



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

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

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 1st Nov. 8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 7:30am and 9:30am

Confession: Saturday : 5:00pm

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 26 OCTOBER 2025



One of the lessons of today's readings is that God listens especially to the sinner and to the poor. The attitude of Jesus is well expressed in the First Reading, from the Book of Sirach

In today's Gospel, we have the strange scene between a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee—and he clearly believes he has evidence to prove it—is the 'good' person. He carefully keeps the Law of the Jews and the Commandments of God. He faithfully observes the obligations of a good Jew: he prays, he fasts and he gives alms. And yet, God is not happy with him. Why? Because he is a totally self-centred person. He says, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people...like this tax collector."

When he prays, fasts or give alms, it is not because he loves God (or the poor) and wants to serve God. It is because he loves himself; he is the centre of his whole existence. Even God is on the fringe. God should be so happy to have such a rare example like him. Especially when so many are like the tax collector.

Jesus criticises the Pharisee for not being aware that all these good things he claims to do, have God as their source. Without God, he could do nothing, he would be nothing.

On the other hand, the tax collector is certainly a sinner. He surely does not observe the Jewish law. If he is like the average tax collector, he is a swindler and extortionist. He really behaves abominably before God and neighbour. And God loves him!

For Jesus says that when the tax collector left the Temple, he did so as a friend of God, while the Pharisee was rejected. How can this be? Is this God's justice? The reason is that, although the tax collector is undoubtedly a sinner, he admits his sin. He knows that by himself he cannot do anything, that he cannot change, unless God comes to his help. He implores: God, be merciful to me, a sinner!

God will come immediately to the help of a sinner who, in humility and truth, recognises his sin. On the other hand, how can God come to help a proud man, who thinks he can take care of himself?

One of the greatest gifts is for us to know our sinfulness. A deep awareness of sin does not separate us from God. On the contrary, it is a sign that God is very much part of our lives and that we wish to partake of that love he is reaching out to us

An awareness of our sins, too, can help us in our lives to be far more compassionate and understanding towards others in their sinfulness and weakness. In the depths of our sinfulness, we must never lose sight of the God who is always standing by, ready to come at our merest signal. Again, as Sirach tells us:

The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds,
and it will not rest until it reaches its goal....
Indeed, the Lord will not delay... (Sir 35:21-22)

Fr. Nick

Date Claimers

Sat. Nov. 1: All Saints Day: Mass at 8am.

Mon. Nov. 3: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm

Tue. Nov.4 : Healing Mass at 10 am

Tue. Nov. 4: Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm.



**Saturday, 1 November
Mass at 8am**

All Souls Day

Sunday 2 Nov; Masses at:

➤ **7.30am and 9.30am**

➤ **Both Masses will be followed by the Blessing of the Columbarium**

Those whose loved ones have passed away, may bring a photo of your loved ones to be placed on the Altar before Mass.

A Memorial Book will be placed at the side of the Altar for anyone to write the names of your loved ones who have passed: these names will be incorporated into the Liturgies during the month of November.

Roster for the weekend of 01 — 02 November 2025

Mass Coordinators

01 Nov. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez

02 Nov. 7.30am - Lele Faaeteete

02 Nov. 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

01 Nov. 5.30pm - Nina Domingo & Malcolm D'Souza

02 Nov. 7.30am - Rachel Matijasevic & Mary Klerks.

02 Nov. 9.30am - Flor Gomez & Christine Lapalapa

Communion Ministers

01 Nov. 5.30pm - Rosemary Ordonez and Joshy Scaria.

02 Nov. 7.30am - Eseta Alosio and Korina Laban

02 Nov. 9.30am - Alfred Gomez, Tiitii Tolepai and Winnie Kepu.

Altar Servers

01 Nov. 5.30pm - John Paul and Andrew

02 Nov. 7.30am - John, May and Zaia

02 Nov. 9.30am - Abigail, Annabel and Alexander

Choirs

01 Nov. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir

02 Nov. 7.30am - Buxton & Josephine

02 Nov. 9.30am - Ekalesia Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Ekalesia Group

Flowers : Evelyn, Nimfa and Olive

Collection: Week-ending: 19 October 2025

Envelopes Received	:	29
Amount from Contributions	:	\$ 2,239.80
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 210.10
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TOTAL	:	\$ 2,449.90

30th Sunday In Ordinary Time : 26 Oct. 2025

First Reading (Sirach 35: 12-14)

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 33:2-3, 17-19,23)

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading (2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18)

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
And the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke 18: 9-14)

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Gospel : Luke 18 : 9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



In loving memory of

Mary Louise Davis

Entered eternal life on 20 October 2025.

As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Mary'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 her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in sublime peace, Amen!

Funeral Service will be held on Friday, 31 October at 2.00pm in our parish.



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)
0419 733 878

PASTORAL.STBERN@BNE.CATHOLIC.NET.AU



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.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

26 October & 02 November 2025

Centre Location:

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



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 Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiata, Paxson Swerling, Cliff Naughton, Peter Beirne, Janus Deurloo Shiralee Bull and all who are ill.



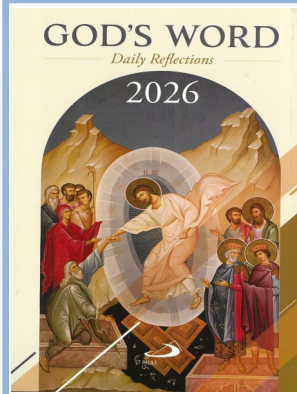
EVERY 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC PARISH
(MARYFIELDS HALL)
26-38 MACARTHUR RD
MARSDEN QLD 4132
TIME: 11:00AM - 2:00PM

JOIN US
SUNDAY 9TH NOV

What is Feast?

The Feast is a monthly gathering of the Light of Jesus family here in Logan, and in many other locations around the world. It is a place where we grow together as a community - nourishing not only our faith, but every aspect of our lives.

The Feast is a joyful, spirit-filled home where everyone is welcome, and we dream of seeing 1,000 Feasts bringing God's love across the globe.



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:

If God is Almighty, then why couldn't He have just opened the gates of heaven after Adam and Eve repented?

Answer:

Yes, God could have chosen any method He wanted. However, if God had simply forgiven Adam and Eve without repercussions then the ugliness of sin would have been shielded from our eyes. If Adam and Eve sinned without consequence then no lesson would have been learned and humanity would have always considered sin to be of little consequence.

Individuals who are never held responsible for their actions usually gradually do worse and worse things over time. If God never held us accountable for our actions then we would never grow in maturity, morality, or goodness. We'd forever be developmentally stunted childlike individuals. God knows we can be better and he holds us accountable so that we can truly become better. Source: <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/>