



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri : 9.00am - 2.30pm | Closed on Wednesday

We, the Marsden Catholic Church Parishioners, respectfully acknowledge and honour the Aboriginal peoples from the Yagara and Yugambeh language groups, who originally inhabit Logan, as the traditional custodians of the land of this Parish, together with the Torres Strait Islander people. We acknowledge their Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

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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 10.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 9.00am

Friday 7.00pm

Saturday 8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am

Confession: Saturday 5.00pm

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT : 1 DECEMBER 2024



Today, the Universal Church enters into the Season of Advent which starts a new liturgical year. The word 'Advent' is a Latin word that means "coming;" its purpose is to look forward to the coming of Christ our king into our world; it is a season that focuses on waiting. So, "Advent means something new is coming. The dawn of a new and better time .

This is really what the Christmas season is all about, isn't it? It's the celebration of the ADVENT of a new era. God broke into time and space and entered our world"

Through prayer, we can enter into God's presence and ask Him to prepare our hearts the way He prepared all of history to receive the gift of His Son. Ask the Father to use this time during Advent to cut away the distractions and make your life a place of warmth and openness. Make sure there's "room at the inn" of your heart this year.

Advent season refers to the four weeks before Christmas; it begins on the first Sunday of December for 2024 and lasts for 4 weeks.

The Colour of Advent

The liturgical colour of Advent is purple. This is the colour of penitence and fasting as well as the colour of royalty, to welcome the Advent of the King. The purple of Advent is also used in Lent and Holy Week; this points to an important connection between Jesus' birth and death. As Advent is a time of anticipation and waiting, one of the ways in which Catholics foster a sense of anticipation is by lighting of the Advent wreath candles.

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath consists of a circle of greenery; it symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us—a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ. Within the circle of greenery are placed 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white candle. The use of candles reminds us of the light Jesus brought into the world. It reminds us that we are called to be light to the world.



The Advent Candles

- ◆ On the **1st Sunday of Advent** the 1st purple candle is lit to symbolise **Hope**; reminding us that Jesus is coming;
- ◆ On the **2nd Sunday of Advent** the 2nd purple candle is lit to symbolise **Love**; reminding us of God's great love for us that he sent his only Son to save us;
- ◆ On the **3rd Sunday of Advent** the rose/pink candle is lit to symbolise **Joy**; reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus;
- ◆ On the **4th Sunday of Advent** the last purple candle is lit to symbolise **Peace**; reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."
- ◆ Then finally on Christmas Eve the white candle (also known as the **Christ candle**) is lit; we rejoice over the birth of our Saviour King.

Date Claimers

Mon. 02 Dec: Pastoral Council Meeting at 7pm
 Tue. 03 Dec: Healing Mass at 10.00am
 Tue. 03 Dec: Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7pm
 Fri. 06 Dec: First Friday of the month. Adoration at 6.30pm followed by Mass.

1st Sunday of Advent: 01 December 2024

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Collection: Week-ending: 24 Nov. 2024

Envelopes Received	: 31
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,032.05
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 172.15

TOTAL	: \$ 2,204.20



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, Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, Ann Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready, Ian, Sandra Henry, Carol Lloyd, Esjay and Michael Rudd, Judith Sherry, Daphne Canal, Mareta Niumagumagu, Maria Nive M. Tiatia, Paxson Swerling, Cliff Naughton and all who are ill.

Healing Mass



Tuesday, 3 December 2024
at 10.00am followed by

Christmas Luncheon for everyone

Roster for the weekend of 07 Dec. / 08 December 2024

Mass Coordinators

07 Dec 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
 08 Dec 8.00am - Orlando Diente
 08 Dec 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers

07 Dec 5.30pm - Beah Taulai & Hilda Bowden
 08 Dec 8.00am - Brian Cunningham & Tovia Tagalao
 08 Dec 9.30am - Nimfa Brookes & Kelemete Tito

Communion Ministers

07 Dec 5.30pm - Joshy S., Patricia V., Talafaia Taulai
 08 Dec 8.00am - Sera T., Lele F., Sala Petaia
 08 Dec 9.30am - Flor Gomez & Tua Niumagumagu
 Joy Wallace & Elisapeta Tito

Altar Servers

07 Dec 5.30pm - Saneth, Chagika, Pramudsth
 08 Dec 8.00am - John and May
 08 Dec 9.30am - Jazmine and Tezaree

Choirs

07 Dec 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
 08 Dec 8.00am - SMK Choir
 08 Dec 9.30am - African Choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Taulai Family

Flowers :

SPECIAL BLESSING TO THOSE
 WHO ARE CELEBRATING

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



EVERY MASS OF THE FIRST WEEKEND
 OF THE MONTH

YOUR SUPPORT
WILL GIVE HOPE TO STRUGGLING
FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS



Every family deserves a safe and happy Christmas.

