



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.

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Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 10.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 9.00am

Friday 9.00am

Saturday 8.00am

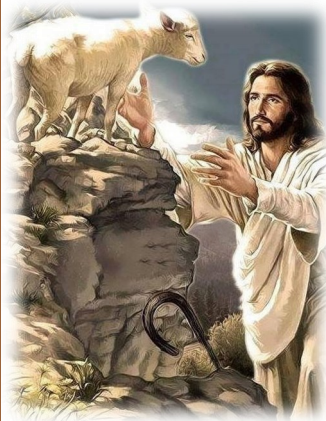
Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am

Confession: Saturday : 5.00pm

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER: Good Shepherd Sunday - 11 May 2025



"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27

Jesus offers a clear contrast among shepherds. This would apply to priests, parents and all of us in our own unique way. The contrast He offers is between the ones who care deeply for those entrusted to their care, and those who are just going through the motions and are more motivated by selfishness than sacrificial love.

Jesus perfectly manifested sacrificial love as the Divine Shepherd. He was willing to go all the way for us, His sheep. He was willing to sacrifice everything. He did not let suffering, persecution, rejection and the like deter Him from His responsibility of caring for us in a total and complete way. It should inspire us, console us and encourage us to know how deep His love for us really is.

This love is seen, also, in the unwavering love of a parent, sibling, or dear friend. When the love one offers us is unwavering, especially in difficult times, this is a great support. And love offered to another like this forges a deep spiritual bond that is stronger than any hardship we may face. No matter what "wolf" comes our way, we must know of the unwavering support of the Divine Shepherd. And when we can see that love made manifest in the unwavering support of others, we are doubly blessed.

But the contrast should not be ignored either. Jesus gives the example of "a hired man who is not a shepherd" who sees the wolf coming and runs. It's important to point out how damaging this man is to the people of God. When he runs from his responsibility and gives into selfish motivation, he leaves the flock untended and vulnerable to attack. We should see in this hired man the temptation we all inevitably face in life. It's hard to stick with it through the hard times. It's hard to be there for those who need us when they need us. It's hard to be faithful in all things and to never shy away in the face of the temptation of fear. Jesus offers His unwavering love and support to us as our Shepherd, but He also wants us to return this gift to Him by offering this same unwavering commitment to one another.

Reflect, today, how well you imitate the Good Shepherd. Where you are lacking, let Him shepherd you so that you may shepherd others. Run to the Good Shepherd and trust in His perfect love for you.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, I thank You for Your unwavering support of me as my Shepherd. And I thank You for those who act as Your instruments of this deep love and commitment. Help me to fulfil my role of shepherding Your people, the people You have placed in my life. May I never run from the glorious responsibility You have called me to. Jesus, I trust in You.

Adapted from:

<https://mycatholic.life/books/catholic-daily-reflections-series/lent-and-easter-reflections/11-fourth-week-of-easter/>

Date Claimers

Sat. 10 May : First session for Sacrament of confirmation from 4pm to 5pm

Tue. 13th May : Healing Mass at 10.00am

Roster for the weekend of 17 May — 18 May 2025

Mass Coordinators

17 May. 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez
18 May. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes
18 May. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

Readers

17 May. 5.30pm - Abel Budiono & Verity Madsen
18 May. 8.00am - Orlando Diente & Beah Tualai
18 May. 9.30am - Tiliola Niumagumagu & Elenora T.

Communion Ministers

17 May. 5.30pm - Francisca O., Paul S. Tua N.
18 May. 8.00am - Talafia, Lele and Korina
18 May. 9.30am - Tiiti Toalepai & Millie Petelo
Kelemete T & Winnie Kepu

Altar Servers

17 May. 5.30pm - Gerald Joshy
18 May. 8.00am - Malachi, Talalai and Matilda
18 May. 9.30am - Jazmine, Tezarre and Noa

Choirs

17 May. 5.30pm - Trinity Choir
18 May. 8.00am - St. Peter the Rock choir
18 May. 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Tualai Family

