



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

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

Tom Kalaja

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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 9.00am

Wednesday 9.00am & 7pm

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 2 MARCH 2025



The Universal Church will soon enter into the most holy and sacred liturgical seasons in our calendar i.e the season of Lent. As always, this season begins with Ash Wednesday which falls on the 5th of March this year. As we prepare to enter into this season, let us remind ourselves where does Lent come from, and how do we "do" Lent?

Lent is observed as a solemn time of contemplation and remembering of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. It is a time that offers us an opportunity to come to terms with the human frailties; it brings our need for a Saviour to the forefront. Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper, so that when Good Friday and eventually Easter comes, it is not just another day at church but an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God has to offer.

Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.

Render your heart and not your garments.

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate.



Let Us Pray...

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of this season. Thank you for knowing our hearts and our need for rhythms in our lives, and for drawing us into a deeper communion with you throughout the coming 40 days.

Lord, it can be disheartening to read on Ash Wednesday that all come from dust, and to dust all return (Ecclesiastes 3:20), yet we know that there is more to our stories. We know that you created man and woman from the dust at the very beginning of time (Genesis 2:7) and that you breathed life into them to transform them into living creatures. We know that you are in the business of resurrection-- your very Son went to the cross to show us that no death is final and that ultimate transformation comes through your gift of salvation.

Though we were made from dust, and our bodies will return to dust again, we can live in eternal glory with you through the blood of your Son. May we remember the gift of salvation in this season... Amen.

DATE CLAIMERS

Sun. 2 Mar: Children and Families Ministry Team Meeting @ 10.35am

Mon. 3 Mar: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm.

Tue. 4 Mar : Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm.

Wed. 5 Mar: Ash Wednesday : Mass at 9 am & 7pm

Fri. 7 Mar : Mass at 9am., Adoration at 6.30pm, Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

Sun: 9th March: Community Life Ministry would like to invite all parishioners to morning tea to meet and greet all parishioners including the new parishioners after the 9.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Roster for the weekend of 08 March. / 09 March. 2025

Mass Coordinators

08 Mar 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
09 Mar 8.00am - Lele Faateete
09 Mar 9.30am - Kelemete Tito

Readers

08 Mar 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden & Michael Caroll
09 Mar 8.00am - Nina Domingo & Rachel Matijasevic
09 Mar 9.30am - Millie Petelo & Flower Donohue

Communion Ministers

08 Mar 5.30pm - Joshy S., Kaylene Caroll., Patricia Vasquez
09 Mar 8.00am - Kristine D., Sala Petaia., Korina Laban
09 Mar 9.30am - Joy Wallace & Tuala Petelo
Elisapeta Tito & Winnie Kepu

Altar Servers

08 Mar 5.30pm - Gerard Joshy
09 Mar 8.00am - Antonio & Andrew
09 Mar 9.30am - Parfait & Clovis

Choirs

08 Mar 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
09 Mar 8.00am - St. Maximilian Kolbe Choir
09 Mar 9.30am - African Choir

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

Cleaners : Taulai Family

Collection: Week-ending: 23 Feb. 2025

Envelopes Received	: 33
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 1,813.05
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 127.10

TOTAL	: \$ 1,940.15



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 Pietkiewiez, 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 and all who are ill.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2 March 2025

First Reading: Sirach 27: 4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 91: 2-3, 13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

You are offering it the word of life

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

ASH WEDNESDAY



5 March 2025

Mass Times:

9am & 7pm



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

WEEK END COMMUNITY MASS WILL BE HELD AT

4PM ON SUNDAY

2 MAR. & 9 MAR. 2025

ST.CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL,

2 COMBS STREET, YARRABILBA

ALL ARE WELCOME



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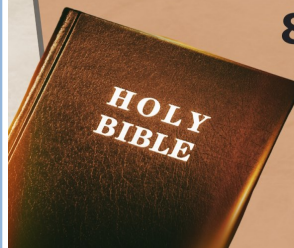
READERS Training

CURRENT & NEW READERS

MUST ATTEND

**8TH MARCH,
2025**

10AM - 11AM





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

Stations of the Cross REHEARSALS

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 7 AND 12, WE INVITE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR STATIONS OF THE CROSS. REHEARSALS WILL BE HELD ON:

FRI 7/3
FRI 14/3
FRI 21/3
FRI 4/4

5-7PM

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT SHANNA OR THE PARISH OFFICE



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 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

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 VAIGafa

0434 570 123



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.

5 PM
-
7 PM

MARYFIELDS HALL

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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

LET US PRAY...



We now come to the conclusion of the Introductory Rites of the Mass --- the Opening Prayer, also known as the *Collect*.

The Priest calls upon the people to pray. Everybody, together with the Priest, observes a brief silence so that they may become aware of being in God's presence and may call to mind their intentions (*GIRM 54*).

Note that the invitation of the priest, "Let us pray", is followed by a brief silence. What do we do during that brief moment of silence?

- We become more conscious that we are standing in the presence of God.
- This is the time in the Mass when we think of our individual and personal prayers and intentions.



After that significant pause, the priest gathers together or "collects" all those keenly felt but unspoken personal and individual petitions and presents them to God with outstretched hands lifted high in prayer (*orans position*). This is why it is called "Collect", because of that function --- gathering our feeling of happiness, love and expectations to present them to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This is why the prayer usually ends with the Trinitarian formula "Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever".

Then the people, joining in this petition, make the prayer as their own by means of the acclamation "Amen".

So, next time that the priest pauses briefly after saying "Let us pray" before the Opening Prayer, think of your own personal intentions and present them to God in silence.

May God grant you your prayers!

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