



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 (away till 22nd May)

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Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD

Parish Secretary

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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

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Children & Families Ministries and Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells

Community Life Ministries

Lele Faaeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

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Outreach Ministry

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Affiliated Catholic Schools

St. Francis College - Tel. No 3489 4800

Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)

St. Clare's Primary School - 5549 8000

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Mr. Peter Edwards (Principal)

Weekday Mass Times

Monday No Mass

Tuesday **10.00am**

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 EASTER (DIVINE MERCY) : 12 APRIL 2026

On this **Divine Mercy Sunday**—the first Sunday after the celebration of Easter—the emphasis is on faith in the presence and power of the living Jesus in our midst. About Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II stated: *It is a time where we are blessed with divine mercy as it reaches us through the heart of Christ crucified.*

The Risen Jesus now lives on in the community which believes in him. The Apostles are endowed with the same powers that Jesus had during his life here on earth: *Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.*

The work of Jesus continues.

The First Reading tells us how the community of disciples lived:

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

People came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits—and all of them were cured. This is the living testimony that Jesus is active and continues his saving and whole-making work among us for the disciples do these works—not in their own name, but in the name of Jesus their Lord.

The Second Reading shows the power of the Apostles' faith as they proclaim the message of Jesus as Saviour and invite people to join their company. As we will learn from readings later this week, we know that many indeed did come. But there is also this telling phrase: *None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem.* (Acts 5:13)

Perhaps this is a hint of the counter-witness of the early Christians when they were already being regarded with suspicion by the religious and civil authorities and when it was becoming dangerous to be identified with them? They were a group to be admired, but from a safe distance. It is yet another sign that the early followers were likely to share the same fate as Jesus himself.

Breaking down barriers

To see and know Jesus in our lives is, at the same time, to recognise where he comes to us, and then to be ready for the day-to-day opportunities when we can bring him into the lives of others. Above all, can we be true to the mission Jesus gave to his disciples to be instruments of reconciliation, to be peacemakers, breaking down walls of hatred, prejudice and fear? We do this by living lives of integrity, of love and compassion, of real justice for all. Whenever we do that, Easter is celebrated and Jesus is alive among us.

Fr. Nick

DATE CLAIMERS

Sun. April 12: Children and Families Ministry Team Meeting at 10.35am .

Mon. April 13: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm.

Tue. April 14: Healing Mass at 10.00am

Tue. April 14: Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm.

Happy Holidays to Fr. John Quang

Fr. John Quang will be away on holidays from 13th April to 22nd May 2026. Wishing Fr. John a warm and joyful holiday season. Hope it's filled with great memories and a well-deserved break. Fr. Nick, Gusty and Parishioners of SMK



Healing Mass
10.00am
Tuesday, 14th April 2026
Celebrating Easter



**Feast of Divine Mercy
Sunday 12th April 2026.
Divine Mercy Group is celebrating
the feast of Divine Mercy at
9.30am.**

I invite you into my life, Jesus. I accept you as my Lord, God and Saviour. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit. Come Lord Jesus, cover me with your Precious Blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit.

Roster for the weekend of 18 — 19 April 2026

Mass Coordinators

18 Apr. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez
19 Apr. 7.30am - Lele Faateete
19 Apr. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

Readers

18 Apr. 5.30pm - Melody Gombe & Deb H.
19 Apr. 7.30am - Destiny D. & Jazmine Godinet
19 Apr. 9.30am - Tamate Tumanuvao & Salvius Mpano

Communion Ministers

18 Apr. 5.30pm - Francesca O., Deb H. and Joshy Scaria
19 Apr. 7.30am - Korina L., Eseta Alosio and Nimfa B
19 Apr. 9.30am - Millie P., Kelemete T., Elenora T., Tiitii

Altar Servers

18 Apr. 5.30pm - Gerard and Daniel
19 Apr. 7.30am - Antonio, Andrew and Adam
19 Apr. 9.30am - Ailipata, Zain Wiss

Choirs

18 Apr. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
19 Apr. 7.30am - St. Peter the Rock
19 Apr. 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Taulai Family

Flowers : Nimfa and Olive

Second Sunday Of Easter: Divine Mercy 12th Apr 2026

First Reading: Acts 2: 42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead..

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

Gospel

John 20: 19-31

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.***

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me, Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



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

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 Coordinator: **Tiresa Vaigafa 0434 570 123**



THANK YOU!



Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

Sunday 12th April & 19th April 2026

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

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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Please Pray for the Sick



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 McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay McCarthy, Judith Sherry, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Paxson Swerling, Peter Beirne, Janus Deurloo Shiralee Bull, Ron & Anita McGovern, Djoanna Aloquin, Rosario Esguerra, Thora Lua, John Williams and those who are ill.

Collection: Week-ending: 05 April 2026

Envelopes Received	: 36
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 3,803.05
Easter Envelopes	: \$ 1,659.50
TOTAL	: \$ 5,462.55

Good Friday Collection: \$ 1,165.00



Schedule of Preparation for the Children's Sacrament of Confirmation

Day/Date	Particulars
Wed. 29 April	Parents/Guardians' Information Session at 6.30pm.
Sat. 02 May	1st Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 16 May	2nd Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 23 May	Rehearsal for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Sat. 30 May	Confirmation Day @ 5.30pm

Together for our Common Home

Interfaith Prayer Vigil

Tuesday 21 April | 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Free event including a light supper
Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre,
196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City

Join Archbishop Shane Mackinlay and people of many faiths in prayer for our planet and for communities affected by rising sea levels and extreme weather.

- Prayers will be led by various faith leaders.
- A guest speaker will share their personal experience of rising sea levels.



Scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/intfaithprayer for more information and to register before 20 April 2026.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 11AM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling"

(Ephesians 4:4)

Light refreshments will follow in the Hanly Room.

Join us for a prayer service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

We here at the Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe, as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane **MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES.** Archdiocesan Website www.bne.catholic.net.au or www.kingstonmarsdenparish.org.au

We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>