



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

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Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD

Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

Pastoral Council Chairperson

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Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

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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

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING: 23 NOV. 2025

The Solemnity of Christ the King

"...that in all things he himself might be preeminent." (Colossians 1, 18)

The solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. This feast was the Holy Father's response to the atheistic and totalitarian regimes of his era. While the feast may not be very old, the truth that Jesus Christ is King of all creation is ageless.

Today's feast tells us that the kingdom of God is ruled by a desire for every human being to enjoy life fully and in freedom. How did Jesus express these designs of his Father? He did it through parables like the prodigal son, which illustrate the limitless mercy that God has for his children. He did it through parables like the Good Samaritan, which calls us to love and serve each other. And he did it by teaching us how to pray and how to live a life of beatitude.

Jesus knew that the best way to teach us the principles and rules of his kingdom was to act them out in person so that he could show us the way and not just tell us about it. His heart was set on seeking and obeying his Father's wishes – just as ours should be. He was determined to love everyone, even those who opposed him – just as he calls us to do. He prioritised mercy and forgiveness over justice and punishment, and he wants us to do the same.

Pope Pius XI initiated the feast of Christ the King because he wanted every person to know that Jesus is superior to all the other would-be kings of his day: Fascism, Nazism, Communism, or materialism. The Holy Father wanted to tell the Church then, and to us today, that only Jesus can fill our deepest desires for love, peace, and happiness.

May we all gather under the banner of Jesus Christ, our King. May we live today as true citizens of his kingdom.

"Jesus, you are the King of ages. You are incorruptible, invisible, only God. We give you honour and glory forever."

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus responded to the good thief who asked to be remembered with the words: *"This day you shall be with me in Paradise."* Jesus welcomed the sinner who asked to be forgiven. The love and compassion of Jesus is without limits. It is offered to each one of us too. Let us open our hearts to this love of God.

Fr. Nick



On behalf of all Parishioners of the parish of St. Maximilian Kolbe, we warmly welcome

Charles Nguyen, seminarian from Banyo Seminary

Charles was born in Saigon, Vietnam and moved to Brisbane, with his family in 2018. He finished his high school in 2021. He went to NET Ministries in 2022 and was placed in Wollongong, bringing young people closer to Jesus. He joined the seminary in 2023. Last year he was in Hendra Parish. He has come to St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish to learn from and experience the pastoral ministry of our parish. He will be with us from 18th November till 25th December 2025.

Fr. John Quang & Fr. Nick de Groot

Date Claimers

Thurs. 27 Nov.: Reconciliation in preparation for Advent and Pilgrimage at 7pm.

Fri. 28 Nov.: Lectio Divina from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Sat. 29 Nov: Volunteer's BBQ: Mass at 10.30am followed by fellowship at 11am.

Tue Dec. 2 : Healing Mass at 10am.

Fri. Dec. 5 : First Friday of the month:

Adoration 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm.

Sat. Dec. 6 : Pilgrimage to St. Stephen's Cathedral.

You need to make your own transport arrangement to the pilgrimage.

Feast of Christ the King : 23 November 2025

First Reading (2 Samuel 5: 1-3)

They anointed David King of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm (121: 1-5)

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading (Colossians 1: 12-20)

He has taken us into the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Alleluia!

Gospel (Luke: 23: 35-43)

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

ADULT FORMATION MINISTRY

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

Friday 28 November 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

Gospel : Luke 23 : 35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Roster for the weekend of 29 – 30 November 2025

Mass Coordinators

29 Nov. 5.30pm - Mary Klerks
30 Nov. 7.30am - Lele Faaeteete
30 Nov. 9.30am - Lawrence Auv'a

Readers

29 Nov. 5.30pm - Verity Madsen & Francesca Ordonez.
30 Nov. 7.30am - Josephine Thomas & Nimfa Brookes.
30 Nov. 9.30am - Andrew Taulai & Dustin Kampanga.

