



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

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Priest-in-Residence

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Parish Secretary

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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 No Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 7:30am and 9:30am

Confession: Saturday : 5:00pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT : 14 DECEMBER 2025

FURTHER READING OF POPE LEO’S ENCYCLICAL “I HAVE LOVED YOU”

Part 2: A Few Essential Words and SUMMARY KEY REFLECTION QUESTION

Pope Leo begins by affirming that love for God “is one with love for the poor” (5, 8). Yet, poverty is worsening. Today, new and “more dangerous” forms of poverty are emerging, and include the lack of material resources, land, rights, and freedom (9, 10). Poverty is created by unjust laws and systems that “favour the strongest,” allowing a handful of individuals to hoard resources from our communities (11). As a result, we are seeing billionaires grow wealthier, while more and more people struggle to get by. Pope Leo calls for a conversion away from these structures and attitudes that are “centered on the accumulation of wealth” at all costs, “even at the expense of others” (11, 12).

In the United States today, a small group of billionaires hold more wealth than half of the country. On average, CEOs make 281 times the typical workers’ pay – accumulating wealth at the expense of others, as Pope Leo describes

“The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. ” (9) “In a world where the poor are increasingly numerous, we paradoxically see the growth of a wealthy elite, living in a bubble of comfort and luxury, almost in another world compared to ordinary people. This means that a culture still persists—sometimes well disguised—that discards others without even realizing it and tolerates with indifference that millions of people die of hunger or survive in conditions unfit for human beings. ” (11)

Moreover, in the USA budget Congress passed in July 2025, many lawmakers chose to take away funding for our health care and food, all to pay for enormous tax giveaways to their billionaire backers. Americans across the country know that this is wrong and have long cried out for relief. Pope Leo affirms that God hears this cry and calls us to respond.

All workers deserve quality health care, paid leave and time off to care for loved ones, safe working conditions, the right to unionize, and living wages that help us pay our bills, save for our dreams, and retire with dignity.

Reflection: In what ways are you and your loved ones affected by the rising costs of health care, food, housing, education, etc.? How do you see people in your community struggling? Why is it that the ultra-rich are growing richer while regular folks have a harder and harder time?

Fr. Nick

Date Claimers

Fri. 19 Dec: Carols singing from 6.00 pm.



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.

Roster for the weekend of 20 — 21 December 2025

Mass Coordinators

20 Dec. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez

21 Dec. 7.30am - Lawrence Auva'a

21 Dec. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

Readers

20 Dec. 5.30pm - Deb Howkins & Abel Budiono.

21 Dec. 7.30am - Lele Faaeteete & Brian Cunningham.

21 Dec. 9.30am - Rylie Lapalapa & Tamate Tumanuao.

Communion Ministers

20 Dec. 5.30pm - Rosemarie and Joshy Scaria.

21 Dec. 7.30am - Eseta Alosio and Talafaia Taulalai

21 Dec. 9.30am - Mille Petelo, Kelemete Tito and Elenora Tufuga.

Altar Servers

20 Dec. 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel, Alexander

21 Dec. 7.30am - John Paul and Andrew

21 Dec. 9.30am - Noa and Salvius

Choirs

20 Dec. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir

21 Dec. 7.30am - Peter the Rock Choir

21 Dec. 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa and Noel Swindells

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

Flowers : Advent: No flowers

Collection: Week-ending: 07 December 2025

Envelopes Received	: 33
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,057.40
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 297.00
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TOTAL	: \$ 2,354.40

Third Sunday of Advent : 14 December 2025

First Reading (Isaiah 35:1-6, 10)

God himself will come and save us.

Responsorial Psalm (145: 6-10)

Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading (James 5: 7-10)

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord is upon me;

He sent me to bring Good News to the poor

Alleluia alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 11: 2-11)

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

Gospel : Matthew 11: 2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

14 December & 21 December 2025

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



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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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**

Children's Ministry

**Every Sunday Morning
9:30am/ Parish Hall**

**Children's liturgy will be taking a break
over the Christmas School Holidays. We
would like to thank all the parents/
guardians for providing their support
throughout the year. We wish all families
a joyful and safe holiday period and look
forward to seeing everyone next year.**

**Rehearsal for the Nativity play will
continue every Friday from 5-6pm. All
children are invited to perform at the
Christmas Carols on 19th December at
6pm.**

SMK Children and Families Ministry Team

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.



Christmas

MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE
WED 24TH DEC
Children's Mass
& Nativity Play

6:00PM
YOUTH CHOIR &
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS EVE
WED 24TH DEC
Midnight Mass

10:00PM
DIVINE MERCY &
YARRABILBA CHOIR

CHRISTMAS DAY
THURS 25TH DEC

9:00AM
(ONE MASS ONLY)
COMBINED CHOIR

NEW YEARS EVE
WED 31ST DEC
Thanksgiving Mass

7:00PM
EKALLESIA CHOIR

NEW YEARS DAY
THURS 1ST JAN 2026

9:00AM
(ONE MASS ONLY)
AFRICAN CHOIR



LITURGY TEAM FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

DATE	COORDINATOR	READERS	COMMUNION MINISTERS
24 DEC: 6PM MASS	Lawrence Auva'a	Nativity Play Readers	Talafaia, Kelemete, Rosemarie, Lele
24 DEC: 10PM MASS	Mary Klerks	Ron Klerks, Rachel M.	Eseta A., Tiitii T., Sera T.
25 DEC: 9AM MASS	Joy Wallace	Deb H., Brian C.	Sue M., Doris D. Millie P.

CATECHISM CORNER

CONVERSION OR METANOIA

Literally repentance or penance. The term is regularly used in the Greek New Testament, especially in the Gospels and the preaching of the Apostles. Repentance is shown by faith, baptism, confession of sins, and producing fruits worthy of penance. It means a change of heart from sin to the practice of virtue. As conversion, it is fundamental to the teaching of Christ, was the first thing demanded by Peter on Pentecost, and is considered essential to the pursuit of Christian perfection. (Etym. Greek metanoiein, to change one's mind, repent, be converted, from meta- + noein, to perceive, thing, akin to Greek noos, nous, mind.)

source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/dictionary/index.cfm?id=34855>