



# St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri : 9.00am - 2.30pm | Closed on Wednesday

*In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today, acknowledging their continuing connection to land, water and community.*

## Parish Contacts

### Parish Priest

Fr. Mikhael Loke SVD 38030862

### Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD 38030862  
(Away from 6th Aug. to 8th Sept.)

### Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

### Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

### Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

Ron Klerks

STOP line: 1300 304 550

## PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

### Liturgy Ministries

Rodolfo 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
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 18 AUGUST 2024



### FEAST OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE : 14 AUGUST

Maximilian was a precocious Polish child when at 12 his life changed after a vision of Our Lady.

He was famous for at least three things. (A) Neipokalanow. (B) For his print and broadcast media and (C) For his missionary endeavour to Japan. He founded a friary which he named the City of the Immaculate or Niepokalanow.

He was arrested in 1941, February 17. As a religious he was singled out for harsh treatment. He was deported to Auschwitz in May and there he was branded with the number 16670. He was put to hard labour and despite having only one lung, he did not complain. The commandant conceived a relentless hatred against him giving him heavier tasks than the others.

Sometimes his colleagues would try to come to his aid but he would not expose them to danger. Always he replied, "Mary gives me strength. All will be well". At this time he wrote to his mother, "Do not worry about me or my health, for the good Lord is everywhere and holds every one of us in His great love". In Auschwitz, where hunger and hatred reigned and faith evaporated, this man opened his heart to others and spoke of God's infinite love. He seemed never to think of himself. When food was brought in and everyone struggled to get his place in the queue so as to be sure of a share, Fr. Maximilian stood aside, so that frequently there was none left for him. At other times he shared his meagre ration of soup or bread with others.

In reprisal for an escaped prisoner, ten men were chosen to die. Fr Kolbe chose to take the place of a prisoner: Franciszek Gajowniczek. The ten condemned men were led off to the dreaded Bunker, to the airless underground cells where men died slowly without food or water. Meanwhile one after another they died, until only Fr Kolbe was left. The authorities felt it was too long as the cell was needed for new victims. So they gave Fr .Kolbe an injection of carbolic acid. With that he died.

In Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 25, Jesus said, "I was hungry. You gave me to eat. I was thirsty. You gave me to drink. I was naked. You clothed me. I was homeless. You sheltered me. I was sick and in prison, you visited me." Maximilian understood that by ministering to those nine condemned hungry, thirsty, naked, homeless, sick, imprisoned men in the bunker, he was ministering to Jesus! To those prisoners, Maximilian demonstrated that Jesus feeds our hungers and quenches our thirst, that Jesus clothes us with Himself, shelters us in His home which is the Kingdom, and heals and frees us from whatever holds us captive.

Survivors of Auschwitz, through their many testimonies have given firsthand witness account of what happened while Maximilian was in that bunker. The gist of their testimony was this: "You wouldn't believe it. Instead of hearing the usual moans and groans and shrieks and cries and curses, we heard songs and prayers emanating from the window of that bunker. We heard the rosary. We heard hymns to Our Lady." Maximilian turned that horrible death cell of Auschwitz into a prayer cell, and it became an oasis of love.

Today, long after World War II and the Nazi monstrosities, we scarcely remember the names of those leaders at Auschwitz who tormented the poor prisoners, but we do remember that little friar-prisoner with the number 16670 stitched on his uniform and tattooed on his arm. Maximilian Kolbe demonstrated that love triumphs over hate.

*Excerpts taken from a Reflection on St. Maximilian Kolbe by Fr. James McCurry, OFM Conv.(from Fall 2018 Edition)*

**Wishing all of you a Blessed Feast Day!  
St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!**

### Date Claimers

Sun. 18 Aug : Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe:  
Multicultural Mass at 9am  
Wed. 21 Aug : Finance Committee Meeting at 7pm.



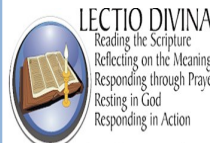
### ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PRAYER

Lord, You inflamed St. Maximilian Kolbe with love for the Immaculate Virgin and filled him with zeal for souls and love of neighbour.

Through His prayers, grant that we may work strenuously for Your Glory in the service of others and so become more conformed to the image of Your Son, Jesus. Amen

### ROSTER SHEETS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2024

Roster sheets for the month of September and October are available at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy and contact the parish office if you need any changes in the next roster.



