



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

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Ronet D'Mello

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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 Faeteete

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

Confession: Saturday 5.00pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT : 16 MARCH 2025



The scripture readings in this second Sunday of Lent narrates events and situations where several significant biblical characters experience a state of uncertainty and confusion, and are rescued from it by divine or apostolic intervention.

In the first reading we hear how God appeared to Abram with the promise of making him a great nation. Moving away from doubt, Abram responded with faith which was reckoned to him as righteousness. Biblically, righteousness means being in the right relationship with another person. Thus, this important statement means that the right relationship with God is built on faith and trust.

In the second reading, one of Paul's chief reasons for writing to the Church in Philippi was to fight against false teachers who were confusing and misleading his converts there. These teachers were certain Christians who insisted that the continuing practice of the Jewish laws and customs was a necessary condition for being righteous before God, and, therefore, necessary for salvation. The core of Christian faith is the belief that righteousness comes from faith in Jesus alone, and that salvation was made possible by Jesus' death on the cross.

In the Gospel account on the Transfiguration, the appearance of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus' changed appearance, utterly confuses Jesus' closest disciples; Peter and his companions were unclear about the meaning of what they witnessed. They were unable to understand who Jesus is. God resolved their confusion by making a powerful and public statement. First, God declared Jesus his Son, someone infinitely greater than Moses and Elijah. Then, God declared Jesus his "chosen one", meaning that Jesus was the Messiah, chosen and sent by God into the world for a special mission. Finally, God commanded the disciples to listen to Jesus. This declaration and command by God removed the disciples' uncertainties and cleared their confusion regarding the meaning of the Transfiguration and the identity of Jesus.

Today's readings confirm that confusion and uncertainty befall God's servants at times. The greatest weapon in the fight against uncertainty is submission to the Word of God. It can be likened to a person making a journey on an unknown road using GPS. An unknown voice speaks through the gadget at decision-making moments on the journey suggesting the direction one ought to take. In the end, submission to that voice leads the person to his/her destination. In relation to God, we can be confident that the Lord has the complete map of our lives in his hands. He knows the beginning and the end of every life. If certainty can be attained only by sight, the blind would never be certain of anything. Going through a dark tunnel can be frightening but the light of faith in the heart gives hope and certainty.

Adapted from: <http://lectioyouth.net>

DATE CLAIMERS

Wed. 19 Mar : Feast of St. Joseph - Mass @ 9am
Fri. 21 Mar : Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
Sun: 23 March: Community Life Ministry would like to invite all parishioners to morning tea to meet and greet all parishioners including the new parishioners after the 9.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Roster for the weekend of 22 March. / 23 March. 2025

Mass Coordinators

22 Mar 5.30pm - Christine Lapalapa
23 Mar 8.00am - Ron Klerks
23 Mar 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

22 Mar 5.30pm - Boyet Domingo & Rylie Lapalapa
23 Mar 8.00am - Tamate Tumanuvao & Buxton Thomas
23 Mar 9.30am - Beah Taualai & Francesca Ordonez

Communion Ministers

22 Mar 5.30pm - Rosemarie o., Joshy S., Kristine Domingo
23 Mar 8.00am - Josephine T., Wilda F., Eseta Alosio
23 Mar 9.30am - Alfred Gomez & Tua Niumagumagu
Lawrence Auva'a & Tuala Petelo

Altar Servers

22 Mar 5.30pm - Gerald Joshy
23 Mar 8.00am - Malachi, Talalei, Matilda
23 Mar 9.30am - Jazmine, Tezaree and Noa

Choirs

22 Mar 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
23 Mar 8.00am - Congregation Singing
23 Mar 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

FAREWELL TO FR. MIKHAEL

The Parish Pastoral Council has decided to have a farewell morning tea with Fr. Mikhael, before moving to Murgon Parish, on the following date and time :

Sunday, 20 April 2025 (Easter Sunday) after the Easter Sunday Mass at 10.45am.

Please bring a plate to share.



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, 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 Pietkiewiez, 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, Ann Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay Rudd, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Paxson Swerling, Cliff Naughton, Myrna Aloquin, Peter Beirne and all who are ill.

