



# 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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### Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD 38030862

### Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

### Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

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Ron Klerks

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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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT : 15 DECEMBER 2024



*The Third Advent candle is traditionally called the Shepherds Candle. It wasn't the rich and famous who came to worship Jesus that first Christmas, but poor shepherds. As we light the pink candle God invites us, His children, 'the poor in spirit' to come into His presence and worship Him*

A soul that is devoid of joy is certainly devoid of Christ for Christ is the source and fountain of joy and it is fitting that as we prepare for His coming in glory and for the commemoration of His birth amongst us in human form over 2000 years ago, that our hearts should be filled with joy. Inspired by this, the Psalmist invokes us to "sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel." May the joy of the Lord diffuse afresh into us and our families and into the Holy Church of God and through our hearts filled with this joy that knows no end, diffuse to the utmost bounds of the earth; Amen.

The Third Sunday of Advent is known as the Gaudete Sunday, a title taken from the very first word of the Latin version of the Invitatory Antiphon for today's Mass "Gaudete in Domino semper – Rejoice in the Lord always." Most visible in the liturgical setting of this unique Sunday in the Liturgical Calendar is the rare liturgical colour rose that is worn by the priest and with which also the Altar is dressed.

The readings of today are concentrated with this theme of joy and the exhortation to be joyful. In the First Reading (Zephaniah 3:14-18), the prophet convokes us to "Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice; exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! ... The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear."

Nothing could be a greater reason to be joyful than the presence of God in our midst; a concrete proof of His assurance that He is with us – Emmanuel. John the Baptist, who first and foremost while still in the womb, leapt for joy in recognisance of the eternal presence of God amongst us in the unborn Holy Child Jesus, knows that He is the true fount and source of our joy! In the Gospel Reading (Luke 3:10-18), preparing His people to meet Christ and subsequently pointing Him out to all of us John the Baptist exclaimed, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire." The Man who John points out to us is the reason of the joy we have in us, the joy that we must share with others. He is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Lord.

Joy is a central part of blessedness and as a people walking towards that unique blessedness to which the Lord invites each of us, it is imperative to be joyful. The palpable sign of the presence of joy in us is our ability to inspire joy in others; especially those who seem to have no reason to rejoice. As we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we must be containers and sharers of joy! We contain this joy when our hope is alive and active! A hope that is alive and active is a hope that prepares, a hope that partakes in the celebrations of the sacraments, especially in this Season, the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It is such hope that inflames our hearts with joy and leads us to export this joy to our brothers and sisters.

- Extracted from the homily of Fr. Cyril Unachukwu CCE

### Date Claimers

Sat. 21 Dec : Working Bee from 8.30am to 11.00am

Roster sheet for Christmas is available at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy and contact parish office if you are not able to serve in the schedule time slot.

### 3rd Sunday of Advent: 15 December 2024

**First Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-18**

*With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-6**

*Cry out with joy and gladness:*

*For among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

**Second Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7**

*The Lord is near*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;*

*He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18**

*What then, must we do.*

Working Bee



We request a helping hand from every able bodied person to clean and prepare the church building and grounds for our upcoming Christmas Celebrations. So please come along to our Working Bee scheduled on:

**Saturday, 21 Dec 2024: 8.30am to 11.00am**

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick

### Collection: Week-ending: 08 Dec. 2024

Envelopes Received	: 37
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,185.55
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 145.25

**TOTAL : \$ 2,330.80**



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 and Michael Rudd, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Paxson Swerling, Cliff Naughton and all who are ill.

### Roster for the weekend of 21 Dec. / 22 December 2024

#### Mass Coordinators

21 Dec	5.30pm	- Christine Lapalapa
22 Dec	8.00am	- Lele Faeteete
22 Dec	9.30am	- Flor Gomez

#### Readers

21 Dec	5.30pm	- Wilda Fernandes & Rylie Lapalapa
22 Dec	8.00am	- Mary Klerks & Brian Cunningham
22 Dec	9.30am	- Tiliola Niumagumagu & Sarah Wiss

#### Communion Ministers

21 Dec	5.30pm	- Paul Simpson, Sue McKeown, Joshy Scaria
22 Dec	8.00am	- Sala Petaia, Ron Klerks, Rachel Matijasevic
22 Dec	9.30am	- Lawrence Auva'a & Millie Petelo Tua Niumagumagu & Alfred Gomez