**LECTIO DIVINA**  
Reading the Scripture  
Reflecting on the Meaning  
Responding through Prayer  
Resting in God  
Responding in Action

*Lectio: Meditatio: Oratio: Contemplatio: Operatio*

Parishioners are invited to attend the Lectio Divina on the following date in the Parish Meeting Room:

**Friday 23rd August:  
7.30pm to 8.30pm**

**Fr. Mikhael, Fr. Nick and Alfred Gomez**

### Roster for the weekend of 24 — 25 August 2024

#### Mass Coordinators

24 Aug. 5.30pm - Christine Lapalapa  
25 Aug. 8.00am - Orlando Diente  
25 Aug. 9.30am - Flor Gomez

#### Readers

24 Aug. 5.30pm - Rylie Lapalapa & Wilda Fernandes  
25 Aug. 8.00am - Josephine Thomas & Mary Klerks  
25 Aug. 9.30am - Manuel Taufina'au & Nimfa Brookes

#### Communion Ministers

24 Aug. 5.30pm - Rosemarie O., Sue M., & Joshy S.  
25 Aug. 8.00am - Sala P., Buxton T., Rachel M.  
25 Aug. 9.30am - Tua N., Tiitii T., Violeta N.

#### Altar Servers

24 Aug. 5.30pm - Saneth, Chagika, Pramudsth  
25 Aug. 8.00am - Malachi, Talalei, Matilda  
25 Aug. 9.30am - Jazmine, Tezaree

#### Choirs

24 Aug. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir  
25 Aug. 8.00am - Congregation singing  
25 Aug. 9.30am - Divine Mercy choir

**Counters** : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

**Cleaners** : Divine Mercy Group

**Flowers** : Evelyn, Nimfa, Olive and Tanya

### Collection: Week-ending: 11 Aug 2024

Envelopes Received	: 28
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,209.45
Yarrabilba Mass Centre :	: \$ 142.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>: \$ 2,351.45</b>

### Feast of St. Maxilian Kolbe : 18 August, 2024

**First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9**

*He accepted them as a holocaust.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33: 2-9**

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20**

*Be watchful that you may know the will of God.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me, and I in them, says the Lord.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel: John 6: 51-58**

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*



### **YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass**

will be held at 4.00pm on:

**25 Aug.**

**Centre Location:**

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



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.Dunmore, 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, Michelle & John Williams, Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, AnDaphne Canal n Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay and Michael Rudd. Alan Langdon, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Ted Barrett.

Young parishioners **aged 13 and above**, are invited to join the Kolbe Youth Ministry. 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.

**Our next Kolbe Youth Gathering will be at 6.00pm on every Friday. New members are welcome to join. Please contact:**

**Shanna Kelemete: 0456152625, email:salzhope83@outlook.com**  
**Lawrence Auva'a: 0434763218, email.auvaalaw30@gmail.com**



**Sacramental Preparation for Children**

**Baptism**

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.**



Join our Parish in participating in Maroon print Election Assembly alongside Catholic Justice and Peace Commission and other parishes across Archdiocese. On Tuesday 3 Sept. 6-8pm at St. John's Anglican Cathedral, 405 Ann St. Brisbane.

Together we can secure better outcomes for kids 0-5, connected communities, secure work, a fair climate transition, and more. Please register by scanning QR code, or put your name on the list at the door. Devett Kennedy 0467 563 796

**CHILDREN'S Ministry**



Sessions will be held at the Parish Hall at 9.30am every Sunday. 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 - 0434570 123.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

**There will be no Children's Liturgy on 18/8/24 due to the St Maximilian Kolbe Feast Day Mass. All children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion are encouraged to be flag bearers at this special mass in honour of our patron**



**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE**

**Annual Catholic Campaign**

Over the weekend of August 25 - 26 we will be promoting the Annual Catholic Campaign in our parish. This is to support the many important and meaningful initiatives of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

It is the one time every year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish.

The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly, and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

**Please do take a Campaign brochure and contribution envelope with you when you go today.**

**You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week.**

**Thank you very much for your generosity & your continued support!**

**God Bless You!**

**Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick**



**Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer**

The Annual Catholic Campaign is a call asking you to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church here in South-East Queensland. The giving makes sense only in the context of us becoming the Lord's sacrifice for the life of the world. Your sacrifice becomes the answer to a prayer, which is the way God wants it to be.

