



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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Liturgy Ministries

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Affiliated Catholic Schools

St. Francis College - Tel. No 3489 4800

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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 OF LENT : 06 APRIL 2025

In today's first reading, God tells us of the new things he has started doing among us and for us. He is restoring our hope, and giving us every reason to continue living. This means that in spite of the difficulties of this present moment and season, the Lord will put a smile on our faces soon. Surely, he will do this because: *"Weeping may endure at night but joy comes in the morning"* (Ps 30, 5). So, there is hope because we are approaching our morning.

In our second reading, Paul tells us that he decided to count everything as a loss for the sake of Christ. This was in order to gain the future glory to be revealed in Christ. He understood the worth of the new life offered by God in Christ. He knew that: *"The glory of the latter shall be greater than that of the former"* (Haggai 2, 9). Paul saw all these revealed to him. So, he remained resolute in his faith. He did this even to the point of *"reproducing Christ's death in himself"*. This same promise must sustain us to the end.

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Christ. They thought that Christ will condemn her immediately. They thought he will give them the permission to go ahead and stone the woman to death. However, they were wrong, because Christ came to save and not to condemn. They were wrong because the ways and thoughts of Christ are different from theirs. So, instead of condemning her, Jesus restored her life, and offered her a new chance to live. He simply told her: *"Go and sin no more."*

Like this woman, Jesus is always giving us new opportunities in spite of our weaknesses. He knows how vulnerable we are to sin. He knows the forces we contend with everyday in our life and society. His mission is to save us from all our personal sins and accusations. It is not to condemn us. This is why he says: *"...I have come that they may have life and have it in full"* (Jn 10, 10).

Today, we should be encouraged by these words of Jesus *"Neither do I condemn you."* The complete forgiveness of Christ is incredible. When he says these words to us, he means them. He means that our negative past is dead and extinguished like a candle. So Christ will always fill us with laughter and Joy. This is what he will complete for us soon through his death and resurrection.

Finally, as we approach the glorious season of Easter, the Lord equally says to us: *"Go and sin no more."* This is an injunction we must believe and put in to practice. He promises us a better future and a share in his glory if we remain faithful to this command. Therefore, we must constantly run to Jesus irrespective of our situation. This is because he is ever ready to acquit us of all the charges against us. So, let us shout for joy: *"What marvels the Lord worked for us, indeed we were glad!"*

By Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice C. C.S.Sp.

He is a Catholic Priest and a Member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers (Spiritans).

God our hearts are heavy,
With sins untold and cares unshared.
Our lives are burdened,
With doubts unvoiced and fears unmentioned.
God who is greater than our hearts,
Deeper than our minds,
Always alive, always longing for our response,
May we stretch out our hands and surrender,
Walking with you through the wilderness,
To find freedom in following Christ alone.
May we willingly walk with Jesus,
The One who carries our burdens to the cross
Where fear is transformed into love,
And loneliness into community with you
Amen

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DATE CLAIMERS

Sun 6 April: Children and Families Ministry Meeting at 10.35am.
Mon 7 Apr: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
Tue 8 Apr: Healing Mass at 10am
Fri 11 Apr: Mass at 9am. 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at 6.30pm
Sat 12 Apr: Holy Week Readers' Practice 10:30-11:30am
Sat 12 Apr: Holy Week Altar Servers' Practice 9:30-10:30am
Sun. 13 Apr: Palm Sunday: Morning Mass at 9.30am has been moved to 10am only for this Sunday.

Roster for the weekend of 12 April / 13 April 2025

Mass Coordinators

12 Apr 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
13 Apr 8.00am - Boyet Domingo
13 Apr 10.00am - Nimfa Brookes

Readers

12 Apr 5.30pm - Brian Cunningham & Hilda Bowden
Kelemete T., Michael C., Francesca O.
13 Apr 8.00am - Tovia Tagaloa & Jacob Domingo
Malcolm D., Buxton T., Flower D.
13 Apr 10.00am - Ron Klerks & Andrew Taulai
Tamate T., Flor G., Elenora T.,

Communion Ministers

12 Apr 5.30pm - Kaylene Carroll, Deb H., Patricia V.
13 Apr 8.00am - Kristine D., Lele F., Sala P.
13 Apr 10.00am - Alfred Gomez & Joy Wallace
Millie P & Francesca O.

