



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

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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

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Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

Lawrence Auva'a

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

Easter Sunday: Sunday, 20 APRIL 2025



Reflection...

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. It marks the birthday of our eternal hope. Jesus gave up His life, and from the grave He was raised to life again on the third day. New life rises from the ashes of death. At Easter we are celebrating Christ's victory over the grave, the gift of eternal life for all who believe in Jesus. We rise from the ashes of sin and guilt and are refreshed and renewed by our living Lord and Saviour with His forgiveness and the assurance

that He still loves us and will continue to give us the strength we need.

Thus, we celebrate Easter with jubilation for three key reasons:

1. **The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith; it proves that Jesus is God**

That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, then your Faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (I Cor 15:14, 17, 20). In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our Faith in Christ, a Faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community. If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then the Church is a fraud and Faith is a sham. But if Jesus really did rise from the dead, His message is true! Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. People would remember some of his teachings, and a handful of people might try to live according to them.

2. **Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection**

Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (Jn 11:25-26). Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (CCC #1002, #1003).

3. **Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears**

It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal, as well as to our common, prayers. Our trust is in the -pervading presence of the Risen Lord giving us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. The prayer of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, reads: "Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part."

The Resurrection of Jesus had certain special features. First, Jesus prophesied it as a sign of His Divinity: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19).. Second, the founder of no other religion has an empty tomb as Jesus has. We see the fulfillment of Christ's promise on the empty cross and in the empty tomb. The real proof, however, is not the empty tomb but the lives of believers filled with His Spirit today! The third special feature is the initial disbelief of Jesus' own disciples in his Resurrection, in spite of His repeated apparitions. This serves as a strong proof of His Resurrection. It explains why the apostles started preaching the Risen Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

Reflected by: Fr. Antony Kadavil, chaplain, Sacred heart Residence of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Mobile, Alabama, U.S.A; extracted in part from <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/>

Easter Vigil: Saturday, 19th April 2025

First Reading: Genesis: 1.1 -- 2.2

Responsorial Psalm: *The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.*

Second Reading: Exodus 14: 15 - 15.1

Responsorial Psalm: *Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory.*

Third Reading: Ezekiel 36: 16 - 28

Responsorial Psalm: *Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God.*

Epistle: Romans 6: 3 - 11

Gospel Acclamation

R. *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

Date Claimers

Sun: 20 April : Farewell to Fr. Mikhael after 9am Mass

Thur. 25 April : ANZAC Day. Mass at 9am

Roster for the weekend of 26 — 27 April 2025

Mass Coordinators

26 Apr. 5.30pm - Christine Lapalapa
27 Apr. 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete
27 Apr. 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

26 Apr. 5.30pm - Rylie Lapalapa & Elenora Tufuga
27 Apr. 8.00am - Josephine Thomas & Wilda Fernandes
27 Apr. 9.30am - Destiny D & Mary Klerks.

Communion Ministers

26 Apr. 5.30pm - Paul S., Kaylene Carroll & Rosemary O.
27 Apr. 8.00am - Sala P. Buxton t\T
, & Eseta A
27 Apr. 9.30am - Ron Klerks & Alfred Gomez
Tuala Petelo & Tua Niumagumagu

Altar Servers

06 Apr. 5.30pm - John Paul and Andrew
27 Apr. 8.00am - John, May and Zaia
27 Apr. 9.30am - Abigail, Annabel and Alexander

Choirs

26 Apr. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
27 Apr. 8.00am - Congregation Singing
27 Apr. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

Easter Sunday: Sunday, 20th April 2025

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

27 April & 04 May 2025 (4pm)

Centre Location:

St. Clare's Primary School, 2 Combs St, Yarrabilba



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, 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.



**Feast of Divine Mercy
Sunday 27th April 2025.
Divine Mercy Group is
celebrating the feast of
Divine Mercy at 9.30am.**

I invite you into my life, Jesus. I accept you as my Lord, God and Saviour. Heal me, change me, strengthen me in body, soul, and spirit. Come Lord Jesus, cover me with your Precious Blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit.

ANZAC DAY
25 April

Lest we forget

Gracious and loving God, the cross of Christ is the sign of your desire for justice and peace for all. Open our minds to your vision as we remember all who suffered through Australia and New Zealand's involvement in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. Grant all servicepersons who sacrificed health and life for the good of all, the gift of your deep peace. May we who inherit the freedom for which they fought become instruments of your peace in our homes, workplaces and world. We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4228/family-prayer-1-anzac-day-25-april-2020.pdf>



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

Collection: Week-ending: 13 April 2025

Envelopes Received	: 37
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,990.95
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 129.50
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TOTAL	: \$ 3,120.45



Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.

