



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

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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

Rodolfo (Boyet) Domingo

Children & Families Ministries and Children's Sacramental Program

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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 7.00pm

Friday 10.00am & 3.00pm.

Saturday (Easter Vigil) 7.00pm

Easter Sunday: 7.30am & 9.30am

PALM SUNDAY : 29 MARCH 2026

Today's liturgy combines both a sense of triumph and tragedy. Very importantly, we are reminded at the beginning, that we are about to commemorate the triumph of Christ our King. We do this through the blessing of palms, the procession and the joyful singing. And the celebrant wears red vestments. So, as we listen to the Passion story unfolding, let us keep in mind the Hosannas as Jesus our King entered Jerusalem, his city. Very soon it will be difficult to recognise our King in the battered, scourged, crowned-with-thorns, crucified body of a human being.

Why did Jesus have to undergo such a terrible fate? Basically, there were two reasons. The first was political—Jesus had become the object of hate and prejudice by people who saw him as a threat to their religious authority and political standing.

But secondly, what happened was all in accordance with the Father's will. That is not to say, as some people seem to imply, that God wanted to kill Jesus and engineered everything to happen that way. There are perfectly understandable reasons why Jesus' behaviour led to his suffering and death.

At the same time, this behaviour was the result of Jesus' unconditional love for every person he met—including his enemies. And Jesus' love for everyone was a mirror of the same love of the Father. It was an *agape*-love so intense that Jesus was ready to sacrifice his own life for it: *No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.* (John 15:13)

In doing so, Jesus identified with his Father's will, namely, that all come to be aware of God's unconditional love for them.

It is St Paul who says that: *...rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.* (Rom 5:7)

But it is altogether unusual for one to give up their life for evildoers—and at times, that is what all of us are, in one way or another, we have sinned.

Eyes of faith

What we see in today's readings is God using perfectly human situations in order to convey, in dramatic fashion, his relationship to us. And it is only with genuine faith that we are able to see the work of God in the tragic death of Jesus.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew says that at the moment of his death, Jesus "breathed his last"—that he gave up his spirit and died. But it also has the other meaning that the life, sufferings and death of Jesus, when properly understood, released a power into the world, the power of the Spirit of God, a Spirit with which Jesus himself was filled. Jesus' followers will soon also become filled with that Spirit of God's love.

Fr. Nick

Roster for the Sacred Paschal Triduum 02 to 05 April 2025

02 April: Thursday of the Lord's Supper.

Mass Coordinators

02 Apr 7.00pm - Rosemarie Ordonez and Boyet Domingo

Readers

02 Apr 7.00pm - Lele Faeeteete and Tiliola Niumagumagu

Communion Ministers

02 Apr 7.00pm - Francesca O., Alfred G., Talafaia T., Elenora T.

Altar Servers

02 Apr 7.00pm - Antonio, Andrew, Abigail, Annabel and Zain

Choir

02 Apr 7.00pm - Trinity Choir

03 April: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Stations of the Cross : 10 am : SMK Youth

Coordinators

03 Apr 3.00pm - Flower Donohue and Lele Faeeteete

Readers

03 Apr 3.00pm - Flor Gomez and Millie Petelo
- Malcolm D'Souza (N), Jacob Domingo ©
- Tamate T.(O), Kelemete Tito (P)

Communion Ministers

03 Apr 3.00pm - Joshy S., Deb H., Kristina D., Tuala P

Altar Servers

03 Apr 3.00pm - Andrew T., John, May, Clovis and Parfait

Choir

03 Apr 3.00pm - Congregation Singing

04 April: Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)

Mass Coordinators

04 Apr 7.00pm - Flor Gomez and Francesca Ordonez

Readers

04 Apr 7.00pm - Mass Coordinator (Introduction)
SMK Youth(1st Reading)
SMK Youth (2nd Reading)
SMK Youth (3rd Reading)
SMK Youth (Epistle)

Communion Ministers

04 Apr 7.00pm - Tiitii. T, Eseta A, Elisapeta T, Korina L

Altar Servers

04 Apr 7.00pm - SMK Youth

Choir

04 Apr 7.00pm - Ekalesia Choir

05 April: Sunday of the Resurrection(Easter Sunday)

Mass Coordinators

05 Apr 7.30am - Nimfa Brookes

05 Apr 9.30am - Mary Klerks

Readers

05 Apr 7.30am - Wilda Fernandes and Nina Domingo

05 Apr 9.30am - Flower Donohue and Sue Barrett

Communion Ministers

05 Apr 7.30am - Deb H., Josephine T., Sera T.

05 Apr 9.30am - Talafaia T., Kelemete T., Winnie K., Sue M.

Altar Servers

05 Apr 7.30am - John and May

05 Apr 9.30am - Jazmine and Tezaree

Choirs

05 Apr 7.30am - Congregation

05 Apr 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa and Noel Swindells.

Cleaners : Ekalesia Group.

