



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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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

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Affiliated Catholic Schools

St. Francis College - Tel. No 3489 4800

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St. Clare's Primary School - 5549 8000

Ms. Liesl Profke (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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT : 30 MARCH 2025



The Prodigal Son story in today's Gospel is one of those stories we hear so often that we think we know it all too well. However, if we think about this story a little deeper, we will find that there's always something new to learn about God (in his role as our Heavenly Father) and about ourselves as his children.

We read that the younger son "came to himself" and eventually made his way back home to his Father. What follows is one of the most poignant scenes of "an expectant father," the old owner of this plantation sees the son, even while the boy is a long way off, walking home slowly, awkwardly and ashamed of his state. It is the father who takes the first step, who chooses to go out and meet his wayward son enroute, instead of waiting for him to come crawling home. This father would have been well within his rights to turn the son away, on the basis of his deeply insulting actions, and the shame he had caused his family.

The reaction of the elder son is one of righteous indignation: His words quickly make it clear that, although he has done his filial duty, it has apparently not been out of any sense of love or generosity; instead, he feels that he has been imposed upon, has "slaved away" for years for his father without appropriate gestures of gratitude. He focuses, not on what he has been given, but on what he feels he has been deprived of. He suffers from the terrible disease of entitlement!

This deeply moving parable highlights two characteristic emphases: The first is God's welcome of sinners and those who are considered socially and religiously unacceptable, and the second is the rejoicing and celebration that accompanies that welcome i.e when those who are invited accept God's welcome in an act of repentance. In this story there is the full reconciliation. Pope Francis calls the mercy of God the 'beating heart of the gospel': if mercy should cease the gospel would no more be alive, as when the heart cease to beat, the body dies.

Just as God took the initiative in sending his son to reconcile the world, so he expects us to take the initiative to restore harmony to a broken world, to wounded families, and an often-divided Church. On this fourth Sunday of Lent, along our Lenten journey on the road to the Father, may a song of gratitude and joy burst forth in the wilderness of our hearts and the deserts of our vengeance, meanness and hardness of hearts.

May God teach us to read the signs of love in the world today, and gladden our hearts at the Word that sends us on our way in reconciliation and peace.

Adapted from: Learning to Read Signs of Love by Fr. Thomas Rosica



Our steps are slow,
Our breathing ragged,
Our burdens heavy.
This walk to the cross,
It is not easy,
Yet Christ walked it for us.
For the joy
that was set before him,
He despised the shame,
He bore our blame,
And shared our pain,
Now let us build on the rock,
That is Christ.
Let us walk the way of the cross
together,
Moving forward without fear,
Into God's eternal purposes.
For Christ himself is with us,
every step of the way.
Let us trust in God alone,
And find the joy that Christ did,
Obedience to our loving God.

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DATE CLAIMERS

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

Tue. 1 Apr: Liturgy Committee meeting at 7pm

Thur. 3 Apr: Finance committee meeting at 7pm.

Fri. 4 Apr: Mass at 9am. Adoration at 6.30pm followed by stations of the Cross.

Sun. 6 April: Children and Families Ministry Team Meeting: at 10.35am.

Mon 7 Apr: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm

Roster for the weekend of 05 April / 06 April 2025

Mass Coordinators

05 Apr 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez
06 Apr 8.00am - Wilda Fernandes
06 Apr 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

05 Apr 5.30pm - Deb Howkins & Michael Carroll
06 Apr 8.00am - Orlando Diente & Malcolm D'Souza
06 Apr 9.30am - Kristine Domingo & Christine Lapalapa

Communion Ministers

05 Apr 5.30pm - Joshy S., Sue McKeown, Kaylene Carroll.
06 Apr 8.00am - Eseta Alosio., Korina L., Sera Thomas
06 Apr 9.30am - Flor Gomez & Lawrence Auva'a
Boyot Domingo & Shanna Kelemete

Altar Servers

05 Apr 5.30pm - Gerald Joshy
06 Apr 8.00am - Antonio and Andrew
06 Apr 9.30am - Parfait and Clovis

Choirs

05 Apr 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
06 Apr 8.00am - Buxton and Josephine
06 Apr 9.30am - Ekalesia Choir

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

Cleaners : Ekalesia Group

4th Sunday of Lent: 30 March 2025

First Reading: *Joshua 5: 9-12*

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the Passover.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 33: 2-7*

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5: 17-21*

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: *Luke 15:18*

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell Him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: *Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32*

