



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.

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday 9am & 7pm

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

Confession: Saturday 5.00pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT : 8 DECEMBER 2024



The Second Advent candle is traditionally called the Bethlehem Candle. Jesus was born in an ordinary little town in a stable full of animals. He comes to us also in ordinary places among ordinary people. And just as God set his star above Bethlehem that peace-filled night, He also fills our ordinary lives with His light, peace and love.

and purifying ourselves through prayer, charity, love, and reconciliation. Hence, Paul says: "...This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the day of Christ..." (Phil 1, 8).

Furthermore, whatever will constitute an obstacle to encountering Jesus Christ this season must be completely removed as the voice of John the Baptist re-echoes clearly to us "...Prepare a way for the Lord, make his path straight. Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill be laid low..." (Luke 3, 5-6). This means that something must be sacrificed this season for Christ to have his place in us, and for us to experience the joy of Christ when he finally comes in glory and splendour.

Therefore, this season of Advent, let us humbly join the psalmist imploring the Lord: "Restore unto me the joy of my salvation, O Lord my God (Ps. 51, 12). However, it is only when we have successfully and sincerely prepared that we can share and radiate in the joy of the Lord. Then and only then, can we exclaim: "What marvels the Lord worked for us, indeed we are glad" (Ps. 125, 3). Finally, as we wait and prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ this season, may the Almighty God fill us with the strength and the patience we need to persevere without fainting. May our encounter with Christ this season restore the joy of our salvation. Amen!

Reflection by Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.

Catholic Priest & Member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers & Brothers (Spiritans).

On this second week of Advent, the church invites us to celebrate the marvels that God is about to work for us in a couple of weeks from now. Our first reading announces that God means to show the splendour of Christ to all nations. The second reading reminds us of "The Lord's Day" which will initiate our salvation.

This season, Christ comes in his glory, but His coming will be of no use to us unless we encounter him, and share in the joy that he will bring at Christmas. If we truly prepare for Him this season, our hearts will overflow with joy as a river overflows its bank when it is filled. Hence, the first reading of today tells us: "...take off your dress of sorrow and distress and put on the beauty of the glory of God forever..." (Bar 5, 1-9). This is rightly so because soon and very soon, we shall joyfully welcome the Lord.

Paul on his part encourages us to remain steadfast in good works and to continue improving our ways of life until the "Day of the Lord" comes. It is important to note that for us to encounter Jesus Christ, and share in the joy that he brings, we must be ready to make some sacrifices. This entails preparing

Date Claimers

Monday, 9th Dec.: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 9am and 7pm

O Mary, ever blessed Virgin, Mother of God,
Queen of angels and of saints,
we salute you with the most profound veneration
and filial devotion as we contemplate
your holy Immaculate Conception,
We thank you for your maternal protection
and for the many blessings that we
have received through your wondrous mercy
and most powerful intercession.



2nd Sunday of Advent: 08 December 2024

First Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9

Jerusalem-God will show you splendour.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All people shall see the salvation of God.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

All people shall see the salvation of God.

Collection: Week-ending: 01 Dec. 2024

Envelopes Received	: 31
Amount from Contributions	: \$ 2,039.20
Yarrabilba Mass Centre	: \$ 73.75

TOTAL	: \$ 2,112.95



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.

Roster for the weekend of 14 Dec. / 15 December 2024

Mass Coordinators

14 Dec 5.30pm - Rosemarie Ordonez
15 Dec 8.00am - Mary Klerks
15 Dec 9.30am - Tua Niumagumagu

Readers

14 Dec 5.30pm - Sarah Wiss & Abel Budiono
15 Dec 8.00am - Orlando Diente & Lele Faeeteete
15 Dec 9.30am - Ron Klerks & Tamate Tumanuvau

Communion Ministers

14 Dec 5.30pm - Sue M., Deb Howkins., Francesca Ordonez
15 Dec 8.00am - Talafaia Tualai., Eseta Alosio, Korina Laban
15 Dec 9.30am - Tiitii Toalepai & Elisapeta Tito
Millie Petelo & Shanna Kelemete

Altar Servers

14 Dec 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel, and Alexander
15 Dec 8.00am - Antonio and Andrew
15 Dec 9.30am - Parfait and Clovis

Choirs

14 Dec 5.30pm - Fono
15 Dec 8.00am - St. Peter the Rock Choir
15 Dec 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

Cleaners : Rosary Group

Flowers :

St Maximilian Kolbe CHURCH
There is no greater love

Advent

RETHINKING THE SEASON

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Friday, 13 December at 7.00pm

Christmas Gifts from Palms!

*Are you looking to give something really special this year?
Something that makes a tangible difference?*

Palms has the shop for you!

Whether it be a GIFT directly supporting our overseas development program, or some unique Timorese GIFTS for your loved one's home, you'll find that perfect GIFT here!

Just scan the QR or

go to palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop

Happy shopping! And yes, your purchase assists the amazing communities overseas

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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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Children's Liturgy of the Word for 2024 will conclude on Sunday 8/12/24 and recommence on Sunday 9/2/25. May the Christmas Season bless our families with much Peace, Love and Joy.

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



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

WEEK END COMMUNITY MASS WILL BE HELD AT 4PM
08 DECEMBER & 15 DECEMBER 2024
ST. CLARE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, 2 COMBS STREET,
YARRABILBA

2024 Advent & Christmas Schedule



Friday, 13 December	7.00pm	2 nd Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas
Christmas Eve	6.00pm * (5:30pm carols)	Ekalesia Choir
Tuesday, 24 December	10pm midnight * (9:30pm carols)	Filipino Choir
Christmas Day	9.00am *	Divine Mercy Choir
Wednesday, 25 December		
Note * Christmas Carols will be sung by the respective choirs from half an hour before all these Masses		
Feast of the Holy Family	5.30p m	Saturday Night Choir
Saturday 28 & Sunday, 29 December	8.00am	Congregation-led
	9.30am	African Choir
New Year's Eve	9.00am	Thanksgiving Mass (congregation led singing)
Tuesday, 31 December		
New Year's Day: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	9.00am	New Year's Mass (congregation led singing)
Wednesday, 1 January		

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

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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THE ENTRANCE PROCESSION

"Come to the table, enter His presence, feast with thanksgiving, and celebrate His love!".

Sounds familiar? This is one of the common entrance hymns we hear at the beginning of the Mass. The song invites us to come together in God's presence, to share in a heavenly meal with grateful and thankful heart, and to celebrate God's redeeming love.

The *General Instructions of Roman Missal* (GIRM) tells us that the purpose of the entrance chant is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers. (GIRM #47)

Processions have been part of the Jewish-Christian tradition. We can also read in Psalm 118:27, "Go forward in procession to the altar." The procession's practical purpose is to get from one place to another; in the case of the entrance procession at Mass, it gets the Priest and the ministers from the vesting room to the altar.

But there is a rich spiritual meaning to the entrance procession at Mass. It *reminds us that we are pilgrim people* journeying towards Jesus, represented by the altar Who, according to Acts 4:11, is the stone that the builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone. This spiritual meaning becomes even more precious because we do not only **walk towards Him**, but we also **walk with Him**. Symbolised by the cross leading the procession, Jesus leads us. Symbolised by the Gospel Book and the Priest who acts in *persona Christi*, Jesus accompanies us.

Therefore, in our journey as pilgrims, Jesus is leading and is accompanying us towards Him, for He said, "I will be with you always until the end of time." (Mt 28:20).

So, the next time we join in joyfully singing the entrance hymn at Mass, remember that we are pilgrim people journeying towards God and with God.

May God lead us to His kingdom!



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

