



# 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 Chairperson**

**Tom Kalaja**

**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 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 07-3489 4800**

**Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)**

**St. Clare's Primary School -**

**Tel. No 07-5549 8000**

**Ms. Liesl Profke (Principal)**

**San Damiano College -**

**Tel No. 07-5670 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**

## The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - 4 January 2026



At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honour His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honour this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honoured and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.



Made from the sap of trees found in India, North eastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's Divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His Divine Nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honours the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*Adapted in part from: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/january-4-epiphany/>*

## Roster for the weekend of 10 & 11 January 2026

### Mass Coordinators

10 Jan 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez  
11 Jan 7.30am - Boyet Domingo  
11 Jan 9.30am - Kelemete Tito

### Readers

10 Jan 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden & Annabel Budiono  
11 Jan 7.30am - Beah Tualai & Jacob Domingo  
11 Jan 9.30am - Flower Donohue & Millie Petelo

### Communion Ministers

10 Jan 5.30pm - Mary Klerks, Joshy Scaria  
11 Jan 7.30am - Talafaia Tualai, Nimfa Brookes  
11 Jan 9.30am - Tuala P., Winnie K., Elisapeta Tito

### Altar Servers

10 Jan 5.30pm - Volunteers  
11 Jan 7.30am - Volunteers  
11 Jan 9.30am - Volunteers

### Choirs

10 Jan 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir  
11 Jan 7.30am - Congregation Singing  
11 Jan 9.30am - African Choir

**Counters** : Christine Lapalapa and Noel

**Cleaners** : Tualai Family

**Flowers** : Nimfa and Olive

## The Epiphany of the Lord: 4th January 2026

**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71: 1-2, 4-8, 10-13**

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.*

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6**

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**We have seen His star in the East:**

**And have come to adore the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mathew 2: 1-12**

**We have come from the East to worship the King.**

## 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 Glorio-so, 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 and all who are ill.



## **YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE**

**Weekend Community Mass  
will be held at 4.00pm on:**

**Sunday: 4 Jan & 11 Jan 2026**

**Centre Location:**

**St. Clare's Primary School, 2 Combs St,  
Yarrabilba All are Welcome!**

## **Collection: Week-ending: 28 Dec. 2025**

**Envelopes Received : 33**  
**Amount from Contributions : \$ 2,178.60**  
**Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 126.95**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With grateful hearts, I sincerely thank everyone who helped make our Christmas Day outreach

At St. Maximilian Kolbe parish such a beautiful and meaningful day.

Through your generosity-the food prepared, the donations given, the cakes shared, and the time offered-we were able to serve families and individuals in need with dignity, love, and compassion.

A special thank you to our outreach group and our parishioners for giving so selflessly, and to our Parish priests for their continued guidance, support, and encouragement.

As scripture reminds us:

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me'.(Matthew 25:40)

On Christmas Day, we truly lived the Gospel together. May God Bless you abundantly for your kindness, and may this ministry continue to grow and bring hope to many.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings

Winnie Kepu

Outreach Group Coordinator, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden

