



# 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 38030862

### Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

### Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

### Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

Ron Klerks

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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 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

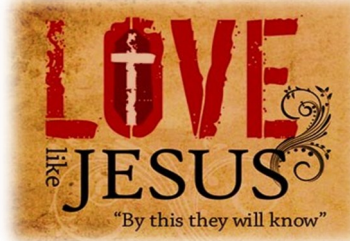
Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.00am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am

**Confession: Saturday : 5.00pm**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 18 May 2025



On this fifth Sunday of Easter we continue glorifying the risen Christ. In today's first reading, Paul encourages us to remain faithful in our missions as disciples of Jesus Christ. He reminds us that: *"We all have to experience many hardships before we enter the kingdom of God."*

In other words, our suffering as Christians is the stepping stone to our victory. If we do not lose our faith during times of persecutions and hardships we shall be victorious. Therefore, love for the word, and love for one another must sustain us as we march towards the kingdom of God.

Through the vision of John in today's second reading, God gives us a glimpse of that kingdom that Paul spoke of in our first reading. It is a place of renewal where all our lost glory would be restored. The New Jerusalem is the reward of all Christians who bear an authentic witness to the risen Christ. It is the hope of all who endure persecutions for the sake of Christ and His good news.

It is a place of comfort and consolation where the risen Christ: *"...Will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness."* Through this vision, we are once again encouraged and assured that God himself has a place for us in His kingdom. It is His wish that one day we too shall be with Him in His eternal kingdom where He promised to make all things new for us. However, before then we must endure the trial of this world.

In today's gospel, Christ gives us a new commandment that will help us to overcome this world and march into the New Jerusalem. He says: *"I give you a new commandment, love one another; you must love one another..."* Through this, Christ reminds us that the only way we can overcome the tribulations and persecutions of this world is by remaining united in love. In times of trials and persecutions, love is the greatest virtue that sustains every Christian community. The early Christian community understood this very well. They obeyed Christ's command and were successful in their missions.

Any Christian community or family that is united in love will never lose its focus or faith in God. This is the love that Paul described in chapter thirteen of his first letter to the Corinthian Christian community. This love cares, it does not exploit the other, it endures and forgives, and it empathizes and sympathizes with the other. This love may be blind, but it still remains very prudent, sensible, reasonable and godly.

Finally, the love that Christ talks about here is an identification mark. Hence He says: *"...By this love everyone will know that you are my disciples."* In other words, it is what defines us as true disciple of Christ. Only those who love sincerely can enter the New Jerusalem that the risen Christ promised his people. This love is a mark of the newness of life that Christ brings to all his people this Easter season.

*Reflected By: Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp*

*Member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers (Spiritans)*

### Date Claimers

**Sat. 17 May : Second session for Sacrament of confirmation from 4pm to 5pm.**

**Wed. 21 May: Parish Strategic Plan Formation Session from 6.30pm to 9pm. All Pastoral Council Members and Parish Ministry Team Leaders are requested to attend.**

### Change in Mass Timing Effective Sun. 1 June.

**On a trial basis, the timing of Sunday Morning 8am Mass will be changed to 7am. This change is effective from Sunday 1st June 2025 for a month to evaluate the effectiveness of the change of Mass timing. Fr. John and Fr. Nick**

### Roster for the weekend of 24 May — 25 May 2025

#### Mass Coordinators

24 May. 5.30pm - Tua Niumagumagu  
25 May. 8.00am - Ron Klerks  
25 May. 9.30am - Flor Gomez

#### Readers

24 May. 5.30pm - Deb Howkins & Andrew Taulalai  
25 May. 8.00am - Buxton Thomas & Tamate T.  
25 May. 9.30am - Francesca Ordonez & Destiny D.