Flowers : Nimfa, Olive

4th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd- 11th May 2025

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43 - 52
We are now turning to the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99: 1 – 3, 5
R. We are His people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Revelation 7: 9, 14 - 17
The Lamb who is at the throne will be their Shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10: 27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

11 May & 18 May 2025

Centre Location:

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

Healing Mass

10.00 am

Tuesday, 13th May 2025

Honoring Mother Mary
&
Celebrating Mother's Day



Collection: Week-ending: 04 May 2025

Envelopes Received	:	15
Amount from Contributions	:	\$ 996.25
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 138.45
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TOTAL	:	\$ 1,134.70



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



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

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Happy Mother's Day

Almighty God, our Father,

We approach your throne on behalf of all our mothers, grandmothers and mother-figures in our lives; all those whom you have entrusted with the care of your children on earth. We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mother gives; especially the gift of life, love and time.

We pray that you will grant a very special blessing on each of these special ladies, who together with you are co-creators raising your children in this world. Enable each mother to see in every mundane task the eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.

We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from you God our Father to your beloved Son, Jesus and on to us in salvation, will flow from all mothers to their children. We pray that each mother would embrace the goodness of the gospel. We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home under the nurturing love of a good mother.

We especially pray for those who never had the honour of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.

Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you, the Creator and Sustainer of life. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each boy and girl. May each mother find rest in you.

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honour mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have given us birth, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. As our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb, receive our deepest gratitude for the gift of mothers in our lives. Amen.

Adapted in part from the writings of Daniel Darling



KOLBE YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUNG PARISHIONERS AGED 13 AND ABOVE, ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE KOLBE YOUTH MINISTRY

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.

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING

5 PM - 7 PM

MARYFIELDS HALL

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Message from Pope Leo XIV: Greetings to Rome and to the world Peace be with you! Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth: Peace be with you. This is the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarming and humble and preserving peace. It comes from God. God, who loves all of us, without any limits or conditions. Let us keep in our ears the weak but always brave voice of Pope Francis, who blessed Rome - the Pope who blessed Rome and the world that day on the morning of Easter. Allow me to continue that same blessing. God loves us, all of us, evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, we will go forward. We are disciples of Christ, Christ goes before us, and the world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to reach God and His love. You help us to build bridges with dialogue and encounter so we can all be one people always in peace. Thank you Pope Francis!

Schedule of Preparation for the Children's Sacrament of Confirmation

Day/Date	Particulars
Sat. 10 May	1st Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 17 May	2nd Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 24 May	Rehearsal for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Sat. 31 May	Confirmation Day @ 5.30pm

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RESPONDING TO GOD IN PSALM



In a conversation, we normally respond when someone speaks to us. This is exactly what happens when we sing or recite the Responsorial Psalm after the First Reading --- we respond to God. For when the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God Himself speaks to His people (GIRM #29).

The Responsorial Psalm has a great liturgical and pastoral importance since it fosters meditation on the Word of God and it should correspond to the reading (GIRM #61). According to Fr. Jean-Yves Garneau in his book *Discovering the Eucharist*, "The psalm is closely connected to the first reading. It is even offered like an echo to the first reading. Most of the time, the psalm – particularly the refrain (response) – takes up a few of the words which have just been proclaimed. In other words, the people respond to God by repeating the words which they have just heard. For example, if the first reading speaks of God's love and care for His people, the psalm and refrain could be: My shepherd is the Lord, nothing indeed shall I want."



The General Introduction to the Lectionary of Mass #20 mentions that Psalms ought to be sung, either responsorially or directly. In responsorial singing, the psalmist or cantor sings the psalm verses, and the community sings the response. In direct singing, there is no intervening response by the community and either the psalmist or cantor sings the psalm alone as the community listens or else all sing it together. When not sung, the psalm is to be recited in a manner conducive to meditation on the Word of God (LMI #22, GIRM #61).

St. John Chrysostom has this to say about Psalm responses: "Let us not sing them in a routine way, but let us take them as a walking stick to our journey. Each verse can teach us much wisdom."

May we "taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Ps 34:8)"!

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