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[catholiccampaign.com.au](http://catholiccampaign.com.au)

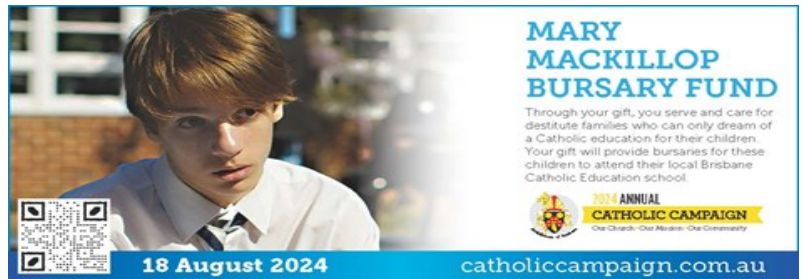


**HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY**

With your gift, you help educate our ordained leaders of the future. These men need to be formed to be the ministers of Christ's mercy; through your care, you make that possible.

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**MARY MACKILLOP BURSARY FUND**

Through your gift, you serve and care for destitute families who can only dream of a Catholic education for their children. Your gift will provide bursaries for these children to attend their local Brisbane Catholic Education school.

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**CENTACARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES**

Your gift to Centacare provides care to families in distress, to victims of domestic violence, to those facing homelessness and to people living on the margins of our communities. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are some of the most important outreaches of the Church to people in real need.

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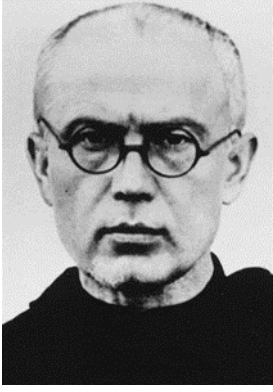


**THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION**

Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.

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## Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

1894–1941

Canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 10, 1982

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, born as Raymond, hailed from Zduńska Wola in present-day Poland. Raymond's mother instilled a deep devotion to the Mother of God in her three sons. Raymond was full of mischief. Once, his mother asked him, "What will become of you?" Afterward, the twelve year old had a vision of Mary who offered him two crowns, a white one signifying purity and a red one signifying martyrdom. When Mary asked Raymond to choose, he responded, "I choose both!"

At age thirteen, Raymond and his older brother Francis joined a new Conventual Franciscan seminary in Lwów, present-day Lviv, Ukraine. Raymond was given the name Maximilian upon entering the novitiate and made his first vows in 1911. He made his final vows in 1914, adopting the name Mary. Brother Maximilian Mary Kolbe completed his studies in Rome, earning doctorates in philosophy and theology.

In 1917, while praying, Brother Maximilian was inspired to form the Militia Immaculatae, the "Army of the Immaculate One," a response to anti-Catholic sentiment during World War I. The organization aimed to convert sinners, heretics, and schismatics and sanctify all people under Mary's guidance. Following his priestly ordination, Father Kolbe relocated to Krakow, teaching Church history and expanding his Militia Immaculatae. In 1922, he began publishing a monthly magazine, *Knight of the Immaculata*. In 1927, he founded a Franciscan friary near Warsaw called Niepokalanów, or "City of the Immaculate Mother of God." In 1930, he established a religious house near Nagasaki, Japan, where the friars produced a Japanese version of their magazine, eventually printing 50,000 monthly papers. In 1936, he returned to Niepokalanów, which soon became one of the world's largest religious houses. The Militia Immaculatae reached over a million households each month.

After Germany overran Poland in 1939, the friars' writings and refuge of thousands of Poles, including 2,000 Jews, drew German suspicion. On February 17, 1941, the Gestapo arrived at Niepokalanów, arresting Father Kolbe and four of his friars, sending them to the Pawiak prison. Father Kolbe worked to inspire faith and hope in his fellow inmates. He charitably responded to the guards' harsh treatment, heard fellow inmates' confessions, and prayed with them.

Father Kolbe was transferred to Auschwitz as prisoner #16670 on May 28 and continued to minister to others. He and the other prisoners were beaten to the point of death and then expected to work. The doctor who treated him at the infirmary after one beating, testified, "During my four years at Auschwitz, I have never seen such a sublime example of God's love for one's neighbor."

In July, after a man escaped from Father Kolbe's barracks, ten men were selected to die by starvation as punishment and as a deterrent to others who thought of escaping. Among them was Franciszek Gajowniczek, who cried out, "My poor wife, my poor children!" Moved to compassion, Father Kolbe requested permission to take Franciszek's place. Father Kolbe survived for two weeks before the impatient guards administered a lethal injection. Father Kolbe willingly offered his arm, showing no fear of death. Soon after, word of his martyrdom of charity spread throughout Auschwitz.

**Prayer:** *Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, in a holy life, you shared the Gospel through the means of your time. You culminated your service by laying down your life for a stranger. Please pray that I will have the same depth of love and that God will take the gift of my life to use for His glory. Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Source: <https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/august-14-saint-maximilian-mary-kolbe-priest-and-martyr>