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
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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	**9.00am**
Saturday	**No Mass**

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 16 AUGUST 2026

FEAST OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE : 14 AUGUST

Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland and ordained a priest in the Franciscan Order in 1918.

He was famous for at least three things. (A) Neipokalanow or City of the Immaculata, (B) For his print and broadcast media and (C) For his missionary endeavour to Japan.

After the Nazis invaded Poland, he was arrested in 1941, because of his care for the Jews and speaking out against Hitler. He was deported to Auschwitz in May, and there was branded with the number 16670. He was put to hard labour, as the commandant conceived a relentless hatred against him giving him heavier tasks than the others.

Sometimes his colleagues would try to come to his aid, but he would not expose them to danger. Always he replied, "*Mary gives me strength. All will be well".* At this time he wrote to his mother, *"Do not worry about me or my health, for the good Lord is everywhere and holds every one of us in His great love".* In Auschwitz, where hunger and hatred reigned and faith evaporated, this man opened his heart to others and spoke of God's infinite love. He seemed never to think of himself. When food was brought in and everyone struggled to get his place in the queue, Fr. Maximilian stood aside, so that frequently there was none left for him. At other times he shared his meagre ration of soup or bread with others.

In reprisal for an escaped prisoner, ten men were chosen to die. Fr Kolbe chose to take the place of a prisoner: Franciszek Gajowniczek. The ten condemned men were led off to the dreaded "Bunker", to the airless underground cells where men died slowly without food or water. Meanwhile one after another they died, until only Fr Kolbe was left. The authorities felt it was taking too long as the cell was needed for new victims. So they gave Fr. Kolbe an injection of carbolic acid. With that he died.

In Matthew's Gospel of today, Chapter 15, Jesus is called upon to heal the daughter of a Canaanite woman. She knows that she is an outsider and so does Jesus. Nevertheless, Jesus's love reaches out to her need. The Reign of God has come into the world – God's love is greater than any obstacles or even death.

Maximilian demonstrated this love wherever he went, in Japan, in Poland and even in Auschwitz. Survivors of Auschwitz, through their many testimonies, have given firsthand witness account of what happened while Maximilian was in that bunker. The gist of their testimony was this: *"You wouldn't believe it. Instead of hearing the usual moans and groans and shrieks and cries and curses, we heard songs and prayers emanating from the window of that bunker. We heard the rosary. We heard hymns to Our Lady." Maximilian turned that horrible death cell of Auschwitz into a prayer cell, and it became an oasis of love.*

Today, long after World War II and the Nazi monstrosities, we scarcely remember the names of those leaders at Auschwitz who tormented the poor prisoners, but we do remember that little friar-prisoner with the number 16670 stitched on his uniform and tattooed on his arm. Maximilian Kolbe demonstrated that love triumphs over hate. Her is our brother. Let us follow his example. **Fr. Nick SVD.**

Wishing all of you a Blessed Feast Day!

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!

DATE CLAIMERS

Sat/Sun: 22-23 Aug: Annual Catholic Campaign.

Please take an envelope from the entrance of church.

Fri. 28 Aug: Parish Fair Organising committee meeting at 7pm.

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 Pietkiewiez, 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 McCartthy, Judith Sherry, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Paxson Swerling, Peter Beirne, Shiralee Bull, Ron & Anita McGovern, Djhoanna Aloquin, Rosario Esguerra, Thora Lua, John Williams, Ashleigh Van Till Joshua Charles Morel, and those who are ill.

Roster for the weekend of 22 — 23 August 2026

Mass Coordinators

22 Aug.	5.30pm	-	Francesca Ordonez
23 Aug.	7.30am	-	Kristine Domingo
23 Aug.	9.30am	-	Flor Gomez

Readers

22 Aug.	5.30pm	-	Malcolm D'Souza & Privilege Mtewa
23 Aug.	7.30am	-	Buxton T. & Boyet Domingo
23 Aug.	9.30am	-	Tamate T., & Ron Klerks

Communion Minsters

22 Aug.	5.30pm	-	Rosemarie Ordonez
23 Aug.	7.30am	-	Rachel M., Josephine T.
23 Aug.	9.30am	-	Alfred G., Joy W., Elenora T.