Altar Servers

12 Apr 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel., and Alexander
13 Apr 8.00am - John Paul and Andrew
13 Apr 10.00am - Noa and Salvius

Choirs

12 Apr 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
13 Apr 8.00am - SMK Choir
13 Apr 10.00am - African Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa and Noel

Cleaners : Taulai Family

5th Sunday of Lent: 6 April 2025

First Reading: *Isaiah 43: 16-21*

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 125*

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: *Philippians 3: 8-14*

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain Him.

Gospel Acclamation: *Joel 2: 12-13*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

*With all your heart turn to me,
For I am tender and compassionate.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: *John 8: 1-11*

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Collection: Week-ending 30 March 2025

Envelopes Received	:	26
Total Amount	:	\$ 2,003.30
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 142.80
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TOTAL	:	\$ 2,146.10

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

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

**06 Apr. & 13 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 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, Peter Beirne and all who are ill.

Working Bee



Saturday, 12th April from 8.30am

We invite all able-bodies to help us prepare our church building and grounds for the upcoming Holy Week celebrations.

Thank you very much! **Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick**



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 CO-ORDINATOR

TIRESA VAIGAFI
0434 570 123



Healing Mass

Tuesday, 08 April 2025

Mass @ 10.00am;
followed by luncheon

All are welcome to join in!

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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



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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Requests for Palms for our Palm Sunday Masses

If you have palm fronds to offer for our Palm Sunday Masses: we would appreciate if you could please drop them off in the boxes provided at the entrance of the Church on Friday 11 April and Saturday 12th April morning.

Thank you very much for your kind contributions
Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Nick

Rehearsals for Holy Week

There will be a rehearsals on Saturday 12th April 2025 from 10.30 to 11.30 am for all readers rostered during the Holy Week in the Church. All readers who are rostered to read during the Holy Week are requested to attend.

Practice of altar servers for Holy Week -

Saturday, 12 April, from 9:30-10:30am

Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick and the Liturgy Team



In preparation for Easter, there will be a
2nd Rite of Reconciliation
held at 6.30pm on
Friday, 11th April 2025

Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick and Fr. John will lead us in a short time of reflection, to be followed by the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. We may also have other priests available to hear confessions.

Schedule of Preparation for the Children's Sacrament of Confirmation

Day/Date	Particulars
Wed. 30 April	Parents/Guardians' Information Session at 6.30pm.
Sat. 10 May	1st Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 17 May	2nd Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 24 May	Rehearsal for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Sat. 31 May	Confirmation Day @ 5.30pm



PALM SUNDAY: HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID!

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, liturgically called "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord". It commemorates the entry of the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish His Paschal Mystery while the reading of the Passion takes the place of the Gospel during the Liturgy of the Word, hence its liturgical name.

The memorial of the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem takes place before the principal Mass in three forms:

- **First Form: The Procession** – where the people and the priest are gathered at a smaller church or other suitable place outside the church. After the blessing of palms and branches and the reading of the Gospel of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, the people holding their palms will go in procession with the priest to the church where the Mass will take place. Note that this procession is only done once on Palm Sunday, usually within the Mass with the most number of people attending.
- **Second Form: The Solemn Entrance** – this form follows exactly the steps of the first form except that the Rite of Blessing of palms and branches occurs either outside the church, in front of the church door, or inside the church itself but away from the sanctuary where a greater part of the faithful can see the rite. This form can be repeated in other Masses for this day.
- **Third Form: The Simple Entrance** – It begins the Mass the usual way but with the antiphon or chant themed with The Lord's entry to Jerusalem accompanying the entrance procession.



The palms should be taken home to serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ, which the people celebrated in the procession. (*Paschale Solemnitatis, Circular on Easter Celebration #29*). These palms can be brought back to church in the following year, for burning, to serve as ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

Hosanna to Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

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