



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

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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

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Children & Families Ministries and

Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells

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Lele Faeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

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Adult Faith Formation Ministries

Alfred Gomez

Outreach Ministry

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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	8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

Confession: Saturday 5.00pm

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 16 FEBRUARY 2025

BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD
WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH.
THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES;
THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY,
THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.
ISAIAH 40:31



Reflection

Today, the sixth Sunday of Ordinary time, the church invites us to place our trust in God and in his only son Jesus Christ. Through his resurrection, Christ conquered death and strengthened our faith and hope of eternal life.

Today's first reading from the book of Jeremiah succinctly reminds us of the consequences of trusting solely on our abilities, on our human strength and on human beings: "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord." Through this, we are reminded that all these will fail us because, our success and survival do not depend solely on them. We are called to a deeper reflection. We must ask ourselves, in who, and in what have I put my trust? Placing our trust in God is the best approach to life. certainly, we must make efforts and do what we must do as humans. However, we must not forget that, it is God who sustains, confirms and blesses our ways and efforts. To place one's trust in God is a great source of blessing and interior joy. Hence, the psalmist reminds us that: "Those who trust in the Lord are like mount Zion that can never be shaken" (Ps 125:1)

In the second reading, Paul equally makes the same point. Our hope must not be totally placed on this world or on our efforts alone, but on Christ who through his resurrection has strengthened our hope of eternity. Hence, Paul tells us: "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." In other words, life does not end here. There is something beyond this world, and only our hope in the resurrected Christ will take us there.

While our first reading began with a very strong warning against not trusting in God, today's gospel begins with a blessing for those who are ready to do God's will. The beatitude is a great song which calls us to a life of virtue, reflection and total surrender to God's will.

It is Christ's song which calls us to trust firmly in God, while looking forward to eternity. These blessings are for those who are totally and willingly ready to place everything in God's hands. The beatitudes also remind us that all we do and work for here will gain us eternal life. That is, if we do them well and for the sake of God.

Finally, the good the good news for us today is simple, nothing in this world can rob us of our peace of mind and interior joy, because our trust is not in this world, nor in man. Rather, our trust is in the crucified and rise Christ, the Saviour and hope of the world. The psalmist summarized this good news for us: "Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord."

Excerpts from reflection by Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp; a Catholic Priest and a Member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers

Date Claimers

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.

Sun. 23 Feb: Safeguarding Training at 10.45am in the Parish Hall

Roster for the weekend of 22 Feb. / 23 Feb. 2025

Mass Coordinators

22 Feb 5.30pm - Christine Lapalapa
23 Feb 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete
23 Feb 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

22 Feb 5.30pm - Rylie Lapalapa & Francesca Ordonez
23 Feb 8.00am - Wilda Fernandes & Buxton Thomas.
23 Feb 9.30am - Boyet Domingo & Beah Taulalai

Communion Ministers

22 Feb 5.30pm - Kaylene Carroll, Sue McKeown, Deb H.
23 Feb 8.00am - Josephine T., Sala P., Rachel M.
23 Feb 9.30am - Joy Wallace & Millie Petelo
Alfred Gomez & Kristine Domingo

Altar Servers

22 Feb 5.30pm - Gerard Joshy
23 Feb 8.00am - Malachi, Talalei and Matilda
23 Feb 9.30am - Jazmine and Tezaree

Choirs

22 Feb 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
23 Feb 8.00am - Congregation singing
23 Feb 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

Flowers : Nimfa and Olive.

Collection: Week-ending: 09 Feb. 2025

Envelopes Received	: 33
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,233.85
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 152.90

TOTAL	: \$ 2,386.75



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 McCreedy, 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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 16 February 2025

First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5 - 8

*A curse on those who trust in humanity;
a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 1: 1 - 4

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

WEEK END COMMUNITY MASS WILL BE HELD AT

4PM ON SUNDAY

16 FEB. & 23 FEB. 2025

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

ALL ARE WELCOME



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING 2025

As per the Archdiocesan guidelines all volunteers are required to mandatorily complete the safeguarding 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 including the members of Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, Care and Concern, Children and Families Ministry, Community Life Ministry, Young and Adults Ministry, Adult Faith Formation and Outreach Ministry, Choir leaders and adult choir members are requested to attend this training which will be held in the parish hall at 10.45am. We will be playing safeguarding training videos.

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

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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			
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
—
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 PENITENTIAL RITE

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” (Exodus 3:5).

This is what Moses heard the voice say when he tried to come closer to the burning bush. Similarly, when we come to meet God in the Mass, we should be properly disposed by taking off the unclean in us. We do this through the Penitential Rite.



In the penitential rite, the priest invites us to become silent and place ourselves before God, to remember the times when we have sinned against God and His people and to be sorry for those. This is why in the first form of the rite, we recite the *Confiteor*, where we:

- 1) Confess not only to God but also to His people --- *“I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters”;*
- 2) Acknowledge not only the sins that we committed (sin of commission) but also our failure to do good (sin of omission) --- *“...that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words; in what I have done and in what I have failed to do”;*
- 3) Ask for prayers from the saints and angels in heaven with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and also from the people around us who will celebrate this sacred sacrifice with us --- *“Therefore, I ask the Blessed Mary ever virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.”*

Afterwards, we seek mercy from God as we say “Lord, have mercy” (*Kyrie*). Then, the priest asks for divine pardon (general absolution) for the community so that we may be worthy to stand in the presence of God and celebrate the memorial of His love for us.

The purpose, therefore, of the penitential rite is to help us situate ourselves really and truly before God rather than to make us feel guilty of our sins, and to help us realise that we have a God who is merciful and forgiving and Who is bigger than our sins.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to eternal life.

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