



# 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

### Parish Priest

Fr. John Quang SVD 38030862

### Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD

### Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

### Finance Committee Chairlady

Christine Lapalapa

### Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

Ron Klerks / Verity Madsen

STOP line: 1300 304 550

## PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

### Liturgy Ministries

Rodolfo (Boyet) Domingo

### Children & Families Ministries and Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells

### Community Life Ministries

Lele Faaeteete

### 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** 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**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT : 22 MARCH 2026

### RESURRECTION ALREADY BEGINS

People who think happiness is something out there to be found. They will never find it! Happiness is not out there, it is here and now with us, only if we have the right eye to recognise it. Similarly, eternal life or resurrection that Jesus promises to those who believe in him is already here and now as he said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Then Jesus asked Martha and us too, "Do you believe this?"

The resuscitation of Lazarus back to life is the foreshadow of Jesus' coming resurrection. We are not truly alive awakened until the Word of God spoken to us like Jesus calling Lazarus out of the tomb the domain of death. In 1<sup>st</sup> reading, prophet Ezekiel was instructed by God to prophesize to dry bones and breathed (spirit) and resuscitated them back to life. Spirit of God is life as Paul said.

In 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to the Romans, Paul ends, "If the spirit of him who raises Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raises Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his spirit that dwells in you." The Spirit is the breath of God turning dust into human (genesis), and breath with which that Ezekiel brought life to dry bones.

Lazarus was brought back to life but not yet free. He was bound by straps of cloth around him. Other people had to help unbinding him and thus freed him, "Unbind him and let him go" Jesus commanded. God breaths his life into us, but we with the help of others need to free ourselves from those strappings of not life-giving prejudice and doubt in us.

**Conclusion.** Resurrection like happiness is already here and now, what we need is a wakening to its reality in us. If we don't experience the life of God in this world and in us now, we may likely not see it beyond the horizon of our mortal death. We foretaste its glory at the celebration of liturgy especially the Eucharist. The ultimate resurrection the eternal life is when we are finally completely in union with Christ in his heavenly glory. – The dreams we share today, O Lord, are only a shadow of your dreams for us, if we but follow you.

Fr. John Quang

## Date Claimers

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

**Mass**

**Fri. 27 Mar: Second Rite of Reconciliation at 6pm.**

**Sat. 28 Mar: Working Bee at 8.00am**

**Sat. 28 Mar: Practice/rehearsal of Altar Servers for Triduum Masses at 9.00am**

**Sat. 28 Mar: Practice/rehearsal of all Readers of Palm Sunday and Triduum Masses at 10.30am**

### Roster for the weekend of 28 –29 March 2026

#### Mass Coordinators

28 Mar. 5.30pm - Ron Klerks  
29 Mar. 7.30am - Lele Faaeteete  
29 Mar. 9.30am - Joy Wallace.

#### Readers

28 Mar. 5.30pm - Melody Gombe & Hilda Bowden  
- Brian C(N), Deb Howkins(O), Francesca O.(C)  
29 Mar. 7.30am - Destiny D & Josephine Thomas  
- Buxton(N), Lawrence A.(O), Nimfa B.(C)  
29 Mar. 9.30am - SMK Youth  
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#### Communion Ministers

28 Mar. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez, Joshy Scaria  
29 Mar. 7.30am - Eseta A., Korina L., Sera Thomas  
29 Mar. 9.30am - Talafaia, Winnie K., Flor G., TiiTii.

#### Altar Servers

28 Mar. 5.30pm - Gerald and Daniel  
29 Mar. 7.30am - Abigail, Annabel and Alex  
29 Mar. 9.30am - Zain Wiss, Clovis and Parfait

#### Choirs

28 Mar. 5.30pm - Trinity Choir  
29 Mar. 7.30am - Domingo Family  
29 Mar. 9.30am - SMK Youth

Counters : Swindells family.

Cleaners : Alosio Family and working bee.



### Please Pray for the Sick

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, Djoanna Aloquin, Rosario Esguerra, Thora Lua, John Williams and those who are ill.

### Collection: Week-ending: 15 March 2026

Envelopes Received	: 38
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,187.70
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 210.70
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>: \$ 2,398.40</b>

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 22 March 2026

### First Reading ( Ezek . 37: 12-14)

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 129)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

### Second Reading ( Romans 8: 8-11)

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord:

Whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel ( John 11: 1-45)

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

### Gospel : John 11: 1-45

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

### ***I am the resurrection and the life.***

***The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'***

***Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come, she went to meet him, Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?***

***'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'***

***Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening, Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me. But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'***

***When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus here! Come out!' The dead man came out; his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'***

***Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believe in him.***



## 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**

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – 22 March



"Thank God we work at Caritas, allowing us to serve people in the most challenging conditions despite the lack of medicine," he explains.

"I hope this ordeal ends so we can go back to rebuild Gaza, our children's future, our country, and our organisation."

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.



### 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 27 March and Saturday 28 March morning.**

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



### YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

**22 March & 29 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!

Please contact:

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### ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH, MARSDEN

## IMPORTANT DATE CLAIMERS

*Lent & Holy Week*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup> 6PM

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

**2<sup>ND</sup> RITE OF RECONCILIATION**  
FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 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 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 7PM

**GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 10AM

**GOOD FRIDAY: VENERATION OF THE CROSS**  
FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 3PM

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

**EASTER VIGIL**  
SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 7PM

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 7:30AM & 9:30AM (NO MASS AT YARRABILBA)

## CATECHISM CORNER

### RESURRECTION, CHRISTIAN ULTIMATE HOPE

Faith in the resurrection shapes Christian hope and moral life. It assures believers that death is not the end and that life with God is promised to those who follow Christ (catechism, 989& 992). The resurrection also calls Christians to live in communion with Christ, “no longer for themselves but for Him who died and was raised” (catechism, 655). In summary, the Catechism teaches that the resurrection is both a historical event and a mystery of faith, central to Christian belief, guaranteeing the future resurrection of all and eternal life with God, while transforming the lives of believers in the present



Archbishop Shane Mackinlay  
invites you to the annual

## CHRISM MASS

Cathedral of St Stephen

Thursday 26th March 2026

7:00pm

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese

All Welcome

The undercover carpark will be available  
from 6:00pm



Working Bee



**Working Bee: Saturday, 28 March from 8.00am**

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. John & Fr. Nick

## PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2026



SACRAMENTS	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	-	Saturday, 16 May 2026	Saturday, 18 July 2026
Rehearsal  * Only for 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Eucharist, the rehearsal will be preceded by the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation	-	9am Saturday, 23 May 2026	9am Saturday, 25 July 2026
DAY OF SACRAMENT	Saturday, 21 March 2026 <b>(after the workshop)</b>	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 30 May 2026	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 01 August 2026