



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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Weekday Mass Times

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 9:00am

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT : 15 MARCH 2026

Today we have the marvellous story from John's Gospel about the cure of a man born blind.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. This man is the hero of today's Gospel and it is a story about everyone who becomes a follower of Christ.

The disciples ask Jesus about the reason for this man's blindness: *Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?* Jesus responds: *Neither this man nor his parents sinned...*

All the way through, the story emphasises that the man was blind from birth. To heal him is to help him begin a completely new life which he had never before experienced. He will be able to experience the light that Jesus brings: *I am the Light of the World.* (John 8:12)

To see is to be bathed in that light. If we do not know Jesus, we are living in darkness.

Jesus heals the man's eyes using mud and saliva. At that time, people believed that saliva could heal and, to some degree they were right. By using mud, Jesus also helps us to recall God's using mud to create Adam, the first man. Here, too, there is a new creation—Jesus is making a new person.

Guardians of orthodoxy

Because they were not satisfied, the neighbours bring the blind man to see the Pharisees, the guardians of orthodox religion. Jesus had healed the man on the Sabbath and the methods he used were against the letter of the Law. The conundrum, of course is that if Jesus was from God, he would not break the law. And, if he is a sinner, how can he do these things? Sinners cannot do the work of God.

For the Pharisees, sin is breaking the letter of the Law; for Jesus, sin is doing an unloving thing, breaking or hurting a relationship. It is a distinction we need to keep in mind. It is a sin to violate one of the Commandments, not because we violate a law, but because we have failed in the love of a brother or sister. And we can sin even when we do nothing at all for someone in need of our love.

The Pharisees now ask the blind man his opinion. For the man, it is all perfectly clear: Jesus is a prophet, that is, his actions are from God. He measures Jesus by what he did, not by what the law says. But the Pharisees cannot accept this. If they accept, they have to accept Jesus and his teaching also. So they do not even accept that the man was born blind! Prejudice can even blind us to facts.

The man exclaims: *Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.*

Let my prayer be: Lord help me to see.

Fr. Nick

Date Claimers

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

Sun. Mar.15: Date of submission of Enrolment Forms for 1st Rite of Reconciliation and Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sat. Mar. 21: 1st Rite of Reconciliation workshop and Sacrament 3pm-5pm

Sat. 21 Mar: Junk out day 9.00am

Sun. Mar. 22: Rite of Enrolment for Confirmation at 9.30am Mass

Sat. 28 Mar: Working Bee at 9.00am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 15 March 2026

First Reading (1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13)

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading (Eph 5: 8-21)

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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

Gospel (John 9: 1-41)

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Gospel : John 9: 1-41

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So, the blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him'. The man himself said, 'I am the man'.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see'. Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So, they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born! And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him, he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you'. The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

ADULT FORMATION MINISTRY

IT'S JUST OVER A YEAR NOW SINCE WE STARTED LECTIO DIVINA PROGRAM AND IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT THE NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS ATTENDING IS INCREASING. FOR THIS YEAR 2026, THE TEAM WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PARTICIPATION AMONG PARISHIONERS. ACCORDINGLY, FR NICK WILL BE CONDUCTING A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO LECTIO DIVINA IN THE CHURCH ON 20TH MARCH AT 7:30 -8:30PM FOLLOWED BY THE REGULAR LECTIO DIVINA SESSION. PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN THIS CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER PRACTICE WHICH IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE COMMUNION WITH GOD AND DEEPEN ONE'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCRIPTURE. THIS IS VERY TIMELY IN THIS SEASON OF LENT AS PRAYER IS ONE OF THE PILLARS OF LENT.

Fr. Nick and Alfred Gomez

Roster for the weekend of 21 —22 March 2026

Mass Coordinators

21 Mar. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez

22 Mar. 7.30am - Mary Klerks

22 Mar. 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

21 Mar. 5.30pm - Deb Howkins & Privilege Mtewa.

22 Mar. 7.30am - Buxton Thomas & Tamate Tumanuvau

22 Mar. 9.30am - Salvius Mpano & Kristine Domingo

Communion Ministers

21 Mar. 5.30pm - Sue M., Rosemarie Ordonez, Joshy Scaria

22 Mar. 7.30am - Ron K., Sera Thomas and Josephine Thomas

22 Mar. 9.30am - Boyet D., Joy W., Alfred G., Elenora T.

Altar Servers

21 Mar. 5.30pm - Jazmine and Tezaree

22 Mar. 7.30am - Andrew Tevaga, John and May

22 Mar. 9.30am - Ailipata, Antonio and Andrew Taualai

Choirs

21 Mar. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir

22 Mar. 7.30am - St. Peter the Rock

22 Mar. 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Divine Mercy

Collection: Week-ending: 08 March 2026

Envelopes Received	:	43
Amount from Contributions	:	\$ 2,575.05
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 197.45
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TOTAL	:	\$ 2,772.50



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**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 15 March



Thanks to your generosity, Manaini joined training with local partner, FRIEND. She learnt food processing skills to transform leftovers from crops like cassava and taro into flour and increase her weekly income. Her family eats healthier meals, and she saves money. With the women's group she bakes cakes and pies to sell for extra income. Seeds from the program gave her a thriving garden, and she makes her own organic fertiliser and pesticides. Solar lights now brighten the village, helping children to study and walk safely.

Manaini is proud of what she has achieved. She said, "The project totally changed the life of my family and even the community."

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:

15 March & 22 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!

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ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH, MARSDEN

IMPORTANT DATE CLAIMERS

Lent & Holy Week

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAY 13TH & 20TH 6PM

**PARISH LENTEN REFLECTION:
THE PRODIGAL FATHER: THE GOD WHO IS EXTRAVAGANT**
FRIDAY 13TH MARCH (AFTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS)

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 6PM

PALM SUNDAY: PASSION OF THE LORD
NORMAL MASS TIMES - SAT 5:30PM
SUN 7:30AM & 9:30AM & YARRABILBA 4PM)

HOLY THURSDAY: THE LAST SUPPER OF THE LORD
THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 10AM

GOOD FRIDAY: VENERATION OF THE CROSS
FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 3PM

**FOLLOWED BY VIDEO SESSION:
WHY GOD REQUIRES BLOOD? THE HORRIFYING TRUTH ABOUT THE ALTAR**

EASTER VIGIL
SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 7:30AM & 9:30AM (NO MASS AT YARRABILBA)



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 LENTEN DISCIPLINE?

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

Source: [What is Lent? | USCCB](#)