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 (away till 22nd May)
Fr. John Quang SVD 38030862
Priest-in-Residence
Fr. Nick De Groot SVD
Parish Secretary
Ronet D'Mello

Pastoral Council Chairperson
Noel Swindells

Finance Committee Chairlady
Christine Lapalapa

Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.
Ron Klerks / Verity Madsen
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 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
Confession : Saturday 5.00pm

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD: 17 May 2026

The Lord doesn't wait for us to be perfect in faith before drawing us to himself and calling us to share in his work in some way. In today's gospel reading, the risen Lord appeared to his disciples. It is said that 'when they saw him, they fell down before him, but some hesitated'. This special group were a mixture of surrender to the Lord and hesitation before him. Whatever about hesitation before the earthly Jesus, we would expect them to be full of faith before the risen Lord. If the risen Lord appeared to us, surely, we wouldn't hesitate to worship him in faith? Yet, the evangelist seems to be saying to us that even in the glorious light of Easter, hesitation will still be found among his disciples. At least some of the group of disciples in today's gospel reading were 'people of little faith'. Yet, it was to this little community, who were far from perfect in faith, that the risen Lord gave his extraordinary mission to "go and make disciples of all the nations." In a sense, this little group represent the church in every age; they represent us all, with our mixture of faith in the Lord and hesitation before him. The church is like what Jesus described in one of his parables as the field of wheat with weeds growing in it. What is true of the church as a whole is true of each member of it, each one of us.

The Lord's words are addressed to all of us. We are all called to be missionary disciples. The Lord has promised that he will be with us to strengthen and sustain us as we engage in this missionary task, the continuation of his own work in the world. Any one of us might wonder, 'How could I make other disciples'? Yet, in so far as we live our faith in a public way, we will be helping to make other disciples. As we strive daily to witness to the Lord, his values, his whole outlook on life, as we find it in the gospels, we will be calling forth and nurturing the faith of others. The Lord will be working through us to draw others to himself.

The feast of the Ascension is not the feast of the Lord's going away, but, in the words of the second reading, the feast of the Lord filling the whole creation through the faith, even the flawed faith, of each one of us.

Fr. Nick

DATE CLAIMERS

Fri. May 22: Lectio Divina 7pm to 8pm
Sat. May 23: Rehearsal for Confirmation at 9am
Mon. May 25: Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians Patroness of Australia: Mass at 9am and 6.30pm
Sat. May 30: Confirmation Mass at 5.30pm

ADULT FORMATION MINISTRY

All Parishioners are cordially invited to attend LECTIO DIVINA sessions that will be facilitated by Fr. Nick, in the Parish Meeting Room on:

Friday May 22, 2026 : 7:00pm – 8:00pm

LECTIO DIVINA (Divine Reading) is a contemplative prayer practice which is intended to promote communion with God and deepen one's understanding of Scripture. It involves the reading of a Gospel section, then reflecting on it in silence followed by sharing, which is voluntary. The general experience is how the word of God can open-up in our hearts, for one another and with one another.

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, Tony Eastment and those who are ill.

Roster for the weekend of 23 — 24 May 2026

Mass Coordinators

23 May	5.30pm	-	Francescal Ordonez
24 May	7.30am	-	Nimfa Brookes
24 May	9.30am	-	Flor Gomez

Readers

23 May	5.30pm	-	Privilege Mtewa & Deb Howkins
24 May	7.30am	-	Tamate Tumanuvao & Josephine T.
24 May	9.30am	-	Kristine Domingo & Salvius Mpano

Communion Ministers

23 May	5.30pm	-	Sue M., Joshy S., Elenora T.
24 May	7.30am	-	Sera T., Buxton T., Lele F.
24 May	9.30am	-	Tuala P., Boyet D., Alfred G., Gusty

Altar Servers

23 May	5.30pm	-	Abigail, Annabel and Alex
24 May	7.30am	-	Andrew T., John and May
24 May	9.30am	-	Clovis & Parfait., Zain Wiss

Choirs

23 May	5.30pm	-	Saturday Night Choir
24 May	7.30am	-	Congregation Singing
24 May	9.30am	-	Divine Mercy Choir

Counters : Agnes and Lele
Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group
Flowers : Nimfa and Olive

The Feast of The Ascension of the Lord: 17 May 2026

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 46: 2-3, 6-9
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in 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: Matthew 28: 16-20
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Gospel

Matthew: 28: 16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia
Feast Day: Monday, 25th May 2026
On this special feast day; there will be Mass at 9.00am & 6.30pm

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land. May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. Grant wisdom & integrity to our leaders and our citizens. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.
Mary Help of Christians, pray for us!

Collection: Week-ending: 10 May 2026

Envelopes Received	:	**36**
Amount from Contributions	:	**$ 2,695.30**
Yarrabilba	:	**$ 201.00**
TOTAL	:	**$ 2,896.30**

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 Children's Ministry coordinator:
Tiresa Vaigafa 0434 570 123

LOGAN CITY CATHOLIC YOUTH PRESENTS

ALL IN

ENCOUNTER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026
6PM - 8:30PM

ST. EDWARD'S HALL DAISY HILL SCHOOL HALL
104 CHATSWOOD RD, DAISY HILL QLD 4127

PRAISE & WORSHIP
GUEST SPEAKER: FR BONNIE ABRAHAM
PRAYER TEAMS | RECONCILIATION
FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

COME AS YOU ARE AND BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER - AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT, BELONG, AND ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN A REAL MEANINGFUL WAY.

