



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today, acknowledging their continuing connection to land, water and community.

Parish Contacts

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5549 8000

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5670 7000

Weekday Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday, 22 January 2023

On this 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, the church instructs us to draw closer to Christ the real light. This is in order that the reality of our life might become fully manifested. This is also, in order that any shadow of darkness that may dominate our lives might diminish. Therefore, the church is asking us not to be contented with the physical lights. Rather, we should seek and walk in the light of God, the good news. This is the light which draws us to Christ.

In the first reading, Isaiah raises our hope. This hope comes from the fact that the God has manifested his light on us. It is a message of deliverance from the power of darkness that formerly harassed us. Isaiah declares: **"The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in the land of deep shadow a light has shown."** The light which is God himself, is capable of achieving so many impossible changes in our lives. However, we have to present ourselves before it. God's light breaks our yoke.

In the second reading, St. Paul expressed his disappointment over the Corinthian community. He rebuked them for their bad behaviour. This is because, they still lived in the shadow of darkness and ignorance. For Paul, the quarrel and division among them is not a good sign that they live in the light of Christ. Hence, he denounced their way of life. Paul draws our attention to the very essence of the good news. That is, casting off the shadows of darkness and ignorance. Most times, we quarrel over nothing, even in the house of God. This was the problem of this Corinthian community. When we act this way, we betray the good news. We also, drift away from light of Christ. No good Christian community receives the light and remains the same.

In the gospel, the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled through the action of Christ. His presence made a great difference in the life of the people of Capernaum as well as those of neighboring towns of Zebulon and Naphtali. His light was strongly felt because it brought healing and deliverance. So, as replicas of the God's light, our presence must make a positive difference wherever we are. It must dispel the darkness in people's lives. Are we really making any difference?

Finally, today the Church beckons us to come closer to Christ who says: "I am the light of the world. The man who follows me will not walk in darkness" (Jn 8, 12). Wherever there is the light of God, darkness and quarrels disappear. Also, despair, fears, anger, greed, betrayal, lying, cheating, lust, and all other vices disappear. Wherever the light of the good news shines, "the people who lived in darkness see a great light." Therefore, if we follow, and come closer to Christ, the light, then: "In His light, we shall see light" (Ps. 36, 9).

Excerpts from the reflection of Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp.

Australia Day

Thursday, 26 January

We bless you, God of the Universe,
for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance
of wealth and opportunity. We bless you for our history, with all its
struggles in adversity, its courage and hope. Give us in our diversity,
acceptance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to
justice for all. Bless us so that we will always be a blessing to others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass @ 9.00am



Adapted from: <https://www.defenceanglicans.org.au/prayers/australia-day/>

DATE CLAIMERS

Thur. 26 Jan: Australia Day - Mass at 9.00am

**Fri. 3 Feb : Eucharistic Adoration 6.30pm
Followed by Mass at 7.00pm**

Mon. 6 Feb : Pastoral Council Meeting -7.00pm

Tue. 7 Feb : Liturgy Committee Meeting 7.00pm

**Tue. 14 Feb : Healing Mass - 10.45am followed
by Luncheon for all (Parish Hall)**

Wed. 22 Feb: ASH WEDNESDAY
*(Mass Times will be announced in
The coming weeks - watch this space)*

Collection: Week-ending: 15 Jan. 2023

Envelopes Received : 27
Amount from Contributions : \$1,930.35
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 153.00

TOTAL : \$2,083.35

Roster for the weekend of 28 Jan – 29 Jan 2023

Mass Coordinators

28 Jan 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden
29 Jan. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes
29 Jan. 9.30am - Mary Klerks

Altar Servers

Jazmine & Chagika
Salvius & Parfait
Malaki & Talalei

Readers

28 Jan. 5.30pm - Sarah Whizz & Francesca Ordonez
29 Jan. 8.00am - Destiny D & Orlando Diente
29 Jan. 9.30am - Kelemete Tito & Tamate Tumanuvao

Communion Ministers

28 Jan. 5.30pm - Rosemary Ordonez & William Barncastle
29 Jan. 8.00am - Eseta Alosio & Marcia Canty
29 Jan. 9.30am - Deb Howkins & Ron Klerks

Choirs

28 Jan. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
29 Jan. 8.00am - congregation-led singing
29 Jan. 9.30am - congregation-led singing

Flowers : Evelyn, Nimfa, Olive, Tanya

Counters : Agnes and Lele

Cleaners : Mafuli & Tua Niumagumagu

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 22 January 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 8: 23, - 9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 26: 1, 4, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mathew 4: 12-23

He went to Capernaum, the the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 5.00pm on:

22 and 29 January 2023

Centre Location:

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



F.Bowden, L.Seeto, J.Collins, M.Dunlop,
D.Curtis, M.Pierce, R.Henwood, V.Reid,
V.Gspejon, V.Dancey, S.Daniel, A.Purkis,
L.Guadez, K & S Talatonu, B.Hodgson,
M.Finnerty, G & M.Glorioso, D.Hall,
J.Lachlan, A.Van Uitregt, V.Toalepai, K
Brown, M.Trehane, J.Maloney, J&A Dent,

M Gorosito, Asiata J.Lealaitafea, A.Carter, E.B Sebuano, Pona
Vai, N.Dunmore, V.Venables, T.Gibson, F. Petelo, Helen
Guadez, M.Vaigafa, Verity Madsen, O. Barrett, Tatiana
Tagirova, Ruperto M, John Daley, Mikaele Tito, Nora Philips,
Alzira D'souza, Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse, Tuala, V &
M L Petelo, Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewiez,
Zhaylee Curtis, Sesilia Muevae, V&A Asiata-Kelemete,
Mynott Family, Reef Wallace Carroll. Daisy Ann Thomas,
John Williams, Patricia Donovan, Noreen Audley.

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and
relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as
they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing
friends, excitement at new
experiences, and a love of learning.
Watch over all who learn, replacing
fear with joy, anxiety with peace,
and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience,
and joy in serving their students.

In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

**Wishing a Blessed &
Very Happy
Lunar New Year
to Fr. Long, Sr. Bridget
and all our Parishioners
who are celebrating this
auspicious occasion on
Sunday, 22 January**