Monetary Donations and Gift Cards required. Please donate now and make a difference.

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 CO-ORDINATOR

TIRESA VAIGAFA

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Christmas Eve Nativity Rehearsal Dates at 5pm in the Maryfields Hall

Fri 29 Nov
Fri 6 Dec
Fri 13 Dec
Fri 20 Dec *

For unto us
a child is born!



Christmas Nativity Play

If you have any children that are interested in being part of the Nativity Play for the Christmas Eve 6pm Mass, please contact Helen Swindells on 0400 014 042



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

Navigating the Soul's Storms

OVERCOMING SPIRITUAL DISCOURAGEMENT

SATURDAY
7 DECEMBER 2024
9am to 4pm, \$25
Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary



Featuring guest presenter
Fr Robin Koning SJ



Scan to register by 2 December or visit catholicformation.au



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

WEEKEND COMMUNITY MASS
WILL BE HELD AT 4.00PM ON:

01 Dec & 08 Dec

Centre Location:

St. Clare's Primary School
2 Combs St, Yarrabilba

St Clare's
PRIMARY SCHOOL

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE PARISH Monthly Ministry Focus LITURGY COMMITTEE



A liturgy committee in the Catholic Church is responsible for planning and coordinating worship services to ensure they are meaningful, reverent, and align with liturgical norms. This group prepares liturgical celebrations, organizes volunteer roles (such as readers, musicians, and altar servers), and promotes active participation from the community. By focusing on these aspects, the committee helps enhance the spiritual experience and deepens the congregation's connection to the faith through the liturgy.

ADVENT RETREAT

Preparation for the Coming of Jesus Christ



Where & When?
St. Paul Convent
12 Fedrick St., Boronia Heights, QLD 4124
Saturday 21st December, 2024
From 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM
Open to ages 15 - 40
Free Event with Lunch provided

What specials ?

- ✓ Praise and worship
- ✓ Mass and Adoration
- ✓ Spiritual Input
- ✓ Group sharing and activities
- ✓ Self-Reflection and Time for Personal Prayers
- ✓ Christmas Carol for Elderly Residents



PRAYING



SHARING



SERVING

RSVP by 17th December, 2024 via spc.au.info@gmail.com

More information at:
www.srspcaustralia.org.au

OR Scan QR Code



KOLBE YOUTH MINISTRY

Citizens of Christ YOUTH GROUP

YOUNG PARISHIONERS AGED 13 AND ABOVE, ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE KOLBE YOUTH MINISTRY

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING

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.

6PM - 8:30PM

MARYFIELDS HALL

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GATHERING TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE

How many of us greet and talk to the stranger beside us before the start of the Mass?

How many Christians pray, sing, and worship together and never greet each other even with a few words? Remember what Jesus said, "If you greet only your brothers, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same?" (Mt 5:47)

The Mass is a gathering of believers, who share the same faith, and who come together to celebrate the mystery of God's love. How good it would be to greet each other warmly before the beginning of the Mass. After all, Paul instructed, "Greet each other with a holy kiss." (Rom 16:16)

When we are greeted as we enter the church at Mass by the priest or any member of the Ministry of Greeters and Ushers, do not hesitate to respond and return the greeting. It is very much encouraged that we welcome and greet one another before the Mass starts. Say "hello". Ask "how do you do?". Talk a little bit to the one beside you. Do not hold back. Together as one community, we worship, and even pray for each other. It would be a nice thing to make an effort to reach out to someone you do not know who attends the same Mass as you do. Challenge yourself to meet at least one person a week or if it's too frequent, do it monthly.

Welcome each other so as to welcome God better. Pay attention to each other so we can pay attention to God better. See God in our brothers and sisters. As St. John said, "Whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." (1 Jn 4:20)

So next time we come to Mass, be prepared to celebrate together and welcome one another.

May God keep us all in His love!



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