#### Altar Servers

21 Dec	5.30pm	- Abigail, Annabel, and Alexander
22 Dec	8.00am	- Antonio and Andrew
22 Dec	9.30am	- Parfait and Clovis

#### Choirs

21 Dec	5.30pm	- Saturday Night Choir
22 Dec	8.00am	- Congregation Singing
22 Dec	9.30am	- Divine Mercy Group

**Counters** : Christine Lapalapa and Noel

**Cleaners** : Divine Mercy Group

**Flowers** :

### YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

WEEK END COMMUNITY MASS WILL BE HELD AT  
4PM

15 DECEMBER & 22 DECEMBER 2024

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

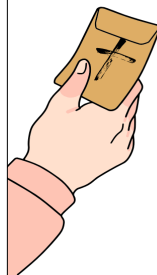


# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**ONE COLLECTION ONLY**

**WILL BEGIN ON  
JAN 4/5 2025**

**THERE WILL BE CHANGES TO OUR  
COLLECTION. THIS WILL BE HELD  
BEFORE THE OFFERTORY  
PROCESSION.**



# 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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Children's Liturgy of the Word for 2024 concluded on Sunday 8/12/24 and will recommence on Sunday 9/2/25. May the Christmas Season bless our families with much Peace, Love and Joy.

## Christmas Eve Nativity Rehearsal Dates at 5pm in the Maryfields Hall

Fri 29 Nov

Fri 6 Dec

Fri 13 Dec

Fri 20 Dec

For unto us  
a child is born!



### Christmas Nativity Play

If you have any children that are interested in being part of the Nativity Play for the Christmas Eve 6pm Mass, please contact Helen Swindells on

0400 014 042



## 2024 Advent & Christmas Schedule



<b>Christmas Eve</b>	6.00pm * (5:30pm carols)	Ekalesia Choir
Tuesday, 24 December	10pm midnight * (9:30pm carols)	Filipino Choir
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9.00am *	Divine Mercy Choir
Wednesday, 25 December		
<b>Note * Christmas Carols will be sung by the respective choirs from half an hour before all these Masses</b>		
<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>	5.30p m	Saturday Night Choir
Saturday 28 & Sunday, 29 December	8.00am	Congregation-led
	9.30am	African Choir
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	9.00am	Thanksgiving Mass ( <i>congregation led singing</i> )
Tuesday, 31 December		
<b>New Year's Day: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>	9.00am	New Year's Mass ( <i>SMK Choir</i> )
Wednesday, 1 January		



# KOLBE YOUTH MINISTRY

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

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING

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.

6PM - 8:30PM

MARYFIELDS HALL

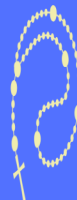
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## ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH Monthly Ministry Focus ADULT FAITH FORMATION

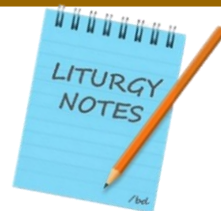


The faith formation group is to nurture and deepen the spiritual lives of individuals and communities through education, prayer, and shared experiences. These groups foster a deeper understanding of Catholic teachings, Scripture, and traditions, supporting personal and communal faith journeys. Encouraging active discipleship, moral growth, and a commitment to living out the Gospel values in daily life, while building a strong, faith-centered community.

### REVERENCE TO THE ALTAR

"When they have arrived at the sanctuary, the Priest, the Deacon, and the ministers reverence the altar with a profound bow. Moreover, as an expression of veneration, the Priest and Deacon then kiss the altar itself; the Priest, if appropriate, also incenses the cross and the altar." (GIRM #49)

Ever wondered why the altar is given so much honour, that the ministers give reverence by bowing to it at the entrance procession, during recessional, and every time they pass through it?



The altar is the central furnishing inside a church for **it signifies Christ Jesus** (GIRM #298), the Living Stone (1 Pt 2:4; cf Eph 2:20). The altar, on which is effected the Sacrifice of the Cross made present under sacramental signs, is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is convoked to participate in the Mass, and it is also the centre of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist. (GIRM #296)

In the middle ages, the custom of placing beneath the altar relics from martyrs who gave their lives for the Lord as devotion to seek their prayerful intercession became a practise and has been retained after Vatican II (GIRM #302). Another practise that developed which is becoming universal is the carving of five crosses into the table surface to represent the five wounds of Christ. This is the reason why the ordained ministers kiss the altar, a special and solemn gesture of veneration to our Lord Jesus, for his followers enshrined in the altar, and to reverence this holy table at which the sacred mysteries is to be celebrated.

While waiting for the Mass to start next time, why not fix your eyes to the altar and think of the many things it represents.

May God unite us on His table!

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