Palm Sunday : 29 March 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: Mathew: 26: 14-27:66.



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IMPORTANT DATE CLAIMERS

Lent & Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY: PASSION OF THE LORD

NORMAL MASS TIMES - SAT 5:30PM
SUN 7:30AM & 9:30AM & YARRABILBA 4PM)

HOLY THURSDAY: THE LAST SUPPER OF THE LORD

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 10AM

GOOD FRIDAY: VENERATION OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 3PM

FOLLOWED BY VIDEO SESSION:

WHY GOD REQUIRES BLOOD? THE HORRIFYING TRUTH ABOUT THE ALTAR

EASTER VIGIL

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 7:30AM & 9:30AM (NO MASS AT YARRABILBA)

Collection: Week-ending: 22 March 2026

Envelopes Received	:	30
Amount from Contributions	:	\$ 2,192.45
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 150.10
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TOTAL	:	\$ 2,342.55



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: **Tiresa Vaigafa 0434 570 123**

PALM SUNDAY – 29 March 2026



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

As we enter the sacred season of Easter, Project Compassion once again invites us to unite in faith, hope and love, extending our hands and hearts to those who need it most.

Your generosity also helped Caritas Australia respond to 24 humanitarian crises worldwide as part of the Caritas Internationalis network, including in Gaza, Ukraine and Myanmar, where the need for protection and care remains significant.

Together with our partners, your support helps families access nutritious food, clean water, education, healthcare and opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. These essentials allow communities to grow in strength and resilience and to build brighter futures for generations to come.

Please take an envelope or a box from the entrance of the church and return them during Holy Week. Thank You for your generous support.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

29 March & No Mass on Easter Sunday

Centre Location: St. Clare's Primary School,
2 Combs St, Yarrabilba.

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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Could you be the face of The Cathedral of St Stephen who warmly greets and welcomes our many visitors?
If you have an interest in history and enjoy being a part of a vibrant team - this could be for you!

We are holding an Information Day at the Cathedral on Thursday 16 April 2026 for prospective Guides & Welcomers.

To find out more, please email
CathedralGandWeb@ne.catholic.net.au
or contact the Cathedral Office on 3324 3030.



- ◆ There will be a box placed at the Entrance of the Church for you to **drop off** your **Project Compassion Envelopes or Coin Boxes**, from next week.
- ◆ Envelopes for the **Good Friday Special Collection for the Holy Land** is now available at the entrance of the church. This collection will be **taken during the Good Friday Service on Friday, 3rd April 2026**.
- ◆ Our Parish **Easter Envelopes** have also been placed out; these will be collected at all the Easter Weekend Masses.

Thank you everyone for your generosity and may God bless you all for your loving kindness!

Fr. John & Fr. Nick

Candles on Easter Vigil: *Please take note that **only battery-operated candles** will be allowed for the Easter Vigil Mass within the church complex (both indoor & outdoor). For this purpose, **please bring your own** or buy a battery tealight candle from our Liturgical Team member at the entrance of the Church, at the cost of \$1/each. (only few will be available) Thank you for your understanding. Fr. John and Fr. Nick*



Schedule of Preparation for the Children's Sacrament of Confirmation

Day/Date	Particulars
Wed. 29 April	Parents/Guardians' Information Session at 6.30pm.
Sat. 02 May	1st Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 16 May	2nd Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 23 May	Rehearsal for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Sat. 30 May	Confirmation Day @ 5.30pm

CATECHISM CORNER

WHAT IS EASTER TRIUUM?

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during **the Triduum are**: -1. Mass of the Lord's Supper. 2. Good Friday of the Lord's Passion. 3. Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

We here at the Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe , as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane **MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES.** Archdiocesan Website www.bne.catholic.net.au or www.kingstonmarsdenparish.org.au

We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults** <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>