



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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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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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER : 04 MAY 2025

Today, through the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm that the risen Christ is the Lamb that was sacrificed; hence, He is worthy of to be given all power, honor, and glory. In the first reading, led by Peter, the apostles continued to bear testimony to the risen Christ. Not even the Jews who they were previously afraid of could stop them. Fear now belongs to the past. So, Peter boldly said to the High Priest: "We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit..." In spite of all the humiliations and threats to their lives, Peter insisted: "Obedience to God comes first before obedience to men." They are now confident that they will overcome death as Christ did. Their resoluteness reminds us that obedience to God manifests itself in faithfulness to our vocations, and our witness for Christ.

In today's gospel, Jesus appeared to his apostles for the third time. This time it was in the place of their "fishing business." What a frustrated and embarrassed men they were! In spite of their fishing experience and skills they could not catch any fish. This is because they abandoned their real business and mission. They acted contrary to Christ's mission statement for them: "From today you will no longer catch fishes, I will make you fishers of men" (Mt 4:9). They were supposed to be taking care of the Lord's business and not theirs. Also, today Christ asked Peter thrice: "Simon son of John, do you love me? Feed my lambs...look after my sheep...?" Christ needed to be assured of Peter's commitment to lead his flock. This also showed the magnitude of the mission that Christ was to entrust to Peter. It was a way of reminding us that: "To whom much is given, much is expected." Hence, Christ reminds us that our vocation is very important. He also reminds us that as his disciples, we must be ready to accept every kind of humiliation for the good news.



There are many other lessons to learn today. At times, abandon our vocations, for other "more interesting things, or places." Unfortunately, instead of progressing, we become frustrated like Peter and his companions. So, we fail most times because we are in the wrong place, or doing the right thing at the wrong time. Whenever we abandon the will of God and our vocation, we may labor in vain "all night long." Also, when we depend solely on our human instinct or senses rather than on spirit of God, success might elude us. So, we must not always forget these words of Christ: "Apart or separated from me, you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5).

Finally, as Christ revealed Himself to his disciples through the sacrifice of bread and wine, every day, He continues to reveal Himself to us through the Holy Eucharist and ordinary things of life. Therefore, at Mass, simple things like bread and wine helps us to discover the presence of the Lord among us. This is, in spite of our infidelity and weakness. Through the Eucharist, Christ strengthens our faith. He also reminds us of our mission and who we ought to be. May all power, honor, glory and praise be to the Risen Christ forever and forever. Amen.

Excerpts from reflection by Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp; a Catholic Priest & member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers & Brothers (Spiritans).

Date Claimers

Sun. 4 May : Children and Families Ministry Team Meeting at 10.35am
Mon. 5th May : Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
Tue. 6th May : Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm.
Tue. 13th May : Healing Mass at 10.00am

Roster for the weekend of 10 May — 11 May 2025

Mass Coordinators

10 May. 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
 11 May. 8.00am - Boyet Domingo
 11 May. 9.30am - Kelemete Tito

Readers

10 May. 5.30pm - Michael Carroll & Hilda Bowden
 11 May. 8.00am - Brian Cunningham & Kristina Domingo
 11 May. 9.30am - Flower Donohue & Millie Petelo.

Communion Ministers

10 May. 5.30pm - Kaylene C., Patricia V., Joshy S.
 11 May. 8.00am - Sala P., Deb H., Lawrence A.
 11 May. 9.30am - Elisapeta Tito & Joy Wallace
 Tuala Petelo & Talafaia Tualai

Altar Servers

10 May. 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel and Alexander
 11 May. 8.00am - John Paul and Andrew
 11 May. 9.30am - Salvius, Noa and Zaia

Choirs

10 May. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
 11 May. 8.00am - SMK Choir
 11 May. 9.30am - African Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa and Noel

Cleaners : Vaigafa Family and Diana Mulcahy

Flowers : Evelyn, Nimfa, Olive

3rd Sunday of Easter - 4th May 2025

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
 he has shown pity on all people.
 Alleluia!

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

04 May & 11 May 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 Rudd, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Paxson Swerling, Cliff Naughton, Myrna Aloquin, Peter Beirne and all who are ill.



Collection: Week-ending: 20 April 2025

Envelopes Received : 30
 Amount from Contributions : \$ 3,891.30
 Easter Envelopes : \$ 1,200.00

TOTAL : \$ 5,091.30

Good Friday : \$ 1,716.55

Collection: Week-ending: 27 April 2025

Envelopes Received : 28
 Amount from Contributions : \$ 2,551.50
 Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 141.25

TOTAL : \$ 2,692.75

Divine Mercy Group: \$200.00

Project Compassion : \$ 1,455.05

Thank you for your generosity; Fr. John and Fr. Nick

ROSTER SHEETS FOR MAY AND JUNE

Roster sheets for May and June are available at the entrance of the church. Please take your copy and contact the parish office if you need any changes in the next roster.



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

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Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

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.

**EVERY
FRIDAY EVENING**

**5 PM
-
7 PM**

MARYFIELDS HALL

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PRAY FOR THE CONCLAVE: Let us pray this daily that the Holy Spirit will guide their hearts and minds to put God first and all of His teachings.

Lord, Jesus Christ, by entrusting to St Peter and his successors the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, thou didst establish the office of the Papacy. Grant to Thy Church, we beseech Thee, a pope, who in his dedication to the Sacred tradition of the Church, will seek to govern the Church according to the Deposit of Faith and for the salvation of souls.

Oh Immaculate Mary, Mother of the Church and Queen of confessors, we consecrate to Thee, the Conclave and the election of the Holy Father. Blessed Mother, look not upon our sinfulness or upon the infidelity of many Catholics who do not accept the teachings of Thy Son, but upon the Church, which is the spotless Bride of Thy Son, so that we may get the leader that we need, a Holy Father, who will guide the Church for the Glory and Honour of Thy Son. Amen

Schedule of Preparation for the Children's Sacrament of Confirmation

Day/Date	Particulars
Wed. 30 April	Parents/Guardians' Information Session at 6.30pm.
Sat. 10 May	1st Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 17 May	2nd Workshop: 3.00pm to 5.00pm; Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 24 May	Rehearsal for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Sat. 31 May	Confirmation Day @ 5.30pm

THE READINGS AT MASS



Have you noticed that the first reading at Mass is usually related to the Gospel, especially on Sundays? **The Old Testament readings have been chosen to correspond to the gospel passages in order to avoid an excessive diversity between the readings of different Masses and above all to bring out the unity between the Old and New Testament (Introduction to the Lectionary at Mass, ILM #106).** Note that the salvation of mankind was planned by God from the moment our first parents, Adam and Eve, sinned against Him as revealed to the Prophets in the Old Testament and that Jesus is the fulfillment of those prophecies as narrated in the New Testament.

There are three principles that govern the selection of readings in the Lectionary after the Second Vatican Council:

- *Relational* – where an event or teaching in the New Testament is more or less linked to the Old Testament readings which is usually the case on Sundays.
- *Thematic* – a common idea, element, or message runs through both or all three readings. This is the case for readings during Advent, Lent, and Easter.
- *Semicontinuous* – for a period of time, we read consecutively from a given book. Thus, during the week, we may hear over a number of days excerpts from a particular letter written by St. Paul for example.



With the weekend readings having 3 cycles – A, B, and C, wherein we hear the same readings every 3 years, and with the weekday readings having 2 years, Year 1 and 2, we are exposed to more readings from the Scripture, almost covering, if not fully, the entire Bible.

May God's Word shape our lives!

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