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

Collection: Week-ending 23 March 2025

Envelopes Received	:	28
Total Amount	:	\$ 2,620.05
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 217.40

TOTAL **:** **\$ 2,837.45**

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

**WEEK END COMMUNITY MASS WILL BE HELD AT
4PM ON SUNDAY**

30 MAR. & 06 Apr. 2025

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

ALL ARE WELCOME



St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden



HOLY WEEK

Schedule

NORMAL 13 Apr | Palm Sunday

7PM 18 Apr | Holy Thursday

10AM 19 Apr | Stations of the Cross

3PM 19 Apr | Venerations of the Cross

7PM 20 Apr | Easter Vigil

9AM 21 Apr | Easter Sunday



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 Talatou, 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.

Queensland Community Alliance is hosting MultiCulti Cup soccer tournament on Saturday 12th April at Gould Adams Park 9am-3.30pm: Join for soccer, BBQ, DJ and jumping castle.

This is part of our campaign to reduce cost-of-living by getting solar panels and batteries for every household, which could reduce your energy bills by \$1500 every year. Please register by scanning QR code, or put your name on the list at the door. Devett Kennedy 0467 563 796





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

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden

FR. MIKHAEL LOKE'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION



"With grateful hearts, we say farewell"

APR | 20 | 10:45 AM

Please come join us by celebrating Fr. Mikhael and wishing him well as he moves to Murgon Parish

PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE



Fourth Sunday of Lent 29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling 1800 024 413



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

0434 570 123



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.



MARYFIELDS HALL

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Hello Parishioners of St. Maximilian Kolbe,

I am Fr. John Quang, SVD, who has been humbly appointed to be the next parish priest of the St. Maximilian Kolbe parish community. It is my privilege to serve this wonderful diverse community of God.

I was originally born in Viet Nam and arrived in Australia at the age of 16 as a refugee. I did my schooling mostly in Australia and joined the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) in 1995. I did my seminarian formation in Sydney and Melbourne and was ordained in 2002 at St. Joseph's Church, Belmore – Sydney. I served as an assistant priest at the parish of Mary Mother of the Church, Macquarie Field, Sydney while pursuing an MA in Social Communication at Macquarie University.

I was sent to Vietnam and served as a formator for the SVD Province of Vietnam for ten years, and then another ten years as assistant parish priest in the Lower Hutt, Wellington – New Zealand. I have been ministering as an assistant chaplain to the Vietnamese Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Inala, since last year.

I am delighted and privileged to be appointed to St. Maximilian Kolbe parish, a multicultural community that reflects the diversity of our Catholic Church, and that's what church is meant to be. I hope and pray that we will continue to journey together as a synodal church community sharing the gifts and talents, enriching our local and wider communities of the church.

I acknowledge with gratitude our outgoing parish priest Fr. Mikhael Loke, SVD, the previous and current leader of the parish, and Fr. Nick De Groot, SVD, our priest in residence who will continue to stay and grace us with his spiritual wisdom.

A blessed and grace filled Lenten Season to you all,

Fr. John Quang, SVD



THE SUNDAYS BEFORE HOLY WEEK

We are a few weeks away from the most holy of all weeks in the Liturgical Calendar of the Catholic Church and we will discuss the various rites in the Holy Week liturgies for the last few weeks of this Lenten season.

Prior to the Holy Week itself, there are a few customs that the Church observes.

- The fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare Sunday* and the colour of rose, instead of the usual violet, may be used. The altar may also be decorated modestly with flowers. The Latin word *Laetare* means "Rejoice" and is the first word in the entrance antiphon for this Sunday, to express hope and joy amidst our Lenten fasts and penances.
- The fifth Sunday of Lent was traditionally called the Passion Sunday until 1959. It marked the beginning of the last two weeks of Lent called *Passiontide* — when crucifixes, artwork, statues, and images of Saints are covered with purple veil. The veiling of the images represents **darkness without faith**, that is, without Christ's incarnation, life, passion, death, and resurrection, there would be no Mass, no Christmas, no Easter, no Saints, no feasts nor any other church celebrations; in other words, our belief would have no basis. By veiling the images, focus is shifted to the final journey of Jesus to the Cross. The images are revealed once again in the Easter vigil to symbolise that with the victory of Christ in His resurrection, new light and new life come into the Church to inspire new hope.



The veiling of images is now optional depending on the decision of the Bishops Conferences in each country. The name Passion Sunday has been integrated with the opening Sunday of the Holy Week called the *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*.

May God look on us with mercy in this season of Lent.

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