



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 Yugambah 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 Office is closed from 24 December 2025 to 1st January 2026

Parish Contacts

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Liturgy Ministries

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Children & Families Ministries and

Children's Sacramental Program

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Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

Lawrence Auva'a

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Alfred Gomez

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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 6:00pm. & 10pm

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT : 21 DECEMBER 2025

Chapter 2: God Chooses the Poor (From the Encyclical Dilexit Te)

Drawing on Biblical stories and insights developed in the church in Latin America, Pope Leo illuminates God as liberator of the oppressed and denouncer of injustices that impoverish and exploit human beings. The pope highlights how Jesus of Nazareth himself lived in poverty and addressed his words of hope and liberation first to struggling people (17, 18, 19). Pope Leo emphasizes that we cannot love God without loving our neighbour, and that that love requires concrete action to right wrongs (25, 26). He cites the Letter of James: "If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill, ' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?" (29). These calls are clear, and we cannot use convoluted interpretations to excuse ourselves from them. Early Christians understood this and regularly redistributed goods, so as to care for all in their communities (32).

KEY QUOTATION

"Wanting to inaugurate a kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity, God has a special place in his heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favour of the weakest. " (16) "One cannot pray and offer sacrifice while oppressing the weakest and poorest. " (17) "Our relationship with the Lord, expressed in worship, also aims to free us from the risk of living our relationships according to a logic of calculation and self-interest. We are instead open to the gratuitousness that surrounds those who love one another and, therefore, share everything in common. " (27) "Listen! The wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. " (James 5:3-5)(30)"

REFLECTION

Working to transform the system that creates poverty is a way of participating in God's lifegiving love. As Pope Leo makes clear, we love our neighbours by taking concrete action to promote the common good and to structure our society in a way that promotes thriving for all. God's love became incarnate on Earth, in the person of Jesus Christ and in his radically compassionate witness against empire, elitism, and exclusion. When we advance policies that deliver health care, food, housing, welcome for immigrants, care for people in prisons, clean air and water, and more, we join in making God's love incarnate.

QUESTION

What does it mean to you that God is a "liberator" of the impoverished, oppressed, and excluded? What does that mean for how Christians are to live out our faith?

Fr. Nick

Date Claimers

Wed. 24 Dec: Christmas Eve Mass: 6pm

Wed. 24 Dec: Christmas Eve Night Mass: 10pm

Thur. 25 Dec: Christmas Day : Mass at 9.00am

Wed Dec. 31: New Year's Eve: Mass 7pm

Thur. Jan. 1 : New Year's Day : Mass 9am

Roster Sheets for January and February 2026.

Roster sheets for January and February 2026 are available at the entrance of the church.

Please take a copy of the same and contact the parish office if you need any changes in the next roster.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

21 December & 28 December 2025

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

Roster for the weekend of 27 — 28 December 2025

Mass Coordinators

27 Dec. 5.30pm - Mary Klerks
28 Dec. 7.30am - Lele Faeteete
28 Dec. 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

27 Dec. 5.30pm - Jasmine Godinet & Francesca Ordonez
28 Dec. 7.30am - Nimfa Brookes & Tamate Tumanuvao
28 Dec. 9.30am - Boyet Domingo & Tiliola Niumagumagu

Communion Ministers

27 Dec. 5.30pm - Ron Klerks & Sue Mckeown
28 Dec. 7.30am - Sera Thomas & Rachel Matijassevic
28 Dec. 9.30am - Joy Wallace & Millie Petelo & Kristina Domingo

Altar Servers

27 Dec. 5.30pm - Volunteers
28 Dec. 7.30am - Volunteers
28 Dec. 9.30am - Volunteers

Choirs

27 Dec. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
28 Dec. 7.30am - Congregation
28 Dec. 9.30am - Divine Mercy

Counters : Agnes & Lele
Cleaners : Vaigafa Family
Flowers : Agnes

Collection: Week-ending: 14 December 2025

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent : 21 December 2025

First Reading (Isaiah 7:10-14)

The virgin will conceive

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23:1-6)

Let the Lord enter: he is king of glory

Second Reading (Romans 1:1-7)

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 1:18-24)

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

Gospel : Matthew 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.



In loving memory of

Peter Woodhouse

who entered eternal life on 17th December 2025

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



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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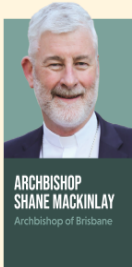
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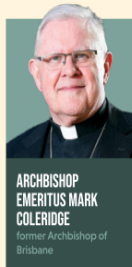
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Children's Ministry

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 Niumagumagu, 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

"Why is Mary betrothed to Joseph if she made a vow of virginity?"

Consecrated virginity was not common among first century Jews, but it did exist. According to some early Christian documents, such as the Protoevangelium of James (written around A.D. 120), Mary was a consecrated virgin. As such, when she reached puberty, her monthly cycle would render her ceremonially unclean and thus unable to dwell in the temple without defiling it under the Mosaic Law. At this time, she would be entrusted to a male guardian. However, since it was forbidden for a man to live with a woman he was not married or related to, the virgin would be wed to the guardian, and they would have no marital relations.

Source: <https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/how-to-explain-the-perpetual-virginity-of-mary>