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ADULT FORMATION MINISTRY

DROP BY AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS!

All Parishioners are cordially invited to attend LECTIO DIVINA sessions that will be facilitated by Fr. Nick, in the Parish Meeting Room on:

Friday 25 April 2025: 7:30pm – 8:30pm

LECTIO DIVINA (Divine Reading) is a contemplative prayer practice which is intended to promote communion with God and deepen one's understanding of Scripture. It 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 John, Fr Nick and Alfred Gomez**

Dear Fr. Mikhael,

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Fr. Nick and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your years of service to our parish.

It will not be the same without you, but we will do our best to ensure we carry on the work you have so lovingly given to the people of this parish. While your presence will certainly be missed, the great work you did here ensures you will never be forgotten. Thank you for being a tireless pastor to all, a helpful leader and - above all - a good friend!

Also, I would like to thank you for supporting and helping me as the newly appointed Parish Priest here, over the last few weeks. I will do my best to make sure I uphold the work ethic and commitment that you are known for. Thanks for the motivation and for the on-the-job training I have received from you. It has been an honour working side by side with you.

We wish you all the best and God's blessing as you begin your new ministerial position in Murgon.

Fr. John Quang SVD



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.



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An Easter and Farewell Message from Fr. Mikhael Loke



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and all your loved ones! May the celebration of the Easter Liturgy deepen our faith that Jesus is truly risen, and having conquered death, invites us to share in his risen life.

As I come to the end of my time here at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, with a heart filled with mixed emotions, I write this farewell message to express my deep gratitude and affection as I prepare to embark on a new chapter in my journey as a priest. It is with a sense of both sadness and excitement that I bid farewell to the beloved community of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, which has been my home for the past four years as your Parish Priest.

I am particularly grateful for the trust you placed in me during the most intimate moments of your lives. It has been an honour and a privilege to celebrate the sacraments with you, to witness the baptism of your children, to celebrate their sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, to bless your marriages, and to accompany you in times of grief and loss. These sacred moments have deepened my own faith and have enriched my faith in the profound love that God has for each of us.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Fr. Nick De Groot who has been very supportive of my life as a priest and as a person. His knowledge, wisdom and experiences we shared with one another in the ministry have inspired me to keep moving forward in following God's call and doing God's mission entrusted to me.

I am also grateful for the willingness of Fr. John Quang who has accepted the role of Parish Priest of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish wholeheartedly. I have every confidence that Fr. John is ready to lead and guide your parish community for the coming years. You are in his capable hands.

As I prepare to take on new responsibilities as a Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Parish, Murgon and an Administrator of St. Joseph's Parish, Gayndah, I carry with me the memories and experiences I have shared with all of you and I will cherish the relationship we have formed.

Let us continue to support and pray for one another, even as our paths diverge. May Christ who is the Light of the World continue to guide you into the future. May you know Christ's closeness to you in moments of darkness. May your goodness and generosity as individuals and as a parish be a beacon of Christ's light for the world of our time.

May God bless you all and keep me in your prayers,

Fr. Mikhael Loke, SVD

EASTER: THE FULFILLMENT OF LENT



Most of us Catholics are baptised as infants. Although we have not yet reached the age of reason to understand the faith at that time and we needed our parents and godparents to respond on our behalf, we were baptised as infants to free us from original sin at the earliest opportunity. We are, however, given the chance to renew this baptismal promise every year during Easter i.e. at Easter vigil and optionally on Easter Sunday, at which, fully aware and out of free will, we renounce Satan and all his evil works, and we profess our faith to the Triune God and to the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church.

It is but fitting that this renewal of our baptismal promises is done on Easter when we celebrate Jesus Christ's victory over death and sin. By doing so, we are resurrected with Jesus from our old self by leaving sin behind and reaffirming our belief in God and all His works, and thus fulfilling the call at the beginning of Lent to "Repent and believe in the Gospel!".

And so, as Christ's resurrection is the fulfillment of God's redeeming love through His passion and death on the Cross, so is Easter the fulfillment of Lent.

Alleluia! The Lord has risen!



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