



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 Yugambeh 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

Parish Priest

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Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD 38030862

Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

Finance Committee Chairperson

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Ron Klerks

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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

Rodolfo (Boyet) Domingo

Children & Families Ministries and Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells

Community Life Ministries

Lele Faeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

Lawrence Auva'a

Adult Faith Formation Ministries

Alfred Gomez

Outreach Ministry

Winnie Kepu

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 10.00am

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 09 FEBRUARY 2025



Excerpts from the Angelus Address of Pope Francis for Word of God Sunday

In the Gospel of today's liturgy, we see Jesus beginning his preaching: it is Jesus' first sermon. He goes to Nazareth, where he grew up, and participates in prayer in the synagogue. He gets up to read and, in the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, he finds the passage regarding the Messiah, who proclaims a message of consolation and liberation for the poor and oppressed. At the end of the reading, "the eyes of all were fixed on him" And Jesus begins by saying: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled".

The Word of God is always "today". Today. Isaiah's prophecy dates back centuries, but Jesus, "in the power of the Spirit" (v. 14), makes it relevant and, above all, brings it to fulfilment, and shows how to receive the Word of God: today. It is not like ancient history, no: today. Today, it speaks to your heart.

Jesus' fellow countrymen are struck by his word. Although, clouded by prejudice, they do not believe him, they realise that his teaching is different from that of the other teachers: they sense that there is more to Jesus. What is there? There is *the anointing of the Holy Spirit*. Sometimes it happens that our sermons and our teachings remain generic, abstract; they do not touch the soul and the life of the people. And why? Because they lack the power of this *today*; what Jesus "fills with meaning" by the power of the Spirit, is today. *Today* is speaking to you. Dear brothers and sisters, on this Sunday of the Word of God I would like to thank the preachers and proclaimers of the Gospel who remain faithful to the Word that rouses the heart, who remain faithful to "today". Let us pray for them, that they may live the *today of Jesus*, the sweet power of his Spirit that makes the Scriptures come alive. The Word of God, is indeed alive and effective (cf. *Heb 4:12*); it changes us, it enters into our affairs, it illuminates our daily lives, it comforts and brings order. Remember: the Word of God transforms an ordinary day into *the today in which God speaks to us*.

So, let us pick up the Gospel and choose each day a small passage to read and re-read. Keep the Gospel in your pocket or your bag, to read it on your travels, at any moment, and read it calmly. In time we will discover that these words are made especially for us, for our life. They will help us to welcome each day with a better, more serene outlook, because when the Gospel enters into today's world, it fills it with God. I would like to make a suggestion.

On the Sundays of this liturgical year the Gospel of Luke, the Gospel of mercy, is proclaimed. Why not also read it personally, all of it, one small passage each day? A short passage. Let us familiarise ourselves with the Gospel, it will bring us the newness and joy of God! The Word of God is also the beacon that guides the synodal journey that has begun throughout the Church. As we strive to listen to each other, with attention and discernment – because it is not a question of opinion, no, but of discerning the Word, there – let us listen together to the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. And may Our Lady obtain for us the constancy to nourish ourselves with the Gospel every day.

Date Claimers

Tue. 11 Feb: Healing Mass at 10.00am

Sun. 16 Feb: Community Life Ministry Team Meeting at 10.45 am in the parish hall.

Sacramental Program:

The schedule for Sacramental Program for 2025 is now available at the entrance of the church along with all necessary forms. Please refer the parish newsletter for details.

Roster for the weekend of 15 Feb. / 16 Feb. 2025

Mass Coordinators

15 Feb 5.30pm - Rosemary Ordonez
16 Feb 8.00am - Sera Thomas
16 Feb 9.30am - Tua Niumagumagu

Readers

15 Feb 5.30pm - Verity Madsen & Abel Budiono
16 Feb 8.00am - Orlando Diente & Lele Faaeteete.
16 Feb 9.30am - Tamate Tumanuvao & Nimfa Brookes

Communion Ministers

15 Feb 5.30pm - Paul Simpson, Sue McKeown, Francesca O.
16 Feb 8.00am - Eseta A., Korina L., Deb H.
16 Feb 9.30am - Lawrence Auva'a & Kelemete Tito
Tuala Petelo & Doris Deurloo

Altar Servers

15 Feb 5.30pm - Gerard Joshy
16 Feb 8.00am - John Paul and Andrew
16 Feb 9.30am - Noa and Salvius

Choirs

15 Feb 5.30pm - Trinity Choir
16 Feb 8.00am - St. Peter the Rock Choir
16 Feb 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa, Noel Swindells

Cleaners : SMK Group, Suli, Lipine and Alex

Flowers : Nimfa and Olive.

