



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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Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 10:00am

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 LENT : 08 MARCH 2026

SCANDALOUS ENCOUNTER

The Jew and the Samaritan considered each other as irreconcilable enemy to the end. If a Jew walking on a road and saw a Samaritan from a distance on the same road, he would change the route because that road became uncleaned by a 'filthy Samaritan'! Ironically, they both shared same ancestors, worshipping same God and followed same Torah (laws). The only dispute among them was where their God dwelt! For Jews, God dwelt on Mount Jerusalem, for Samaritan on Mount Gerizim. Jesus came declaring "The hour is coming when you worship the Father neither on Jerusalem nor Gerizim but in spirit and truth."

The encounter of Jesus a Jewish man with a Samaritan woman with a notorious background in a public place is scandalous beyond imagination in the mind of his contemporary Jews. However, the beauty of this encounter is this is the way how God also encounters us in our sinfulness to the point of God making himself scandalous. God knows no boundary limit in reaching out to us, he opens himself to us in his dialogue with us, offering his life to us, the life that we have rejected when we turn away in sin.

In today's gospel account, it is a paradox that Jesus asked for water from a sinful woman, but then he turned out to be the one who offered the living water to her. His offered water can quench our dry thirsty soul for good. In Lenten season, we quench our soul with the living Word of God.

The living water that Jesus promises today reminds us of the water that flows from the side of Jesus as he was hung on the cross. The water that not only cleanses but also gives new birth to the church, our new birth in our baptismal water. This brings to mind the vision of prophet Ezekiel wherever this water flows "the river teems with every kind of living creature, fish will abound. Wherever this water flows it refreshes, everything lives where this water goes. (47:9).

Fr. John Quang

Date Claimers

Tue. 10 Mar: Healing Mass at 10.00am

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

Sat. 21 Mar: Junk out day 9.00am

Sat. 28 Mar: Working Bee at 9.00am

LENTEN RECOLLECTION



THE PRODIGAL FATHER THE GOD WHO IS EXTRAVAGANT AND LAVISH

BY FR. JOHN QUANG SVD

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026
STRAIGHT AFTER THE 6PM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH, MARSDEN

***Come home this Lent - a time to
pause, pray, and rediscover God's mercy.***

Roster for the weekend of 14 —15 March 2026

Mass Coordinators

14 Mar. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez

15 Mar. 7.30am - Lele Faaeteete

15 Mar. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

Readers

14 Mar. 5.30pm - Verity Madsen & Abel Budiono.

15 Mar. 7.30am - Destin Kampangu & Destiny D.

15 Mar. 9.30am - Rylie Lapalapa & Elenora Tufuga

Communion Ministers

14 Mar. 5.30pm - Joshy S., Sue M., Francesca Ordonez.

15 Mar. 7.30am - Korina L., Nimfa B., Deb H.,

15 Mar. 9.30am - Tiitii., Elisapeta T., Winnie K., Millie P.

Altar Servers

14 Mar. 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel and Alex

15 Mar. 7.30am - Clovis and Parfait

15 Mar. 9.30am - Zain, Jazmine and Tezaree

Choirs

14 Mar. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir

15 Mar. 7.30am - St. Peter the Rock

15 Mar. 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa and Noel Swindells

Cleaners : Taulai Family

HEALING MASS

Tuesday, 10 March 2026
at 10.00am followed by Luncheon

Everyone is welcome!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: 08 March 2026

First Reading (Exodus:17:3-7)

Give us water to drink.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9)

If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading (Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8)

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;

Give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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

Gospel (John 4: 5-42)

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Gospel : John 4: 5-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, 'you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the saviour of the world."



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.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 08 March



Monoranjon also works with his community to plant mangrove seedlings on the mudflat coastlines across the delta they live on, to prevent further erosion and flooding of their lands.

Despite these improvements, the region remains at grave risk. With the looming threat of increased strength and frequency of cyclones, rapid sea level rise, dangerously high temperatures and drought, more people like Monoranjon desperately need an increase in support, so they can continue to provide a future of education for their children, and a way out of poverty.

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.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

08 March & 15 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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THANK YOU

The SMK Marsden Conference of SVdP would like to thank all those parishioners who responded so generously to our 2025, Christmas Hamper Appeal, with donations of groceries, toys, vouchers and cash. With the equally generous response of our local parish schools, St Francis Creastmead and San Damiano, Yarrabilba, we were able to assist over 40 needy families in the local area, with a laundry basket laden with groceries, gift vouchers to purchase fresh food items, and several presents of toys that almost 150 children would find under their Christmas tree. In 2026, as in previous years, we will be contacting 3 or 4 needy families, four days each week, to assist them with their needs. We are desperately in need of new, younger members to assist us in continuing to give a "hand up" to needy families in the local area.

Can YOU join us ?

Again many thanks, and remember, -

AS OFTEN AS YOU DID THIS TO SOMEONE OVERLOOKED OR IGNORED, - THAT WAS ME: ... YOU DID IT TO ME. (MATTHEW Cháp. 5)



PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2026

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, 15 March 2026	Sunday, 15 March 2026	Sunday, 7 June 2026
Rite of Enrolment in Church during Mass	-	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 22 March 2026	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 14 June 2026
Parent/Guardian Information Session	-	6.30pm on Wednesday, 29 April 2026	6.30pm on Wednesday, 17 June 2026
1 st Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	Only 1 workshop Saturday, 21 March 2026	Saturday, 2 May 2026	Saturday, 20 June 2026
2 nd Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	-	Saturday, 16 May 2026	Saturday, 18 July 2026
Rehearsal * Only for 1 st Holy Eucharist, the rehearsal will be preceded by the 2 nd Rite of Reconciliation	-	9am Saturday, 23 May 2026	9am Saturday, 25 July 2026
DAY OF SACRAMENT	Saturday, 21 March 2026 (after the workshop)	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 30 May 2026	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 01 August 2026

CATECHISM CORNER

WHY CATHOLICS FAST AND ABSTAIN DURING LENT?

Fasting is a biblical discipline that can be defended from both the Old and the New Testament. Christ expected his disciples to fast (Mt 9:14-15) and issued instructions for how they should do so (Mt 6:16-18). Catholics follow this pattern by holding a partial fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence from certain foods is also a biblical discipline. In Daniel 10:2-3 we read, "In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks." Catholics use a practice similar to Daniel's when, as a way of commemorating Christ's Crucifixion on a Friday, they abstain from eating meat on that day of the week during Lent. The only kind of flesh they eat on Friday is fish, which is a symbol of Christ.