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

Parish Secretary
Ronet D'Mello

Pastoral Council Chairperson
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Christine Lapalapa

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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
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	**6.30pm**
Saturday	**No Mass**

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am

Confession : Saturday 5.00pm

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 02 AUGUST 2026

In today's Gospel, Jesus has every reason to be alone. He has just heard the heartbreaking news of the death of John the Baptist, His friend and cousin. Seeking some quiet, he withdraws to a deserted place. Yet the crowds follow him. Rather than sending them away, "He was moved with compassion."

Compassion is more than feeling sorry for someone. It means allowing another person's suffering to touch our own heart. Even while carrying his own grief, Jesus sees the needs of others. He heals the sick, teaches the crowd, and when evening comes, he feeds them.

The disciples see only a problem: thousands of hungry people and only five loaves and two fish. Their solution is understandable: "Send the people away." Jesus has a different response: "You give them something to eat." At first, his words seem impossible. Yet Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that God works not through abundance, but through generosity. He asks only that we offer what we have.

Most of us have experienced moments when we felt we had very little to give. We may feel we lack time, energy, patience, or even hope. Yet the miracle of the loaves reminds us that God does not ask us to do everything. He simply asks us to place our lives into God's hands. A small act of kindness, a listening ear, a visit to someone who is lonely, a word of encouragement, or a quiet prayer can become a blessing beyond anything we imagine.

The Eucharist we celebrate each Sunday continues this same miracle. Christ takes ordinary bread and wine and transforms them into his body and blood. Then he sends us out to become his hands and heart in the world.

As we begin a new week, perhaps we can ask ourselves: Where is Jesus asking me to show compassion? Who around me is hungry, not only for food, but for hope, friendship, forgiveness, or love? May we never underestimate what God can do with a heart that is willing to trust. For when we place even our smallest offering into the hands of Christ, there is always enough, and often, much more than enough.

Deacon Gusty

DATE CLAIMERS

Sunday 2 Aug.: Children and Families Ministry Team Meeting at 10.35am .

Monday 3 Aug. : Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm

Tuesday 4 Aug.: Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm.

Friday 7 Aug. : First Friday of the month. Adoration at 6pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm

Friday 7 Aug. : Movie Night 6pm - 8pm in the hall.

Roster for the weekend of 08 — 09 August 2026

Mass Coordinators

08 Aug.	5.30pm	-	Boyet Domingo
09 Aug.	7.30am	-	Mary Klerks
09 Aug.	9.30am	-	Flower Donohue

Readers

08 Aug.	5.30pm	-	Andrew Taualai & Kristine Domingo
09 Aug.	7.30am	-	Destin Kampangu & Salvius Mpano
09 Aug.	9.30am	-	Millie Petelo & Destiny D.

Communion Ministers

08 Aug.	5.30pm	-	Talafaia Taualai.
09 Aug.	7.30am	-	Lele Faeeteete, Eseta Alosio.
09 Aug.	9.30am	-	Flor G., Elisapeta T., Tuala Petelo

Altar Servers

08 Aug.	5.30pm	-	Beah and Adam
09 Aug.	7.30am	-	Clovis and Parfait
09 Aug.	9.30am	-	Jazmin and Tezaree

Choirs

08 Aug.	5.30pm	-	Saturday Night Choir
09 Aug.	7.30am	-	SMK Choir
09 Aug.	9.30am	-	Congregational Singing

Counters : Christine Lapalapa and Noel
Cleaners : Vaigafa Family
Flowers : Agnes

Collection: Week-ending: 26 July 2026

Envelopes Received	:	**31**
Amount from Contributions	:	**$ 2,378.90**
Yarrabilba	:	**$ 248.20**
TOTAL	:	**$ 2,627.10**

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time : 02 August 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 55 : 1-3
Hasten and east.
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 144: 8-9, 15-18
The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs
Second Reading: Romans 8: 35, 37-39
No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.
Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Gospel: Matthew: 14: 13-21
They all ate and were satisfied.

Gospel

Matthew: 14: 13-21
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

They all ate and were satisfied..

When Jesus received news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the town, went after him on foot. So, as he stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so, send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his isciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

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.

For further information, parents or guardians can contact our Parish Office 0738030862

St Clare's PRIMARY SCHOOL

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE
Weekend Community Mass
will be held at 4.00pm on:
Sunday 02 Aug & 09 Aug 2026
Centre Location:
St. Clare's Primary School,
2 Combs St, Yarrabilba.

Kolbe Youth Ministry

Young parishioners aged 13 and above, are invited to join the Kolbe Youth Ministry Citizens of Christ every Friday evenings from :

5pm- 7pm at Maryfields Hall.

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!

Please contact:

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First Holy Communion

CONGRATULATIONS! to 13 children and 1 adult of our Parish who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 1st August.

Today is the most important step in your journey of faith. Today you have joined the union of all members of the Church and received the ultimate food for your soul, Jesus Christ. May God guard you and guide you as you walk with Him on the path that He has prepared for you for the rest of your life. Amen!

We are especially grateful for the efforts and dedication of our **Children's Sacramental Preparation Team** who faithfully prepared these children in the last 1 month: ***Helen Swindells, , Nimfa Brookes, Deb Howkins.***

As a Parish community let us continue to pray for each of these young ones that Jesus whom they received today, will always be at the centre of their young lives!

Fr. John & Fr. Nick

Kyon Zeff Ilagan	*Josiah Kapeli Fa'avae Setefano*	*Kingston Antonio Rozario*
Clarissa Anne Gerardo	*Halo Rose Billings Stellino*	*Maselino Taiatu Tevaga*
Ephesian Simon Fruean	*Glenelle Annjalie Tetaga*	*Sa'le Dickson Tetaga*
Zoe Wentholt	*Bryson Lakopo Wentholt*	*Quiana Tuitavuki*
Joselin Telesia Chan Foon	*Mitchell Jay Andersen*	

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PARISH MARSDEN

MULTICULTURAL FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

JOIN US ON

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

9AM

(ONE MASS ONLY)

FOLLOWED BY

THE FEAST CELEBRATION

Celebrate our diversity and come dressed in your cultural attire!

PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE