour the image of God and build a better society" (72). Pope Leo signed Dilexi Te on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4, 2025.

Dilexi Te came out less than three weeks after the world's first possible trillionaire was announced — to which the pope responded, "we're in big trouble." The document comes to us at a time when a small handful of billionaires are controlling more and more wealth, because of a system—and some lawmakers' choices—that let the ultra-wealthy hoard resources that belong to all of us. As a result, nearly 2 out of 3 Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. Across ages, races, and faiths, in our country's cities, towns, and rural communities, our families and neighbours continue to struggle to pay rent, afford medical bills, and put food on the table. Pope Leo's message is clear: This situation is a moral failure. It is time to convert our hearts and energies to building a society where the gifts of God's creation are shared among all for the thriving of all. The pope calls this an "economy of solidarity."

At NETWORK, we call it An Economy for All. Both refer to a future marked by mutual care, not accumulation. It is a future where all of us have what we need to thrive, in accordance with our dignity: quality health care, food, and housing; clean air and water; good jobs with living wages; safe and welcoming neighbourhoods; a say in the decisions that affect us; and more. Drawing on examples reaching from the Bible and Jesus of Nazareth to Christians throughout history, Pope Leo shows that compassionate action for justice has always been at the heart of Christian life. Today, that action continues in the growing movements of everyday people—including Catholics—to transform a dehumanizing system into an economy that serves all of us. Both in the past and now, God's liberating love for us is the ultimate source of hope that enlivens and drives forward our efforts for freedom. This guide offers brief summaries of and key quotations from Dilexi Te's five chapters, with short reflections on how Pope Leo's call guides and nourishes our work for An Economy for All. You can use it for your own reflection, or even better, with a group.

Blessings to you all,

Fr. Nick

### Date Claimers

**Sat. Dec. 6 : Pilgrimage to St. Stephen's Cathedral.**  
You need to make your own transport arrangement to the pilgrimage.

**Mon. Dec. 8: Feast of The Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass at 9am and 7pm.**

**Fri. 12 Dec. : Advent Reflection and Recollection at 7pm.**

**Fri. 19 Dec: Carols singing from 6.00 pm.**

### Second Sunday of Advent : 07 December 2025

First Reading (Isaiah 11:1-10)

*He judges the poor with justice.*

Responsorial Psalm (71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17)

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading (Romans 15: 4-9)

*Christ the hope of all people.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
All people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel ( Matthew 3: 1-12)

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

### **Gospel : Matthew 3: 1-12**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Monday December 8 2025

**MASS TIMES:  
9AM & 7PM**

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish,  
Marsden



### Roster for the weekend of 13 – 14 December 2025

#### Mass Coordinators

13 Dec. 5.30pm - Ron Klerks  
14 Dec. 7.30am - Kristine Domingo  
14 Dec. 9.30am - Joy Wallace

#### Readers

13 Dec. 5.30pm - Jasmine Godinet & Privilege Mtetwa.  
14 Dec. 7.30am - Jacob Domingo & Andrew Tualai.  
14 Dec. 9.30am - Kelemete Tito & Annabel Budiono.

#### Communion Ministers

13 Dec. 5.30pm - Mary Klerks and Sue McKeown.  
14 Dec. 7.30am - Talafaia Tualai and Sera Thomas  
14 Dec. 9.30am - Tuala Petelo, Elisapeta Tito and Flor Gomez.

#### Altar Servers

13 Dec. 5.30pm - Gerald Joshy  
14 Dec. 7.30am - Antonio and Andrew  
14 Dec. 9.30am - Parfait and Clovis

#### Choirs

13 Dec. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir  
14 Dec. 7.30am - Fono  
14 Dec. 9.30am - African Choir

**Counters** : Swindells Family

**Cleaners** : Alosio Family

**Flowers** : Advent: No flowers

### Collection: Week-ending: 30 November 2025

Envelopes Received	: 33
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,030.80
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 214.60
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>: \$ 2,245.40</b>



**YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE**  
**Weekend Community Mass**

will be held at 4.00pm on:

**07 December & 14 December 2025**

**Centre Location:**

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

**Thank you to Aby Joseph, Simi Mathew, Adon and Achsa Aby for your generous donation of a laptop to the Mass centre.**



## 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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### Welcome to our faith community

We soon welcome two catechumen in our  
faith community. At Saturday evening mass  
on 13<sup>th</sup> December, we will introduce  
Ashleigh Van Til and Lisa Pierce to the  
community, we would like to welcome them  
and ask for your prayer. They have been  
prepared by Hellen the APRE at St. Dami-  
ano at Yarrabilba

Ashleigh will be baptised and confirmed on  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026, and Lisa Pierce will  
be confirmed on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026.  
Our faith community welcome them both  
and please keep them in your prayers.

Fr. John

### 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**

**The last day for Children's Liturgy for 2025 will  
be Sunday 7th of December 2025.**

**Rehearsals for the Nativity Play will continue  
every Friday from 5pm-6pm.**



### Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

**YOUR SUPPORT  
WILL GIVE HOPE TO STRUGGLING  
FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS**



Every family deserves a safe and happy Christmas.

This year, our parish St. Vinnies Conference will be  
collecting Monetary Donation, Gift Cards and  
Non-Perishable Food items as part of their annual  
Christmas Appeal project. They welcome your  
generous and kind contributions in support of this  
project. A box will be placed at the entrance of the  
church during our weekend Masses in Advent, to  
collect the monetary donations and gift cards and a  
basket to collect the food items. Thank you kindly for  
all your support!



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 McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd,  
Esjay McCarthy, Judith Sherry, Mareta Niomagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia,  
Paxson Swerling, Peter Beirne, Janus Deurloo Shiralee Bull, Ron & Anita  
McGovern and all who are ill.



CAROLS  
BY  
*Candlelight*

DECEMBER  
FRIDAY 19 06:00 PM

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish**  
26-38 Macarthy Rd, Marsden 4132

Join us for a Christmas experience of  
carols, community, and connection.

A night filled with music and the joy of Christ's birth.

**PILGRIMAGE TO  
ST STEPHEN  
CATHEDRAL  
HOLY DOOR  
MASS  
SATURDAY  
6 DECEMBER 2025 10AM**

249 ELIZABETH ST,  
BRISBANE 4000 QLD

ST MARY MCKILLOP CHAPEL

*Join us as we celebrate the Year of  
Jubilee – a time of gratitude,  
renewal, and joy! Together, we give  
thanks for God's blessings and look  
forward with faith and hope to the  
years ahead.*

*For more information,  
contact the parish office on*

**3803 0862 or email  
marsden@bne.catholic.net.au**



**ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH MARSDEN**

*Advent*  
**Reflection  
& Recollection**

WITH FR. JOHN QUANG SVD

**THEME:**  
"RETURNING TO THE LOST PARADISE"

**WHEN:**  
FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
7PM

**WHERE:**  
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**



**Christmas Nativity  
Play Rehearsals**

This is an invitation to all the children/youth of the  
parish, to join us in celebrating the Nativity of the  
Birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve.

**We will have rehearsals every Friday.**

**Rehearsals begin from Friday 14 Nov 2025  
5pm - 6pm**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden**

**For more information, please contact  
Helen Swindells on 0400014042**

**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**

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**CATECHISM CORNER**

**WHAT DOES CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACH ABOUT CONVERSION?**

Jesus calls to conversion. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." In the Church's preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel.

Second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, "clasping sinners to her bosom, [is] at once holy and always in need of purification, [and] follows constantly the path of penance and renewal." This endeavour of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.

Catechism no. 1427 & 1428