Altar Servers

22 Aug.	5.30pm	-	Jazmin & Tezaree
23 Aug.	7.30am	-	Andrew Tevaga., John and May
23 Aug.	9.30am	-	Clovis, Parfait, Zain Wiss

Choirs

22 Aug.	5.30pm	-	Saturday Night Choir
23 Aug.	7.30am	-	Congregation Singing
23 Aug.	9.30am	-	Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Swindells Family
Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group
Flowers : Nimfa and Olive

Collection: Week-ending: 09 Aug. 2026

Envelopes Received	:	**32**
Amount from Contributions	:	**$ 2,483.95**
Yarrabilba	:	**$ 159.30**
TOTAL	:	**$ 2,643.25**

Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe : 16 August 2026

First Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9
He accepted them as a holocaust.
Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 115:10-11, 15-18
Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
If you hate your life in this world,
You will preserve it to life eternal!
Gospel: John 15:12-16
This is my commandment: love one another.

Gospel

John: 15: 12-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

This is my commandment: Love one another.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'This is my commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.'

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Annual Catholic Campaign

Over the weekend of August 22 - 23 we will be promoting the Annual Catholic Campaign in our parish. This is to support the many important and meaningful initiatives of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

It is the one time every year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish.

The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly, and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

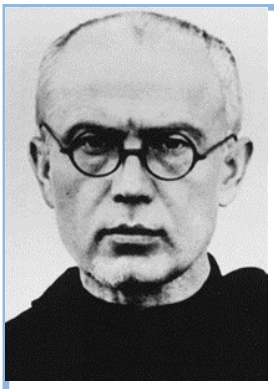
Please do take a Campaign brochure and contribution envelope with you when you go today.

You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week.

Thank you very much for your generosity & your continued support!

God Bless You!

Fr. John & Fr. Nick



Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

1894–1941

Canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 10, 1982

Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, born as Raymond, hailed from Zduńska Wola in present-day Poland. Raymond's mother instilled a deep devotion to the Mother of God in her three sons. Raymond was full of mischief. Once, his mother asked him, "What will become of you?" Afterward, the twelve year old had a vision of Mary who offered him two crowns, a white one signifying purity and a red one signifying martyrdom. When Mary asked Raymond to choose, he responded, "I choose both!"

At age thirteen, Raymond and his older brother Francis joined a new Conventual Franciscan seminary in Lwów, present-day Lviv, Ukraine. Raymond was given the name Maximilian upon entering the novitiate and made his first vows in 1911. He made his final vows in 1914, adopting the name Mary. Brother Maximilian Mary Kolbe completed his studies in Rome, earning doctorates in philosophy and theology.

In 1917, while praying, Brother Maximilian was inspired to form the Militia Immaculatae, the "Army of the Immaculate One," a response to anti-Catholic sentiment during World War I. The organization aimed to convert sinners, heretics, and schismatics and sanctify all people under Mary's guidance. Following his priestly ordination, Father Kolbe relocated to Krakow, teaching Church history and expanding his Militia Immaculatae. In 1922, he began publishing a monthly magazine, *Knight of the Immaculata*. In 1927, he founded a Franciscan friary near Warsaw called Niepokalanów, or "City of the Immaculate Mother of God." In 1930, he established a religious house near Nagasaki, Japan, where the friars produced a Japanese version of their magazine, eventually printing 50,000 monthly papers. In 1936, he returned to Niepokalanów, which soon became one of the world's largest religious houses. The Militia Immaculatae reached over a million households each month.

After Germany overran Poland in 1939, the friars' writings and refuge of thousands of Poles, including 2,000 Jews, drew German suspicion. On February 17, 1941, the Gestapo arrived at Niepokalanów, arresting Father Kolbe and four of his friars, sending them to the Pawiak prison. Father Kolbe worked to inspire faith and hope in his fellow inmates. He charitably responded to the guards' harsh treatment, heard fellow inmates' confessions, and prayed with them.

Father Kolbe was transferred to Auschwitz as prisoner #16670 on May 28 and continued to minister to others. He and the other prisoners were beaten to the point of death and then expected to work. The doctor who treated him at the infirmary after one beating, testified, "During my four years at Auschwitz, I have never seen such a sublime example of God's love for one's neighbour."

In July, after a man escaped from Father Kolbe's barracks, ten men were selected to die by starvation as punishment and as a deterrent to others who thought of escaping. Among them was Franciszek Gajowniczek, who cried out, "My poor wife, my poor children!" Moved to compassion, Father Kolbe requested permission to take Franciszek's place. Father Kolbe survived for two weeks before the impatient guards administered a lethal injection. Father Kolbe willingly offered his arm, showing no fear of death. Soon after, word of his martyrdom of charity spread throughout Auschwitz.

Prayer: *Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, in a holy life, you shared the Gospel through the means of your time. You culminated your service by laying down your life for a stranger. Please pray that I will have the same depth of love and that God will take the gift of my life to use for His glory. Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Source: https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/august-14-saint-maximilian-mary-kolbe-priest-