



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

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Liturgy Ministries

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Affiliated Catholic Schools

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Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)

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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 LENT : 23 MARCH 2025

The Book of Exodus recounts for us the encounter of Moses with the living God. As part of His plan of salvation, God called forth a leader and mediator for his people—Moses—who carried God's message to the Israelites and led his people out of their enslavement in Egypt. Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush was a pivotal moment in salvation history. Although resistant at first, Moses embraced the will of God and his role in leading his people out of Egypt. This is a God who seeks us out, a God who reveals Himself, a God who asks us to live for Him and a God who is always faithful in His relationship with us, even when He asks difficult things of us. Sometimes we do not want to change our lives, to repent, and invariably we need reminders.

After being liberated from slavery in Egypt, the Israelites spent forty years in the desert before entering the Promised Land. During that time, they violated God's covenant through idolatry and doubts against God's providence. Yet, God remained faithful to them when they were unfaithful to Him. In the 2nd reading St. Paul reminds the Corinthians just as he is reminding us today to stay faithful, not to be disobedient to God. We should not take God's love and bounty for granted, as though we have won salvation and all its rewards and we no longer have any work to do. No. Rather, we must strive every day to live faithfully God's Law while we trust in God's love for us. No matter what the circumstances, we must be convinced of His love and care for us.

St Luke's Gospel records strong words from Jesus; they are words that reflect the tradition of the Old Testament. God loves us intensely and wants our love in return. He wants us to turn away from sin and to turn to Him. The Parable of the Fig Tree is about repentance and mercy. God, in his mercy, gives us ample opportunity to repent and bear fruit. However, if we persist in the refusal of his love, we will indeed perish by our own choice. God does not rejoice in lost souls. God wants to reclaim our hearts in this time of Lent. When we give our hearts and our whole being to God, good works result in abundance. As monks our sacrifices for Lent in the monastery (yes, we fast, pray, and stint on material things, too!) are less about us, but more about sowing seeds and bearing good fruit for the glory of His kingdom.

During this time of Lent let us aspire to draw deeper into the mystery of God's presence in our world and in our personal lives. May we open our hearts to Him and seek Him with our whole heart and all our being. May this Lent be a time of repentance and love for us.

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger, envy, or self-pity. Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion. Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me. In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.



Adapted from: <https://christdesert.org/2019/03/3rd-sunday-lent-cycle-c-2019/>

DATE CLAIMERS

Tue. 25 : Feast of The Annunciation of the Lord: Mass a 9am

Fri. 28 Mar : Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Sunday 30 Mar: Rite of Enrolment for sacrament of Confirmation at 9.30am Mass.

Roster for the weekend of 29 March. / 30 March. 2025

Mass Coordinators

29 Mar 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez

30 Mar 8.00am - Mary Klerks

30 Mar 9.30am - Lawrence Auva'a

Readers

29 Mar 5.30pm - Michael Caroll & Verity Madsen

30 Mar 8.00am - Destiny D & Rachel Matijasevic

30 Mar 9.30am - SMK Youth

Communion Ministers

29 Mar 5.30pm - Kaylene Caroll, Francesca O, Rosemarie O.,

30 Mar 8.00am - Sera T., Korina L., Sala Petaia

30 Mar 9.30am - Boyet Domingo & Elisapeta Tito
Talafaia T & Flor Gomez

Altar Servers

29 Mar 5.30pm - John Apul & Andrew

30 Mar 8.00am - John and May

30 Mar 9.30am - Jazmine and Tezaree

Choirs

29 Mar 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir

30 Mar 8.00am - Congregation Singing

30 Mar 9.30am - SMK Youth Choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : SMK Group, Suli, Lipine and Alex

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.

3rd Sunday of Lent: 23 March 2025

First Reading: *Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15*

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11*

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12*

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

Gospel Acclamation: *Matthew 4.17*

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: *Luke 13:1-9*

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Collection: Week-ending 16 March 2025

Envelopes Received	:	28
Total Amount	:	\$ 2,774.85
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 118.00

TOTAL : **\$ 2,892.85**

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

WEEK END COMMUNITY MASS WILL BE HELD AT

4PM ON SUNDAY

23 MAR. & 30 MAR. 2025

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

ALL ARE WELCOME



MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD OF THE PARISH OF
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH, MARSDEN

On the recommendation of his Provincial Superior, I have appointed Fr. John Quang SVD as Parish Priest of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden from 22 April 2025 for a term of six years.

Fr. John currently serves in Ministry with Vietnamese Community in Brisbane. I am Sure you will give him a warm welcome.

I am grateful to Fr. Mikhael Loke SVD for his pastoral care of St. Maximilian Kolbe parish and wish him every blessing in his new mission as Parish Priest of St. Joseph's parish, Murgon and Administrator of St. Joseph's parish Gayndah parish after Easter.

May the God of peace bless you in every way.

**The Most. Rev. Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane**



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

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?	Ash Wednesday, Good Friday	Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, All Fridays of Lent*
Who?	18 - 59 years of age	14 years old and above
<small>Exemption: physically and mentally ill, pregnant or nursing women</small>		

Third Sunday of Lent 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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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

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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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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
1st Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	Only 1 workshop Saturday, 22 March 2025	Saturday, 03 May, 2025	Saturday, 21 June 2025
2nd Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	-	Saturday, 17 May 2025	Saturday, 19 July 2025
Rehearsal <i>* Only for 1st Holy Eucharist, the rehearsal will be preceded by the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation</i>	-	9am Saturday, 24 May 2025	9am Saturday, 26 July 2025
DAY OF SACRAMENT	Saturday, 22 March 2025 <i>(after the workshop)</i>	6.30pm Thursday, 29 May 2025	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 02 August 2025



OBTAINING GOD'S GRACES IN THE JUBILEE YEAR

A Jubilee Year is a special time in the tradition of the Church that encourages holiness through acts of reconciliation and communion with our brothers and sisters in faith. During this holy year, believers have the opportunity to obtain plenary indulgence which is a special grace given by God, through the Catholic Church, for the removal of temporal punishment for the sins already forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

To receive indulgence in the Jubilee year, Catholics must: be truly repentant, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intention of the Pope, and perform spiritual acts.

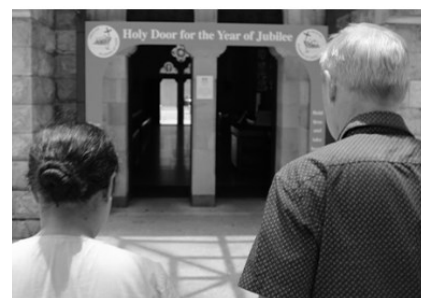
The following are forms of spiritual acts during this Holy Year of Hope:

- **Pilgrimages:** Visit St. Peter's Basilica and the other four major basilicas in Rome and pass through the Holy Door.

If unable, one can visit the local cathedral or a designated pilgrimage church. *The St. Stephen's Cathedral in Brisbane is where one can pass through the Holy Door.* Passing through the holy doors symbolises the pilgrim's journey to conversion. One should participate in Mass, meditate on the Scriptures, or join in Eucharistic adoration.

As the Pope's opening message in *Spes non confundit* (Hope does not disappoint), says: "My thoughts turn to all those pilgrims of hope who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches. For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1)".

- **Acts of Mercy and Charity:** Perform acts of kindness to those in need like feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, or supporting charities. These acts should be done with sincere love and repentance.
- **Prayer from Home:** If unable to travel due to illness, age, or confinement, one can still receive indulgence by praying at home, following Mass through media, and offering the struggles to God.



May this Lenten season be a time of our hopeful journey back to God's embrace.

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