



# 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

STOP line: 1300 304 550

## 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** 7.00pm

**Saturday** 8.00am

## Weekend Mass Times

**Saturday** 5.30pm

**Sunday** 7.00am and 9.30am

**Confession: Saturday : 5.00pm**

## THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD: 1 JUNE 2025



On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension. It is an important solemnity that marks the return of Jesus to the Father. Together with the Resurrection, it is a manifestation of the victory of Christ.

Ascension is a solemnity that sustains the hope of Christians that one day we shall be where Christ is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that: "...Jesus Christ the head of the Church precedes us into His Father's glorious kingdom, so that we the members of his body may live in the hope of one day being with him forever." (665-667).

Our first reading from Acts of the Apostles recounts the events of the last moments and meeting of Christ with his apostles before his ascension into heaven. Here, Christ gives a very important instruction to his Apostles: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait there for what the Father has promised." Christ encourages his disciple to remain faithful. Most importantly, he reminds them that their success will depend on their ability to walk with the Holy Spirit. These instructions are also meant for us too. It equally reminds us that before we set out for any business or project we must commend ourselves to the guidance and counsel of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, Paul prays asking God to send us the Holy Spirit: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ give you the Spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you the full knowledge of him." This must be our prayer and wish every day of our life. We must invite the Holy Spirit to take control of our entire mission. We must invite him to lighten the dark spots of our lives as Paul prays: "May he enlighten the eyes of your minds so that you can see the hope his call holds for you..." We must ask him to lead the way so that we follow him. This is because, his ways and counsels are right.

In today's gospel, Jesus knew that his apostles needed help in order to succeed. So he instructed them: "...Stay in the city, until you are clothed with the power from on high." We must seek this power if we must make any positive impact on our world. Therefore, we must pay attention to what Jesus is telling us in today's gospel. As an experienced master, He knows the terrain we are about to walk. He knows how delicate the hearts of men of our age are. He knows how tough our task is and what it takes to be successful. He knows that only the Holy Spirit can help us.

Therefore, Ascension marks the beginning of the fulfilment of Christ's promise to us. So, as we celebrate the solemnity of Ascension today, Jesus reminds us that irrespective of our knowledge and human capabilities we need a divine help in order to succeed. This divine help will come from the Holy Spirit to whom we must pay attention to all the time. So, as we celebrate the Ascension of Christ today and expect the fulfilment of His promise on Pentecost Sunday, let us pray: "Sent forth your spirit O Lord and renew the face of the earth."

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

### Date Claimers

**Sun. 1 June: Children and Family ministry meeting at 10.35am**

**Mon. 2 June: Pastoral council Meeting at 7pm**

**Tue. 3 June: Liturgy committee Meeting at 7pm**

**Fri. 6 June: First Friday Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Mass**

### 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 07 Jun — 08 June 2025

#### Mass Coordinators

07 June 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez  
08 June. 7.00am - Kristine Domingo  
08 June. 9.30am - Nimfa Brookes

#### Readers

07 June. 5.30pm - Helen Bowden & Michael Carroll  
08 June. 7.00am - Destiny D., & Boyet Domingo  
08 June. 9.30am - Ron Klerks & Kelemete Tito

#### Communion Ministers

07 June. 5.30pm - Kaylene C., Patricia V., Paul S.  
08 June. 7.00am - Deb H, Rachel M., Brian C.  
08 June. 9.30am - Joy Wallace & Elisapeta Tito  
Flor Gomez & Millie Petelo

#### Altar Servers

07 June. 5.30pm - Gerald Joshy  
08 June. 7.00am - Antonio and Andrew  
08 June. 9.30am - Parfait and Clovis

#### Choirs

07 June. 5.30pm - Fono  
08 June. 7.00am - SMK Choir  
25 May. 9.30am - African Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa and Noel

Cleaners : SMK., Suli., Alex and Lipine

Flowers : Agnes

### Collection: Week-ending: 25 May 2025

Envelopes Received	: 24
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 1,974.95
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 300.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>: \$ 2,274.95</b>

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)

### The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord: 01 June 2025

**First Reading:** Acts 1: 1-11

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23

*Christ has entered heaven.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 24: 46-53

*While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.*



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

will be held at 4.00pm on:

**01 June & 08 June 2025**

#### Centre Location:

St. Clare's Primary School, 2 Combs St, Yarrabilba

All are Welcome



*Second Death Anniversary  
Remembrance*

**NOREEN AUDLEY**

*May your soul find serenity as we  
honour your memory on this second  
death anniversary.*

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



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 McCarthy, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Paxson Swerling, Cliff Naughton, Myrna Aloquin, Peter Beirne and all who are ill.



## 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 Team.

# 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 CO-ORDINATOR

**TIRESA VAIGAFI**

**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 FAETEETE**

# Congratulations to our 2025 Confirmation Children!

**23 Children from our Parish will be receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 31 May 2025**

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and offer our prayers for each of you. You have taken an important step in your journey of faith by readying yourselves to become fully initiated into the Body of Christ. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide each of you according to the path that God has set out for your life. May you always be courageous and uncompromising witnesses to the Catholic faith, to Christ, and His Love. We express our gratitude to the parents, sponsors, and everyone who has taken time to help prepare our children to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We also want to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of our **Children's Sacramental Preparation Team** who faithfully journeyed with these children in the last 2 months: **Helen Swindells, Nimfa Brookes, Deb Howkins**.

Please continue to keep all our Children, their Sponsors and families in your prayers for their continued growth and perseverance in the Faith.

Fr. John & Fr. Nick

*Adam Chanel Lisati Tualai*

*Angelles Victoria Rose Vitale*

*Hannah Katrielle De Dios*

*Matthew Heffernan*

*Naomi Sofia De Guzman*

*Freddy Divin*

*Lucy Diamond Drage*

*Lina Myles Pieczonka*

*Kevin Bienvenu*

*Iosefo Ioane Jnr Faafoi*

*Nathan Ogbodu*

*Lennox Leo Lewis*

*Konelio Roberts*

*Ezekiel Darren Chandra*

*Nicole Stefani De Guzman*

*Tyler Matauaiga Taua Sulu*

*Lachlan Heffernan*

*Noelle Shaina De Guzman*

*Eddy Tresor*

*Chelsea Anne Gerardo*

*Sienna Rose Pesce*

*Sally Clyde*

*Lavinya Avane Faafoi*

## THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD!

After listening to the prophets, who announced the coming of the Messiah, in the first reading, and to the apostles, who personally witnessed the work of redemption by Jesus, in the second reading, we then listen to Jesus Himself in the Gospel.



The word "Gospel" comes from the old English "Godspel" which means good news (god = good, spel = news) --- "Evangelium" in Latin, derived from the Greek word "Euangelion". Although most scholars refer to the entire Bible as "good news", the Gospel embodies it in a most special and complete way because it contains the life, works, and teachings of Jesus Christ. This is also why it is given special honour in many ways i.e. with the procession of the Gospel book at the beginning of the Mass, with the singing of Alleluia or Gospel acclamation, with the congregation standing during its proclamation, and with an ordained minister (deacon or priest) reading it. Also, in special Masses, the book is incensed before its proclamation, and it may be used by the bishop to bless the people at the end of its proclamation.

The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on Sacred Liturgy #7 states that "Christ is present in His word for it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the church". This is why at the end of the Gospel reading, the people say, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!". Albeit in a different way, this presence of Jesus Christ in His word is as real as His presence in the Eucharistic bread and wine.

May the good news of the Lord bring hope to our lives!

Fr. John, Fr. Nick and the Liturgy Team