



# 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

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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 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   |

## SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION : 05 APRIL 2026

### EDEN GARDEN RECLAIMED

In the prologue to his gospel, John is very keen taking us right back to the beginning of creation, "In the beginning was the Word..." In that beginning, God through his Word created the world and humankind. God created a garden in Eden and placed humankind there. Eden means delights and happiness. The Eden garden is our native, the place where we originally belonged. But we lost that native garden when we sin and walk away from the God of Life and Happiness.

In all gospels, we read the references to the garden. Jesus went to the Gethsemane garden praying and was arrested there. He died and was buried close to a garden. Pain, sorrow, dying and death in this world are not meant to be part of the Eden garden that is native to us. Jesus said he and his disciples live in this world but don't belong to it. Jesus' whole mission in his teaching, suffering, dying and eventually was raised to life to reclaim back this native garden for us.

In a classic picture of Annunciation of the Lord to Mary, there is a background garden of the event foreseeing that the lost garden is to be reclaimed. When Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene after resurrection, she mistook him for a gardener. It is not by accident that the image of the garden was used in the Easter gospel. The biblical Eden garden is part of the psyche of the gospel writers. It reminds us of where we are originally from and how we have lost it.

In the Easter Event, Jesus the Christ was raised to new Life by the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. He smashed and conquered the power of death symbolised by an empty tomb. His victory over death is once and for all. Easter Resurrection is the fundamental faith of any serious Christian, for without faith in it, as St. Paul said, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is without substance, and so is your faith...our faith is pointless and we have not been released from sin." (1 cor 15)

The sin of the first Adam deprived us of our native garden of delights and happiness, the death and the resurrection of Jesus the second Adam has reclaimed back that Eden garden for us - only if we believe.

Fr. John Quang.

**Halleluia! The Lord is risen! We often use "The Lord Is Risen!" in present tense, meaning to say, Christ is not only risen in the past but here and now in our hearts and in the world today . May the new Life of Christ and the Easter Light, shine on you and guide you . We wish you and your loved ones a blessed Easter Season, full of graces and blessings. May Easter Light dispel the darkness of sin and death from our hearts and that the peace of God will reign in our world.**  
Frs. Nick and John

## Easter Vigil: Saturday, 04th April 2026

**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:** Matthew 28:1-10

He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.

## Easter Sunday: Sunday, 05th April 2026

**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:** John 20: 1-9

The teaching of the scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

## DATE CLAIMERS

Mon. April 13: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm.

Tue. April 14: Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm.

**Thanks to all for the efforts shown in working bee days. The church looks much better now.**

## Gospel

**John 20: 1-9**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**  
*The teaching of the scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



**Feast of Divine Mercy**  
**Sunday 12th April 2026.**  
**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.

## Roster for the weekend of 11 — 12 April 2026

### Mass Coordinators

11 Apr. 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez  
12 Apr. 7.30am - Kristine Domingo  
12 Apr. 9.30am - Flower Donohue

### Readers

11 Apr. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez & Hilda Bowden  
12 Apr. 7.30am - Nina Domingo & Rachel Matijasevic  
12 Apr. 9.30am - Tiliola Niumagumagu & Ron Klerks

### Communion Ministers

11 Apr. 5.30pm - Paul S., Sue M., Talafaia T.  
12 Apr. 7.30am - Korina L., Sera T., Boyet D.  
12 Apr. 9.30am - Tuala P., Mary K., Elisapeta T., Joy W.

### Altar Servers

11 Apr. 5.30pm - Beah & Adam  
12 Apr. 7.30am - John, May and Andrew Tevaga  
12 Apr. 9.30am - Zain W., Clovis and Parfait

### Choirs

11 Apr. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir  
12 Apr. 7.30am - SMK Choir  
12 Apr. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

**Counters** : Swindells Family

**Cleaners** : Divine Mercy Group

**Flowers** : Divine Mercy Group

## Collection: Week-ending: 29 March 2026

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Envelopes Received        | : 37                 |
| Amount from Contributions | : \$ 2,786.10        |
| Yarrabilba Mass Centre    | : \$ 164.80          |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>: \$ 2,950.95</b> |



## 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**



**PROJECT COMPASSION**

**Easter Sunday 4 – 5 April 2026**

**Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!



**UNITE AGAINST POVERTY**  
this Lent

**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)  
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



**YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE**

**Weekend Community Mass**

will be held at 4.00pm on:

**No Mass on Easter Sunday**

**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!

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### 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 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, 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 Pietkiewiez, 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.

**Could you be the face of The Cathedral of St. Stephen who warmly greets and welcomes our many visitors? If you have an interest in history and enjoy being part of a vibrant team—this could be for you! We are holding Information Day at the Cathedral on Thursday 16 April 2026 for prospective Guide & Welcomers. Please contact : 0733243030**



**A HEARTY WELCOME TO AGUSTINUS BUU SIGA (GUSTY) TO MARSDEN PARISH**

Hi everyone! My name is Agustinus Buu Araujo Siga, but you can just call me Gusty. I'm part of the Divine Word Missionaries, a congregation I've belonged to since 2015. I'm originally from Indonesia, and my mother is from Timor-Leste. I'm the oldest of four boys, so growing up was always full of energy, laughter, and a little chaos!

I was ordained a deacon on 14th March 2026 after completing four years of theological studies in Melbourne. I'm now assigned to the Australia Province, and I'll be serving my diaconate ministry here at St Maximilian Kolbe Parish for the next seven months. God willing, I'll be ordained a priest on 21st November in Melbourne.

When I'm not at ministry, I love playing guitar and piano, singing, and a good game of soccer. I also enjoy photography and being out in nature, it helps me relax and see God's beauty in the world. I really enjoy chatting with people, even in small, simple conversations, because those moments help us connect and feel part of a community.

I'm truly grateful to the parish for welcoming me and giving me this opportunity to serve and learn with you. I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all and sharing this journey of faith together. Please keep me in your prayers, and know that you're in mine too.



**Schedule of Preparation for the Children's Sacrament of Confirmation**

| Day/Date      | Particulars  |
|---------------|--|
| Wed. 29 April | Parents/Guardians' Information Session at 6.30pm.              |
| Sat. 02 May   | 1st Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm;<br>Followed by Mass at 5.30pm. |
| Sat. 16 May   | 2nd Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm;<br>Followed by Mass at 5.30pm. |
| Sat. 23 May   | Rehearsal for the Confirmation at 9.00am                       |
| Sat. 30 May   | Confirmation Day @ 5.30pm                                      |

There will be a box placed at the Entrance of the Church for you to **drop off** your **Project Compassion Envelopes or Coin Boxes**. Please drop off your contributions by 12th April 2026.

Our Parish **Easter Envelopes** have also been placed out; these will be collected at all the Easter Weekend Masses.

**Thank you everyone for your generosity and may God bless you all for your loving kindness!**

Fr. John & Fr. Nick

**Candles on Easter Vigil:** *Please take note that **only battery-operated candles** will be allowed for the Easter Vigil Mass within the church complex (both indoor & outdoor). For this purpose, **please bring your own** or buy a battery tealight candle from our Liturgical Team member at the entrance of the Church, at the cost of \$1/each. (only few will be available) Thank you for your understanding. Fr. John and Fr. Nick*

We here at the Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe, as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane **MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES**. Archdiocesan Website [www.bne.catholic.net.au](http://www.bne.catholic.net.au) or [www.kingstonmarsdenparish.org.au](http://www.kingstonmarsdenparish.org.au)

We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>