#### Communion Ministers

24 May. 5.30pm - Joshy S., Sue M., Kaylene Carroll  
25 May. 8.00am - Wilda F., Sera T., and Josephine T.  
25 May. 9.30am - Joy Wallace & Boyet Domingo  
Shanna K & Tuala Petelo

#### Altar Servers

24 May. 5.30pm - Gerald Joshy  
25 May. 8.00am - John Paul and Andrew  
25 May. 9.30am - Parfait and Clovis

#### Choirs

24 May. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir  
25 May. 8.00am - Congregation Singing  
25 May. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

Flowers : Suli, Lipine and Malia

### Collection: Week-ending: 11 May 2025

Envelopes Received	:	28
Amount from Contributions	:	\$ 2,351.15
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 206.50
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TOTAL	:	\$ 2,567.65

### 5th Sunday of Easter: 18th May 2025

**First Reading:** Acts 14: 21-27

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144: 8 - 13

**R:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 21: 1 - 5

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 13: 31-35

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*



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

will be held at 4.00pm on:

**18 May & 25 May 2025**

#### Centre Location:

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



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.

**The Kingston Marsden Parish is welcoming applications for a casual Administration Officer to assist with parish office duties and provide additional support during staff leave (up to 24 hours/week when needed). This role involves a variety of administrative tasks including payments, newsletter preparation, volunteer support, and sacramental records.**

**We're looking for someone organised, communicative, and respectful of the Catholic environment. Regular hours are one day per week (5 hrs), with flexibility to cover Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.**

**To apply, please send your resume and cover letter to Fr. John Quang at [marsden@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:marsden@bne.catholic.net.au)**



## 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

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

Day/Date	Particulars
Sat. 17 May	<b>2nd Workshop:</b> 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 24 May	<b>Rehearsal</b> for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Sat. 31 May	<b>Confirmation Day @ 5.30pm</b>

# 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



# 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.



**MARYFIELDS HALL**

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### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2025

CELEBRATES THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH THE THEME 'CONNECTING COMMUNITIES'.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SPIRIT OF CONNECTION AND THE TIRELESS WORK OF OUR **LOCAL SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES** WHO HELP KEEP OUR PARISHES, MINISTRIES, AND SERVICES SAFE.



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE  
Office for Safeguarding Services

SMK COMMUNITY LIFE PRESENTS



**CHRISTMAS  
IN JULY  
FOR SENIORS**

**SAT 19TH  
JULY 2025** | **12PM - 2PM  
PARISH HALL**

**COST: \$20 INCLUDING LUNCH AND  
RAFFLE TICKETS**

ANY DONATIONS TOWARDS THIS EVENT IS  
WELCOME EITHER IN THE FORM OF FOOD OR CASH

**CONTACT PERSON: LELE FAAETEETE**

## 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 23 May 2025: 7:30pm – 8:30pm**

**Friday 13 June 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**



## ALLELUIA! PRAISE GOD!

Have you heard the crowd shouting in jubilation when Pope Leo XIV was announced as the new pope? The crowd was chanting "Viva il Papa Leonem! Papa Leonem!".

Different countries have their own way of honouring their heroes. Some people stand, applaud, or shout rhythmic repetitions of names or phrases. In the liturgy, we used the important, rich, and traditional word "Alleluia". Alleluia or Hallelujah comes from two Hebrew words --- *halal* which means "praise" and *yah* which is the shortened name of the Lord Yahweh. Therefore, the word *Alleluia* means "Praise Yahweh", "May God be praised", "Praise the Lord", or "Praise God!".

When we sing Alleluia before the Gospel, it is acclaiming God as our hero. For in the Gospel, the stories of the salvation history revealed through the prophets in the Old Testament readings have come into fruition through Jesus Christ, the Son sent by God.

**The Alleluia or, as the liturgical season requires, the verse before the Gospel, is a 'rite or act standing by itself.' It serves as the assembled faithful's greeting of welcome to the Lord who is about to speak to them and as an expression of their faith through song. The Alleluia or the verse before the Gospel must be sung and during it all stand. It is not to be sung only by the cantor who intones it or by the choir, but by the whole congregation together. (Introduction to the Lectionary of Mass #23)**

In Revelations 19:1,3,4, it is written that people in heaven worship to God by saying "Alleluia". St. Augustine invites us --- "Let us sing Alleluia here on earth while we still live in anxiety, so that we may sing it one day in heaven in full security".

May God be praised now and forever!



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