MAKE SURE TO SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER →

St Clare's PRIMARY SCHOOL

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 4.00pm on:

Sunday 17 May & 24 May 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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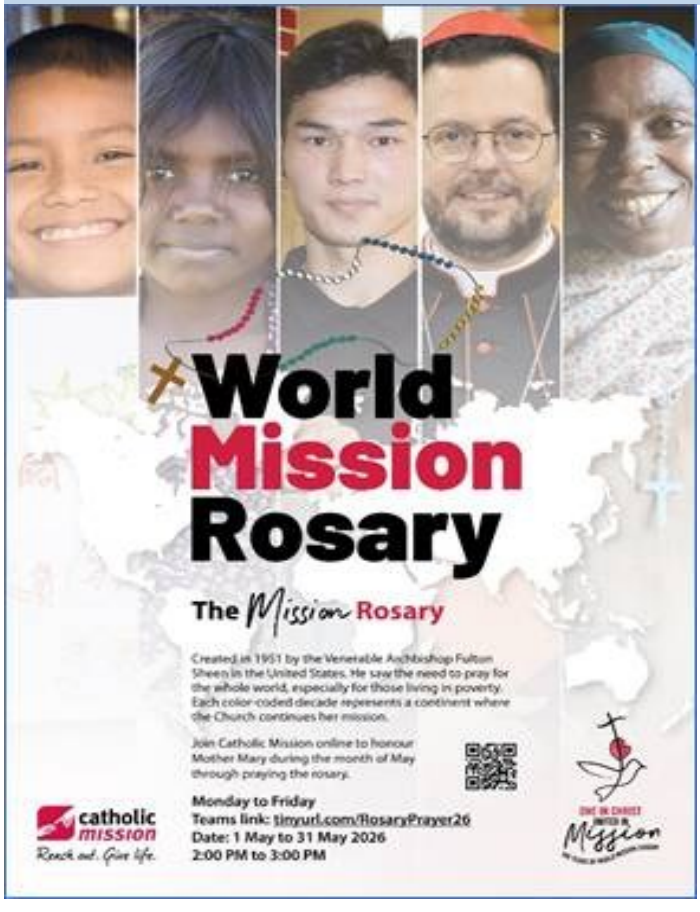
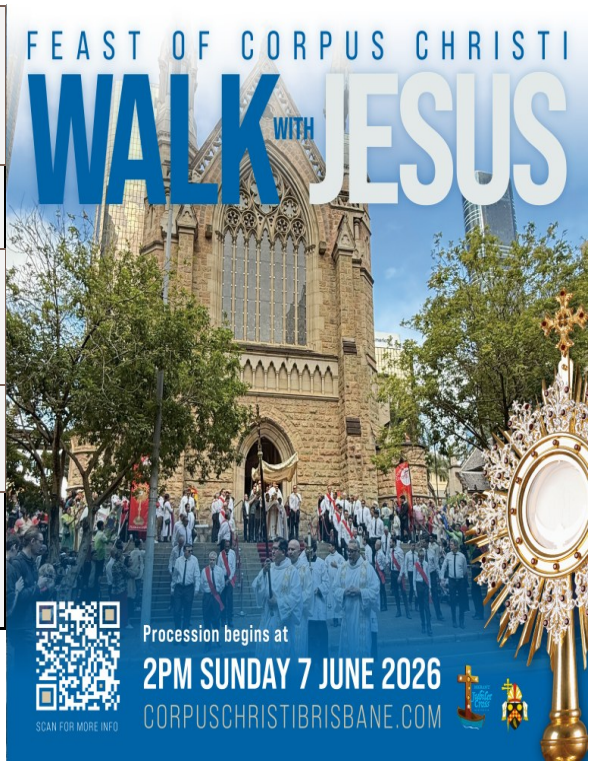


Schedule of Preparation for the Children's Sacrament of Confirmation

Day/Date	Particulars
Sat. 16 May	**2nd Workshop**: 3.00pm to 5.00pm;Followed by Mass at 5.30pm.
Sat. 23 May	**Rehearsal** for the Confirmation at 9.00am
Sat. 30 May	**Confirmation Day @ 5.30pm**



ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH, MARSDEN

Christmas in July

FOR SENIORS

SAT **18** JUL

12PM - 2PM

PARISH HALL

COST:

$20 WHICH INCLUDES LUNCH AND RAFFLE TICKETS

ANY DONATIONS TOWARDS THIS EVENT IS WELCOME EITHER IN THE FORM OF FOOD OR CASH

CONTACT PERSON:

LELE FAAETEETE

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 11AM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling"

(Ephesians 4:4)

Light refreshments will follow in the Hanly Room.

Join us for a prayer service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

We here at the Parish of St Maximilian Kolbe , as part of the Archdiocese of Brisbane MUST ABIDE BY AND ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE AUSTRALIAN PRIVACY PRINCIPLES. Archdiocesan Website www.bne.catholic.net.au or www.kingstonmarsdenparish.org.au

We are also compelled to adhere to the **Policy of the Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults**

https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/