Communion Ministers

29 Nov. 5.30pm - Paul Simpson and Deb Howkins.
30 Nov. 7.30am - Rachel Matijasevic and Sera Thomas
30 Nov. 9.30am - Talafaia T., Doris D., and Elisapeta Tito.

Altar Servers

29 Nov. 5.30pm - Gerald Joshy
30 Nov. 7.30am - John Paul and Andrew
30 Nov. 9.30am - Parfait and Clovis

Choirs

29 Nov. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
30 Nov. 7.30am - Boyet Domingo
30 Nov. 9.30am - Youth Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa and Noel Swindells

Cleaners : Taulai Family

Flowers : Advent: No flowers

Collection: Week-ending: 16 November 2025

Envelopes Received	:	31
Amount from Contributions	:	\$ 2,021.50
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 180.00
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TOTAL	:	\$ 2,201.50

Catholic Mission collection : \$ 1,227.65



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

23 November & 30 November

Centre Location:

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



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

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!

Please contact:

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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**



ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CATHOLIC PARISH

RECONCILIATION IN PREPARATION FOR

Advent

+ Pilgrimage

We invite you to join us for Reconciliation. Take time to reflect, seek forgiveness, and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ.

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2025
7PM

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

St Vincent de Paul Society *good works*

YOUR SUPPORT WILL GIVE HOPE TO STRUGGLING FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS



Every family deserves a safe and happy Christmas.

This year, our parish St. Vinnies Conference will be collecting Monetary Donation, Gift Cards and Non-Perishable Food items as part of their annual Christmas Appeal project. They welcome your generous and kind contributions in support of this project. A box will be placed at the entrance of the church during our weekend Masses in Advent, to collect the monetary donations and gift cards and a basket to collect the food items. Thank you kindly for all your support!



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, 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 and all who are ill.

VOLUNTEERS



BBQ

You are invited to join us!

We're celebrating our amazing volunteers for all the time, love, and effort you've given this year.

Come and enjoy good food, great company, and our heartfelt thanks!



SATURDAY 29TH NOV 11AM



**MARYFIELDS HALL
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
PARISH**

RSVP

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PILGRIMAGE TO ST STEPHEN CATHEDRAL HOLY DOOR MASS

**SATURDAY
6 DECEMBER 2025 10AM**

**249 ELIZABETH ST,
BRISBANE 4000 QLD
ST MARY MCKILLOP CHAPEL**

Join us as we celebrate the Year of Jubilee – a time of gratitude, renewal, and joy! Together, we give thanks for God's blessings and look forward with faith and hope to the years ahead.

*For more information,
contact the parish office on
**3803 0862 or email
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ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH MARSDEN

Advent Reflection & Recollection

WITH FR. JOHN QUANG SVD

THEME:

"RETURNING TO THE LOST PARADISE"

WHEN:

**FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
7PM**

WHERE:

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



Christmas Nativity Play Rehearsals

This is an invitation to all the children/youth of the parish, to join us in celebrating the Nativity of the Birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve.

We will have rehearsals every Friday.

**Rehearsals begin from Friday 14 Nov 2025
5pm - 6pm**

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden

**For more information, please contact
Helen Swindells on 0400014042**

God's Word 2026

\$ 20.00

Books are available for sale at the entrance of the church and also in the piety shop. Please buy your copy.

**Columban Art Calendar
2026: \$10.00**

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CATECHISM CORNER

IMPORTANCE OF SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING.

As waves of nationalism and secularism were on the rise across the globe, Pope Pius XI instituted the Solemnity of Christ the King in 1925 as a reminder that Christ reigns above all earthly rulers. While temporal powers will fade away, Christ's reign and His kingdom remain eternal. This day reminds believers to totally surrender their wills and hearts to Christ's sovereignty in their lives. When times are uncertain and conflict ravages the globe, we can take comfort in knowing Christ stands in infinite power above it all. As Pope Benedict XVI noted, "It is in the very offering of himself in the sacrifice of expiation that Jesus becomes King of the universe." His sacrifice for all humanity reminds us to follow in his example and offer our hearts and lives in service of our fellow man.