



# 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 Chairlady

Christine Lapalapa

### 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** No Mass

**Tuesday** 9:00am

**Wednesday** 9:00am

**Thursday** 9:00am

**Friday** 6:30pm

**Saturday** No Mass

## Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday** 5:30pm

**Sunday** 7:30am and 9:30am

**Confession: Saturday : 5:00pm**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT : 01 MARCH 2026

In order to understand today's Gospel, we need to put it into context. Peter had just, in the name of the other disciples, recognised their Teacher, Jesus, as the expected Messiah of Israel: *You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.* (Matt 16:15)

It was a climactic moment in Jesus' relationship with his disciples. But this was immediately followed by Jesus' explanation to them of exactly what being Messiah was going to mean for him, he was going to be rejected by the leaders of his own people, arrested, tried, condemned, tortured and eventually executed.

This was too much for Peter and he objected strongly. In turn, he was severely scolded for obstructing God's way of doing things. Perhaps to give a boost to their morale, to help them see that the way of Jesus would lead to victory and triumph, Jesus takes Peter, James and John to a high mountain. As the disciples watched, Jesus was suddenly transformed *...his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light.* Then, suddenly, Moses and Elijah are seen talking with Jesus: Moses personified the Law of God's people, and Elijah, the Traditions of the great prophets.

Peter, with his usual impulsiveness, enthusiastically suggests building three tents or shrines for Jesus, Moses and Elijah so they could stay on the mountain. As Peter spoke a "bright cloud" covered them. It was no ordinary cloud, but a luminous cloud. It both concealed the unbearable brightness and revealed the very presence of God himself. From the cloud comes a voice, the voice, of course, of God himself:

*This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!*

At the sound of God's voice, the disciples prostrate themselves on the ground, terrified. Then they hear the gentle voice of Jesus, *Get up [rise up] and do not be afraid.*

Jesus' words point to resurrection, to a new life and the abolition of fear and anxiety. They look up and see Jesus standing there alone; the Father is gone; Moses and Elijah are gone.

From now on they will see 'only' Jesus, but after this experience, they know that he is not alone, that he has the full backing of his Father and of the Jewish tradition of the Law and the Prophets.

They were learning the lesson that, though Jesus, the Messiah, would be rejected, suffer and die at the hands of his own people and their enemies, glory and victory would follow. Jesus is, and always will be: "God with us" Emmanuel.

Fr. Nick

### Date Claimers

**Sun. Mar.1 : Children and Families Ministry Team Meeting at 10.35am**

**Mon. Mar. 2: Maintenance committee meeting at 7 pm.**

**Tue. Mar. 3: Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm.**

**Fri. Mar.6: First Friday : Stations of the Cross @ 6.00pm Mass @ 6.30 pm.**

**Sun. Mar. 8: The Feast (Praise and Worship) in coordination with the Liturgy Committee at 11am in the parish hall.**

**Fri. Mar.13 : Stations of the Cross at 6 pm followed by Lenten Reflection.**

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: 01 March 2026

#### First Reading (Genesis:12:1-4)

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

#### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22)

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

#### Second Reading ( 2 Timothy 1: 8-10)

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Gospel ( Matthew 17: 1-9)

*His face shone like the sun.*

### 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 Talatou, 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 Caning, Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewicz, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef W. Carroll, Daisy A. Thomas, Eric Alfred John Engberg, Colean 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, Marena Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Paxson Swerling, Peter Beirne, Janus Deurloo Shiralee Bull, Ron & Anita McGovern, Djhoanna Aloquin, Rosario Esguerra, Thora Lua and those who are ill.

### Gospel : Matthew 17: 1-9

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

### **His face shone like the sun**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

#### Roster for the weekend of 07 —08 March 2026

##### Mass Coordinators

07 Mar. 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez  
08 Mar. 7.30am - Boyet Domingo  
08 Mar. 9.30am - Kelemete Tio

##### Readers

07 Mar. 5.30pm - Ron Klerks & Hilda Bowden.  
08 Mar. 7.30am - Jacob Domingo & Beau Tualai  
08 Mar. 9.30am - Millie Petelo & Flower Donohue

##### Communion Ministers

07 Mar. 5.30pm - Sue M., Mary K., Francesca O.  
08 Mar. 7.30am - Talafia T., Kristine D., Lele F.  
08 Mar. 9.30am - Tuala P., Elisapeta T., Deb H., Flor G.,

##### Altar Servers

07 Mar. 5.30pm - Gerald and Daniel  
08 Mar. 7.30am - Adam, Antonio and Andres Tualai  
08 Mar. 9.30am - Clovis and Parfait

##### Choirs

07 Mar. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir  
08 Mar. 7.30am - SMK Choir  
08 Mar. 9.30am - African Choir

**Counters** : Swindells Family

**Cleaners** : Vaigafa Family

**Flowers** : Lent : No Flowers

#### Collection: Week-ending: 22 February 2026

Envelopes Received	: 32
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,255.60
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 202.40
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>: \$ 2,458.00</b>



## 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.

**Children's Liturgy started on:  
Sunday 8th February 2026**

For further information, parents or guardians can contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator: **Tiresa Vaigafa 0434 570 123**



## PROJECT COMPASSION

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 01 March

Sisilia has also joined a SWASH Club, where she learned about hygiene, sanitation, nutrition and child rights. She now confidently shares this knowledge with peers, parents and community members, even performing songs and demonstrations to promote good practices. This leadership has empowered her to advocate for children's education and wellbeing in her community. Despite many hardships, Sisilia remains determined to succeed. Her favourite subjects are Science, English and Maths, and she dreams of becoming a pilot.

**Please take an envelope or a box from the entrance of the church and return them during Holy Week. Thank You for your generous support.**

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](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au) or [www.kingstonmarsdenparish.org.au](http://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/>



### YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

#### Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

**01 March & 08 March 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!

Please contact:

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## ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Every Friday **5:30** pm St Maximilian Kolbe

*One generation praises your deeds to another;  
they proclaim your mighty works.  
Psalm 145:4*



*Come grow closer to Christ through Mary. We are launching a new group where we come together to learn the Rosary, deepen prayer, and grow in faith under Our Blessed Mother*



## PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2026

SACRAMENTS	1 <sup>st</sup> RITE OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)	CONFIRMATION	FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST
<b>Age Group</b>	Grade 5 & above	Grade 3 & above	Grade 3 & above
<b>Important Enrolment Conditions</b>	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation and 1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Dateline for Submission of Enrolment Forms</b>	Sunday, 15 March 2026	Sunday, 15 March 2026	Sunday, 7 June 2026
<b>Rite of Enrolment in Church during Mass</b>	-	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 22 March 2026	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 14 June 2026
<b>Parent/Guardian Information Session</b>	-	6.30pm on Wednesday, 29 April 2026	6.30pm on Wednesday, 17 June 2026
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass</b>	Only 1 workshop Saturday, 21 March 2026	Saturday, 2 May 2026	Saturday, 20 June 2026
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass</b>	-	Saturday, 16 May 2026	Saturday, 18 July 2026
<b>Rehearsal * Only for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist, the rehearsal will be preceded by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation</b>	-	9am Saturday, 23 May 2026	9am Saturday, 25 July 2026
<b>DAY OF SACRAMENT</b>	<b>Saturday, 21 March 2026 (after the workshop)</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 30 May 2026</b>	<b>5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 01 August 2026</b>

### CATECHISM CORNER

#### WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by [giving alms](#); and we practice self-control through [fasting](#). We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ....In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the [Order of Christian Initiation of Adults](#), a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.