Collection: Week-ending: 02 Feb. 2025

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| Envelopes Received | : 26 |
| Amount from Contributions | : \$ 1,932.50 |
| Yarrabilba Mass Centre | : \$ 175.35 |
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| TOTAL | : \$ 2,107.85 |



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 Pietkiewicz, 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 all who are ill.

5th Sunday In Ordinary Time: 09 Feb. 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8

Here am I! Send me.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137: 1-5, 7-8

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come follow me, says the Lord,
And I will make you fishers of my people.*
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

They left everything and followed him.

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

WEEK END COMMUNITY MASS WILL BE HELD AT
4PM

09 FEB. & 16 FEB. 2025

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



SAFE GUARDING TRAINING 2025

As per the Archdiocesan guidelines all volunteers are required to mandatorily complete the safe guarding training at least once in 2 years. We are arranging to complete this training for all volunteers at the parish on Sunday 23rd February 2025 after 9.30am Mass.

All volunteers are requested to attend this training which will be held in the parish hall at 10.45am. We will be playing safe guarding training videos and all volunteers are required to fill in two forms to confirm their attendance and completion of the training.

A sign up sheet is provided at the entrance of the church. Please sign up for this training.

Light refreshments will be served after the training. Please bring a plate to share.

Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Nick

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 VAIGAF

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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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

The schedule for Sacrament Preparation in 2025 is now available. Enrolment forms for the 1st Rite of Reconciliation for children aged 10 and above and Confirmation and 1st Holy Eucharist for children aged 8 and above are available at the entrance of the church. Any enquiries may be made to the Parish Office or Helen, Nimfa and Deb from the Sacramental Team .

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to greet people before the week-end Masses. Also we need readers. If you are interested please collect Parish Ministry form from the entrance of the church and return it back to the parish office.

COMMISSIONING OF LITURGY TEAM MEMBERS

All liturgy team members (Mass Coordinators, Readers, Communion Ministers and Altar Servers) will be commissioned during the week-end Masses of 22nd and 23rd February 2025.

All new and existing liturgy team members are requested to attend any one of the week-end Masses of 22nd and 23rd February 2025.

Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick and Boyet Domingo

Adult Formation Ministry

All Parishioners are cordially invited to attend the **LECTIO DIVINA** sessions that will be facilitated by Fr Nick, in the Parish Meeting Room on:
:Friday 14 February 2025: 7:30pm – 8:30pm
: Friday 28 February 2025 7:30pm – 8:30pm

LECTIO DIVINA is a contemplative prayer practice which involves the reading of a gospel section, then reflecting on it in silence followed by sharing, which is voluntary. The general experience is how the word of God can open- up in our hearts, for one another and with one another.

Fr Mikhael, Fr Nick and Alfred Gomez

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



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.

6PM
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8:30PM

MARYFIELDS HALL

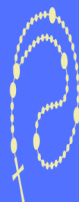
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ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH Monthly Ministry Focus ADULT FAITH FORMATION



The faith formation group is to nurture and deepen the spiritual lives of individuals and communities through education, prayer, and shared experiences. These groups foster a deeper understanding of Catholic teachings, Scripture, and traditions, supporting personal and communal faith journeys. Encouraging active discipleship, moral growth, and a commitment to living out the Gospel values in daily life, while building a strong, faith-centered community.



THE LORD BE WITH US!

When people meet, they casually greet each other in different ways --- "Hi", "Hello", "Good morning", "How are you?". Also, each language has its own way of greeting to begin a conversation -- "Shalom", "Ciao", "Kumusta?", "Talofa!", "Bonjour", "Konnichiwa", "Annyeong haseyo", and many more.

In the Mass, we also have a greeting to begin a conversation --- where God speaks to us and we speak to Him. The Mass, however, is not an informal meeting of people but a sacred moment before God. This is why the Missal gives a formal, stylised *Christian* greeting that the priest is expected to use. There are three options which have their origin from the Scriptures:

- "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (*II Cor 13:13*)
- "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (*Rom 1:7*)
- "The Lord be with you." (*Ruth 2:4*)

Through the greeting, **the priest signifies the presence of the Lord to the assembled community, and with the people's response, the mystery of the Church gathered together is made manifest** (*GIRM #50*). Remember that Jesus Christ taught us that where two or three people gather in His name, there He is in their midst (*Mt 18:20*).

During the papacy of Pope Benedict XVI, the response, "And also with you", was changed to "And with your Spirit", which is a more faithful English translation of the Latin "et cum Spiritu tuo". St. Paul also ends four of his letters with this phrase (*Gal 6:18, Phil 4:23, II Tim 4:22, and Philem 25*). According to Bishop Arthur Serratelli, "This response places before us the reality of what we are doing. We are entering the Liturgy where we are open to the action of God in our lives and where our relationship to each other is deeply spiritual. With the greeting and the response, both priest and people are expressing their faith that God is active among them in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit."

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit!

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