2nd Sunday of Lent: 16 March 2025

First Reading: *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 26:1, 7-9, 13-14*

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:17 - 4:1*

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of His glorious body.

Gospel Acclamation: *Matthew 17.5*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear Him.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: *Luke 9:28-36*

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Collection: Week-ending 02 March 2025

Envelopes Received	:	28
Total Amount	:	\$ 2,276.35
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 75.70
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TOTAL	:	\$ 2,352.05

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

WEEK END COMMUNITY MASS WILL BE HELD AT

4PM ON SUNDAY

16 MAR. & 23 MAR. 2025

ST. CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL,
2 COMBS STREET, YARRABILBA

ALL ARE WELCOME



In loving memory of

Keith Clayton

who entered eternal life on 13th March 2025

As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Keith's family as we share in your loss and uphold all of you in our prayers at this time of sadness and grief.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul rest in sublime peace, Amen!

Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday 20th March at 1pm in St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden.

SMK COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRY

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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 CO-ORDINATOR

TIRESA VAIGAFA

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LENT

The 40-day period leading up to Easter (excluding Sundays) that starts on Ash Wednesday. It is marked by praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

	FASTING	ABSTINENCE
	Act of mortification (dying to ourselves) to cultivate Christian discipline, self control, and self-denial	
What?	One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.	Refraining from luxury such as eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.
When?		
Who?	18 - 59 years of age	14 years old and above
<small>Exemption: physically and mentally ill, pregnant or nursing women</small>		

KOLBE YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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.

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING

5 PM - 7 PM

MARYFIELDS HALL

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Second Sunday of Lent 15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.
Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion : **Or by calling 1800 024 413**





PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2025

SACRAMENTS	1 st RITE OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)	CONFIRMATION	FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST
Age Group	Grade 5 & above	Grade 3 & above	Grade 3 & above
Important Enrolment Conditions	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation and 1 st Holy Eucharist	This sacrament is offered to children who have already been Baptised	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation
Dateline for Submission of Enrolment Forms	Sunday, 16 March 2025	Sunday 16 th March 2025	Sunday 8 th June 2025
Parent/Guardian Information Session	-	6.30pm on Wednesday, 30 April 2025	6.30pm on Wednesday, 18 June 2025
Rite of Enrolment in Church during Mass	-	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 30 March 2025	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 15 June 2025
1 st Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	Only 1 workshop Saturday, 22 March 2025	Saturday, 03 May, 2025	Saturday, 21 June 2025
2 nd Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	-	Saturday, 17 May 2025	Saturday, 19 July 2025
Rehearsal * Only for 1 st Holy Eucharist, the rehearsal will be preceded by the 2 nd Rite of Reconciliation	-	9am Saturday, 24 May 2025	9am Saturday, 26 July 2025
DAY OF SACRAMENT	Saturday, 22 March 2025 (after the workshop)	6.30pm Thursday, 29 May 2025	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 02 August 2025

THE JUBILEE 2025 LOGO



The theme of the ordinary Jubilee year 2025 is “Pilgrims of Hope” and the logo for this celebration summarises its meaning.

Let us try to understand the message behind the logo:

- The **four stylised and different-coloured figures** represent all of humanity from the four corners of the world.
- They are over waves or a representation of a **rough sea** which reminds us of the **difficulties and challenges of our journey through life**, whether due to personal circumstances or the impact of what is happening around the world.
- They are **embracing each other** which shows **solidarity** amongst the people, i.e. the journey is not individual, but rather communal.
- The first figure is **clinging to the Cross**, and with the gesture of embracing represents that we are **one in holding on to the Hope that does not disappoint**.
- The **Cross of Jesus Christ extending down to the waves as an anchor** is the **Hope** that we cannot abandon because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments. Anchors are often used as metaphors for hope.
 “The Cross is not static but dynamic, bending toward and meeting humanity as if not to leave it alone, but rather offering the certainty of its presence and the reassurance of hope.” (*Archbishop Rino Fisichella, former President of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization*)
- The theme “Pilgrims of Hope” is also clearly visible in green, the color of Hope.



In this Jubilee year of 2025, whenever we see the logo, let us remind ourselves that we have a God who is our Hope as we journey through life.

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