



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

Helen Swindells

Community Life Ministries

Lele Faaeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

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Adult Faith Formation Ministries

Alfred Gomez

Outreach Ministry

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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 & 6pm

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 15 FEBRUARY 2026

The first Christians were all Jews. In the beginning, they continued to observe many of their traditional customs, e.g. about circumcision, about clean and unclean food. As well, they went to the Temple in Jerusalem to pray. But very soon, non-Jews (Gentiles) also became Christians, and these did not have to observe some of the traditions of the Jews. But the Jewish Christians felt uncomfortable about this. When they became Christians, did they have to abandon traditions, which were so much part of both their religious and social life? It became a very serious issue in the Early Church.

Matthew's Gospel, from which today's passage comes, was written primarily for Jewish Christians and today's reading—and indeed the whole of this Gospel—can be seen as words of encouragement for them. The life of Jesus is not a breakaway from past Jewish traditions, but it is a continuation of all that was foretold by the prophecies of the Hebrew Testament. The life and teaching of Jesus is not to be seen as a new religion; Jesus' life is the natural development of the story of salvation. And Jesus is the climax of that story, because Jesus is the Messiah king and saviour for whom the Jews had been waiting.

The Law of Jesus

So in today's Gospel, Matthew emphasises the relationship between Jewish Law and the teaching of Jesus. He did not abolish the Law, but he introduced a completely new way of thinking. He did not abolish or change the Law, but went far beyond its literal requirements. For Jesus, just to keep the Law externally is not enough. To be a disciple of Christ, the foundation of our lives must go deeper—to a mutual love. To keep the Law without love is like having a body without a soul. Literally, to keep the Law of God and of the Church is not the same as being a good disciple of Jesus. Jesus says today: ... *unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees [who were perfect observers of the letter of the Law], you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

The Scribes and the Pharisees kept the Law and the Commandments very carefully. But Jesus would say that, though they observed the external requirements of the Law, they did not have the spirit which is the foundation of the Law: to love God and to love the neighbour as oneself.

To help us understand his meaning, Jesus gives some striking examples in today's Gospel. Jesus helps us to understand that, to be one of his disciples, it is not enough simply to keep what the Law tells us to do. We do not keep the Law through our behaviour, but through our basic attitudes, our basic values.

True Christians do not ask whether something is legal or illegal. They love God, they love Jesus, they love their brothers and sisters. Their only concern is how they can serve and love them more and more. They want to work with Jesus and with his sisters and brothers to build the Kingdom of God. No matter how much they do, they know they can still love more and do more and be more.

Fr. Nick

Date Claimers

Wed. Feb 18: Ash Wednesday: Mass at 9 am & 6 pm
Fri. Feb. 20: Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.



LENT

The 40-day period leading up to Easter (excluding Sundays) that starts on Ash Wednesday. It is marked by praying, fasting, and almsgiving.

	FASTING	ABSTINENCE
	Act of mortification (dying to ourselves) to cultivate Christian discipline, self control, and self-denial	
What?	One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.	Refraining from luxury such as eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.
When?	Ash Wednesday Good Friday	Ash Wednesday Good Friday All Fridays of Lent*
Who?	18 - 59 years of age	14 years old and above
<small>Exemption: physically and mentally ill, pregnant or nursing women</small>		

Roster for the weekend of 21 — 22 February 2026

Mass Coordinators

21 Feb. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez
22 Feb. 7.30am - Nimfa Brookes
22 Feb. 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

21 Feb. 5.30pm - Destin Kampangu & Elenora Tufuga.
22 Feb. 7.30am - Brian Cunningham & Josephine Thomas
22 Feb. 9.30am - Annabel Budiono & Boyet Domingo.

Communion Ministers

21 Feb. 5.30pm - Deb Howkins & Sue McKeown.
22 Feb. 7.30am - Buxton Thomas & Eseta Alosio
22 Feb. 9.30am - Joy W., Kristine D., Alfred G.

Altar Servers

21 Feb. 5.30pm - Volunteers
22 Feb. 7.30am - Volunteers
22 Feb. 9.30am - Volunteers

Choirs

21 Feb. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
22 Feb. 7.30am - Congregation
22 Feb. 9.30am - Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa and Noel Swindells

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

Flowers : Lent : No Flowers

Collection: Week-ending: 08 February 2026

Envelopes Received : 37
Amount from Contributions : \$ 2,266.05
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 296.30

TOTAL : \$ 2,562.35

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: 15 Feb 2026

First Reading (Sirach 15: 15-20)

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 118: 1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34)

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia! alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 5: 17-37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Gospel : Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34,37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not kill and anyone who kills will be subject to judgment.’²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.



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.

Children's Liturgy started on:
Sunday 8th February 2026

For further information, parents or guardians can contact our Children's Ministry Co-ordinator: **Tiresa Vaigafa 0434 570 123**

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Every Friday **5:30 pm** St Maximilian Kolbe

One generation praises your deeds to another; they proclaim your mighty works. Psalm 145:4



Come grow closer to Christ through Mary. We are launching a new group where we come together to learn the Rosary, deepen prayer, and grow in faith under Our Blessed Mother



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

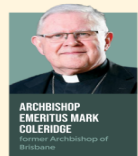
15 February & 22 February 2026

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

MODULE 3

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ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION



ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PRESENTS



MEET & GREET

FRIDAY
20 FEB 26
5 PM
MARYFIELDS HALL

WITH
Citizens of Christ
Youth

CONNECT \ HAVE FUN \ BE INSPIRED



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/>



PLANNING SCHEDULE FOR ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - 2026

SACRAMENTS	1 st RITE OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION)	CONFIRMATION	FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST
Age Group	Grade 5 & above	Grade 3 & above	Grade 3 & above
Important Enrolment Conditions	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation and 1 st Holy Eucharist	This sacrament is offered to children who have already been Baptised	This sacrament is offered to children who have already received their Confirmation
Dateline for Submission of Enrolment Forms	Sunday, 15 March 2026	Sunday, 15 March 2026	Sunday, 7 June 2026
Rite of Enrolment in Church during Mass	-	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 22 March 2026	9.30am Mass on Sunday, 14 June 2026
Parent/Guardian Information Session	-	6.30pm on Wednesday, 29 April 2026	6.30pm on Wednesday, 17 June 2026
1st Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	Only 1 workshop Saturday, 21 March 2026	Saturday, 2 May 2026	Saturday, 20 June 2026
2nd Workshop Session: 3pm – 5pm; followed by 5.30pm Mass	-	Saturday, 16 May 2026	Saturday, 18 July 2026
Rehearsal * Only for 1st Holy Eucharist, the rehearsal will be preceded by the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	-	9am Saturday, 23 May 2026	9am Saturday, 25 July 2026
DAY OF SACRAMENT	Saturday, 21 March 2026 (after the workshop)	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 30 May 2026	5.30pm Mass on Saturday, 01 August 2026

Sacramental Program Forms

Sacramental Program forms for Sacrament of Penance and Sacrament of Confirmation are available at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy of the form and submit them before the deadline as indicated above, along with the necessary documents. Thank you.

SMK Sacramental Team