



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 Yugambah 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

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Helen Swindells

Community Life Ministries

Lele Faeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

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Lawrence Auva'a

Adult Faith Formation Ministries

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Outreach Ministry

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Affiliated Catholic Schools

St. Francis College -

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Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)

St. Clare's Primary School -

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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 No Mass

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 7:30am and 9:30am

Confession: Saturday : 5:00pm

The Baptism of the Lord - 11 January 2026



The Baptism of the Lord

Today brings to an end our Christmas celebrations. We see the third and last of the three great manifestations by which we were made known to us that our God had come among us in a very special way. The sign that Jesus gave in Cana is also a special manifestation of God's presence in Jesus, and may be considered a fourth manifestation.

Of the three, the first of these manifestations was through the story of the birth of Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem. The first people privileged to experience this manifestation were the shepherds, representing the poor, the sinful, and the social outcasts on whom Luke's Gospel is especially focused.

The second manifestation, the Epiphany, celebrated this past week, reflects Matthew's emphasis that Jesus was born not only for his own people, but for people of every country and every race everywhere.

This third manifestation of God's presence among us through Jesus, depicted in today's Gospel, is found in all four Gospels. While the first two manifestations are linked with the birth of Jesus, this one comes at a much later date, at the moment when Jesus is about to begin his public life.

Why baptise Jesus?

We might very well wonder, like John the Baptist did, why Jesus needed to be baptised.

The first answer to this question is that Jesus, in so doing, was expressing his total solidarity with the human race, of which he was a member. He identified with them, not as a sinner, but as a fellow human being. "Human like us."

A 'missioning' experience

However, in order to understand what is happening at the River Jordan, we have to go far beyond seeing Jesus' baptism as a matter of dealing with sinfulness. What is being really emphasised here is the positive element of Jesus' being totally accepted and confirmed by his Father. Jesus, as he stands there in the River Jordan, is being 'missioned' by his Father for the work he is just about to begin. He is here getting the total endorsement of his Father for that work.

As he steps out of the water, the heavens open and the Spirit of God comes down on Jesus to fill him with all God's fullness.

This is my Son, the Beloved [Greek, agapetos—the object of God's agape, his outpouring love], with whom I am well pleased.

This, we might say, is Jesus' Pentecost experience. It is what the baptism in the Jordan is really about. And it is something that only those with eyes of faith can see. We might also add that this is what our Baptism is really about. "You are my beloved daughters and sons"

Fr. Nick

Roster for the weekend of 17 & 18 January 2026

Mass Coordinators

17 Jan 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez
18 Jan 7.30am - Lawrence Auva'a
18 Jan 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

Readers

17 Jan 5.30pm - Verity Madsen & Abel Budiono
18 Jan 7.30am - Destiny D & Brian Cunningham
18 Jan 9.30am - Elenora Tufuga & Rylie Lapalapa

Communion Ministers

17 Jan 5.30pm - Deb Howkins, Sue McKeown
18 Jan 7.30am - Lele Faaeteete, Eseta Alosio
18 Jan 9.30am - Kelemete, Tiitii, and Millie Petelo

Altar Servers

17 Jan 5.30pm - Volunteers
18 Jan 7.30am - Volunteers
18 Jan 9.30am - Volunteers

Choirs

17 Jan 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
18 Jan 7.30am - St. Peter the Rock Choir
18 Jan 9.30am - Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Alosio Family

Flowers : Nimfa and Olive



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass
will be held at 4.00pm on:

Sunday: 11 Jan & 18 Jan 2026

Centre Location:

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

Collection: Week-ending: 04 Jan. 2026

Envelopes Received : 36
Amount from Contributions : \$ 2,712.80
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 213.30

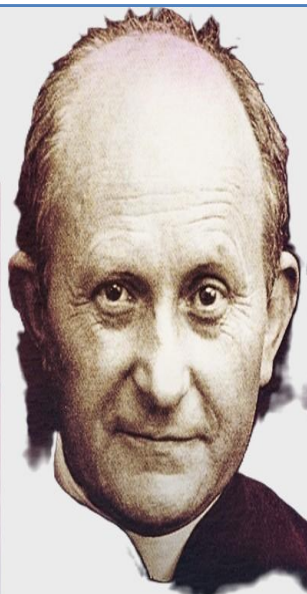
TOTAL : \$ 2,926.10

Christmas Collection: \$ 3,547.55

St. Arnold Janssen

Feast Day: 15 January

There used to be a saying, "The church has a mission." Nowadays it is supposed to be, "The mission has a church." With this saying, the church is now placing the importance of mission in the life of every Christian. This is how most probably St. Arnold Janssen saw himself when he established the three missionary congregations: the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters (SSpS) and the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (SSpSAP). The Word of God should be proclaimed in all nations. Despite of the difficulties of language, culture and political upheaval in some countries, the "Arnoldus Family" has its presence in more than 80 countries all over the world. May the Lord continue to inspire more people to be missionaries and proclaim the Word of God in foreign countries, in the local church, and even in one's families.



The Baptism of the Lord: 11th January 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 28: 1-4, 9-10

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mathew 3: 13-17

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the spirit of the God came upon him.



Please Pray for the Sick

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, 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, 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, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, Ann Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay McCarthy, Judith Sherry, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Paxson Swerling, Peter Beirne, Janus Deurloo Shiralee Bull, Ron & Anita McGovern, Djoanna Aloquin and all who are ill.



Rosary Prayer Group

"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.

30 Jan 2026 | 5:00 PM

St Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church

