



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. 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: 25 May 2025



One figure that featured in all the readings of this sixth Sunday of Easter is the Holy Spirit. Jesus is gradually approaching the end of his earthly ministry, so he promised to send us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the radiant glory that enlightens us. If we remain attuned to Him, He will guide us in all our decisions and ways through this life.

In the first reading, and in fact in the whole of Acts of the Apostles, the Apostles did not take any decisions without consulting the Holy Spirit. Also, they could not carry out any serious mission without the Holy Spirit. "The Holy Spirit and we have decided," they said. The second reading begins thus: "In the Spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous mountain..." In the gospel, as Christ was about ascending back to his father, he promised to send to the Advocate to his disciple. The Holy Spirit is the power of Jesus and yet, a Person in the Trinity. However, this does not mean that His era was coming to an end, because He is Lord at all times. Rather, it implies that is not leaving us orphans.

This Sunday, Jesus assures us that the Holy Spirit will teach and remind us of all that, He himself had taught us. We need to be attentive to Him if we must be able to read the signs of our time and succeed in our mission in our world today. At no time in the history of the world has the need to listen to the Holy Spirit been more important than at our own time. As Christians, there are so many intrigues, perplexities and dilemmas that we must contend with in our world today. Only those who pay attention to the Holy Spirit can understand the reasons for these and where they are leading us to. So, this time calls for a special relationship with the Holy Spirit.

If we must survive the perils of our time we must make the Holy Spirit our Advocate and our Partner. It is only when the Holy Spirit of God is upon us that we can sing and dance the way David did. Only through the help of the Holy Spirit we can preach well as the Apostles did. This is because, "no one can say Jesus is Lord except by the power of the Holy Spirit" (I Cor 12, 3). Only . It is only through the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we can face the struggles of this life, and succeed in our missionary endeavors.

Finally, without listening to the Holy Spirit we continue in go round in a vicious circle. Hence, if we allow Him to take the lead, we will walk well and live rightly. If we allow him to move us, we will move well. If we allow him to teach us, we will understand well; and if we allow him to inspire us, we shall achieve our goals, and be where Christ is today. "What gives life is the Spirit, the flesh profits nothing" (Jn 6: 63). So, each morning, when we wake up, have to invoke and ask the Holy Spirit to direct and shows us the best way to proceed.

*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. 24 May : Rehearsal for Sacrament of confirmation 9am

Sat. 31 May: Sacrament of Confirmation at 5.30pm.

Mon. 2 June: Pastoral council Meeting at 7pm

Tue. 3 June: Liturgy committee Meeting at 7pm

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 31 May — 01 June 2025

Mass Coordinators

31 May. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez
01 June. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes
01 June. 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

31 May. 5.30pm - Confirmation children
01 June. 8.00am - Brian C., & Tovio Tagaloa
01 June. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa & Jacob Domingo

Communion Ministers

31 May. 5.30pm - Joshy S., Sue M., Rosemarie O.
01 June. 8.00am - Korina L, Sera T., Lawrence A.
01 June. 9.30am - Tiitii Toelepai & Ron Klerks
Alfred Gomez & Winnie Kepu

Altar Servers

31 May. 5.30pm - John Paul and Andrew
01 June. 8.00am - John and May
01 June. 9.30am - Jazmine and Tezaree

Choirs

31 May. 5.30pm - Youth Choir
01 June. 8.00am - Congregation Singing
25 May. 9.30am - Ekalesia Choir

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

Cleaners : Ekalesia Group

Flowers : Suli, Lipine and Malia

Collection: Week-ending: 18 May 2025

Envelopes Received	:	28
Amount from Contributions	:	\$ 2,617.75
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	:	\$ 100.00
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TOTAL	:	\$ 2,717.75



In loving memory of

Sue Zaghini

who entered eternal life on 21st May 2025

As a Parish family we extend our deepest condolences to Sue's family as we share in your loss and uphold all of you in our prayers at this time of sadness and grief.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in sublime peace, Amen!

6th Sunday of Easter: 25 May 2025

First Reading: Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8)

R: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14: 23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

25 May & 01 June 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 McCartthy, 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



PENTECOST PARTY

The Children and Families Ministry Team would like to invite the children who attend Children's Liturgy to a Pentecost Party. It will be held after the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 8/6/25 (Pentecost Sunday) to celebrate this very important date in our church calendar - the birthday of the Church. SMK Children and Families Ministry

Children's Sacrament of Confirmation

Day/Date	Particulars
Sat. 24 May	Rehearsal for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Sat. 31 May	Confirmation Day @ 5.30pm

This was Pope Francis' last reflection.

The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...
 They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...
 It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.
 A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...
 In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...
 A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...
 A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...
 It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.
 The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.
 A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.
 This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.
 Do not criticize your body too much.
 Do not complain excessively.
 Do not lose sleep over bills.
 Make sure to hug your loved ones.
 Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.
 Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.
 You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...
 Listen, perfection does not exist.
 A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here. Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.
 So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.
 Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.
 Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.
 Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!
 And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator." —Pope Francis

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.

5 PM - 7 PM

MARYFIELDS HALL

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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



OPEN MY MIND, MY LIPS, AND MY HEART



Before the Gospel reading, when the deacon or the priest announces, "A reading from the holy Gospel according to...", he traces the sign of the cross on the Gospel book, then traces small crosses on his forehead, on his lips, and on his chest. In the same way, the people sign themselves with small crosses on the forehead, on the lips, and on the chest while saying "Glory to you, O Lord".

This custom of the faithful, signing their forehead, lips, and chest with crosses, begun in the 11th century and it is rich in meaning. The purpose of this gesture is to draw God's favor down on us like in a benediction.

When a priest blesses a person, water, a meal, any religious article e.g. rosary, medal, statue etc., he makes the sign of the cross over them, for we believe that it is from the cross of Jesus that God's favor is bestowed on us.

By tracing the crosses on our forehead, lips, and chest, we ask that the words of the Gospel penetrate our whole being. It denotes our desire to grasp the words of Christ with our minds, speak them with our lips, and believe them with our hearts.

Fr. Joseph Jungmann, a specialist in the study of the rites of the Mass, has this to say about this gesture, "By this sign, with head lifted high, we want to bear witness to the word which Jesus brought us and which is written in this book; we profess it with our mouth, and especially do we keep it faithfully in our heart."

So next time we do his triple sign of the cross, let us pray to God, "Lord, open my mind to understand Your message, open my lips that I may share it to others, and open my heart so as to keep it to guide my life".



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