



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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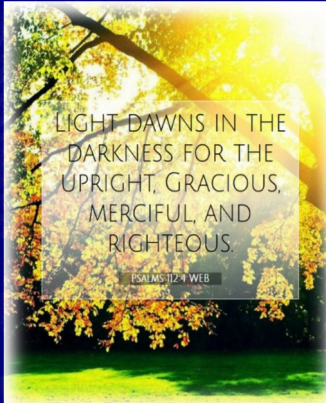
Weekday Mass Times

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday, 5 February 2023



On this fifth Sunday of ordinary time, the Church reminds us that **God is a light in the dark**. Hence, as children of God, we must be conscious of living our lives such that they reflect God's light but adopting Christ-like virtues and behaviours.

In our first reading, the Prophet Isaiah tells us what we must do for our light to shine: *"Share your bread with the hungry shelter the homeless... cloth the naked..."* These form the Church's corporal works of mercy. The United Nations declared them as Fundamental Human Rights in 1948. They are the basic necessities of life. As such, the lack of these

robs people of dignity, and leaves many living in perpetual darkness. This would amount to structural injustice, as well as a sin against Charity. Therefore, we must always act such that we will *"that good man, who is light in the dark for the upright."*

In the second reading, Paul testified that he was "light" to the Corinthians. His presence illuminated their darkness. Also, as "salt", he helped in preserving their salvation. He did this not only through his words but through his actions. He recalled thus: *"When I came to you, brothers it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had granted."* Paul did this in a very simple way, through his words and good works. He proved to be indeed the light through which the pagan Corinthians saw the light of Christ. He was the salt which sweetened and preserved their lives. Therefore, our encounter with people must leave them better than we met them. It must eliminate the dust of worry, shame, despair, and disappointment. It must liberate them from ignorance, and help them to appreciate the truth by drawing close to God.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls us "salt." In the Old Testament, salt was used to season the sacrificial offerings for sins and covenant with God: *"Season all your grain offerings with salt; you shall not let the salt of the covenant with your God be lacking from your cereal offering..."* (Lev 2,13). Also, land agreements were sealed with a gift of salt as a proof of the strength and permanence of the contract. Salt was also a symbol of God's activity in a person's life. This is because, it penetrates, preserves, and aids in healing. That is how God becomes active in our lives. So, when Christ calls us "salt", he wants us to make a difference in our world. We must penetrate and preserve our world from moral, spiritual and physical or environmental decay. As salts, we must add taste and flavour to people's lives.

Again, Christ calls us "light." In fact, he gives us a command: *"Your light must shine in the sight of men..."* Light does not shine for itself. Hence, Christ tells us why we must shine: *"So that men may see your good works and give praise to God."* Good works here mean corporal and spiritual works of mercy as we saw them in our first reading. To give praise means to acknowledge, and to be moved. It means to be affected positively by our light. As light, we must represent: *"What is good, pure, true, holy, and reliable"* (Phil 4, 8). Finally, we must not conceal God's gift. Since *"charity begins at home,"* so, we must first, be light and salt in our homes and communities. Also, our world must feel the positive effects of our light. We must not starve it of the sweetness of our testimonies and good works.

Adapted in part from the reflection of Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp. A Catholic priest & member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, Circumscription of Puerto Rico & Dominican Republic.

DATE CLAIMERS

Mon. 6 Feb : Pastoral Council Meeting -7.00pm
Tue. 7 Feb : Liturgy Committee Meeting-7.00pm
Mon 11 Feb : Timeline Bible sessions resume
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)

Roster for the weekend of 11 Feb — 12 Feb 2023

Mass Coordinators

11 Feb 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
 12 Feb. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes
 12 Feb. 9.30am - Christine Lapalapa

Readers

11 Feb. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden & Verity Madsen
 12 Feb. 8.00am - Buxton Thomas & Destiny D
 12 Feb. 9.30am - Abel Budiono & Flower Donohue

Communion Ministers

11 Feb. 5.30pm - Hazel McCarick & Patricia Vasquez
 12 Feb. 8.00am - Josephine Thomas & Rachel M
 12 Feb. 9.30am - Joy Wallace & Ron Klerks

Altar Servers

11 Feb 5.30pm - Saneth & Chagika
 12 Feb. 8.00am - Jazmine & Israel
 12 Feb. 9.30am - Annabel & Abigail

Choirs

11 Feb. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
 12 Feb. 8.00am - Family Choir
 12 Feb. 9.30am - African Choir

Flowers : Suli & Litia

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel Swindells

Cleaners : SMK Group

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 5 February 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 111:4-9

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
 the man who follows me will have the light of life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

You are the light of the world.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 5.00pm on:

5th Feb and 12th Feb 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,

Gladdis 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 Pietkiewicz, Zhaylee Curtis, Sesilia Muevae, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family, Reef Wallace Carroll. Daisy Ann Thomas, Patricia Donovan, Noreen Audley.



CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS FIRST MODULE
**CATHOLIC THEOLOGY
 IN CONTEXT**



At the heart of the new Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation's offerings are the four core modules entitled: "Catholic Foundations". Catholic Foundations is designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart, so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. Each module includes 10 sessions supported with individual reflection and a certificate awarded for completion. The modules will be spread across four semesters in 2023 and 2024. To find out more, head to: catholicformation.au

Healing Mass

Tuesday, 14 Feb 2023

at 10.45am

Followed by luncheon

All are welcome!



Collection: Week-ending: 29 January 2023

Envelopes Received : 33
Amount from Contributions : \$2,020.50
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 167.15

TOTAL : \$2,187.65

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. We currently need more volunteers to help in this ministry; please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Flower Arrangement Ministry



There will be special collection boxes placed on the table at the entrance of the church at all weekend Masses on:

**11th and 12th
February 2023**

Your kind contributions will go towards the flower arrangements in our church.

Thank you, Fr. Long

PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

At the end of last year the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) began exploring working as a parish for a plan as we look to the future. In the coming weeks we are going to launch a strategic planning process and partner with Evangelisation Brisbane to create a 5-year plan. This is an incredibly exciting time for the parish as we look to dream about what the future of our parish looks like. We want to do this journey as a whole parish community and have as many people to be involved as possible. In a couple of weeks we will start this process in earnest. By starting, a series of video's where each weekend we will explore our hopes and dreams for different areas of ministry which we plan to develop with greater intention through this process.

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Long



Children's Liturgy will recommence on Sunday, 5th Feb 2023. Sessions will be held at the **Parish Hall at 9.30am every Sunday.** Parishioners who have children between the ages of 5 up to 13, are encouraged to send their children to attend this weekly faith-forming, fun-filled and learning sessions.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

For further information, parents or guardians can contact our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Tiresa Vaigafa - 0434570 123.

Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment?



There is a list of directors on offer in the Archdiocese and these can be accessed easily via the web-site.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/>

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

PARISH SUMMIT

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Today we begin a process that will lead our parish towards creating a 5-year strategic plan. The creation of this plan is a part of our effort as a Parish as we look to grow and thrive as missionary disciples in this place. The first step in this process is to **dream** as a parish about what could be possible in each of the ministry areas we are seeking to build up.

On Saturday 25th March the whole parish is invited to gather for a Parish Summit where together we will take the next step dreaming together for the future of our parish. We will be showing a different "Dreaming Video" at each Mass in the parish over the next 7 weekends, to explore with you what you think could be possible for this Parish.

This weekend we listen to Steph Rogers (Team Leader for Youth and Young Adults, Evangelisation Brisbane) dream about what a Youth and Young Adults ministry could look like in a parish.

Do you have a dream for Youth and Young Adults ministry?

If yes, we want to hear from you! Follow the QR code here to complete a quick 2-minute survey.

Thank you!



Word of God Sunday

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

The first Sunday in February is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

*"Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away."*

Mark 13:31

Yes, it is true. Heaven as it is now and Earth as it is now will pass away. The Gospels and the Book of Revelation speak to this truth. As we celebrate the Word of God Sunday, we are reminded of this fact. We are reminded that Jesus will return in splendor and glory and will make all things new. The world as we know it will be made anew and Heaven will be joined to this new Earth and all will be one. Jesus will reign in this new world as the glorious King of all. One thing this tells us is that we should not become overly attached to the things of this passing world. True, earthly wealth and possessions may offer a temporary satisfaction to our lives, but never a permanent satisfaction. In time, the things of this world will all disappear. So, if we work to build up only earthly wealth and possessions, we should know that all those things will eventually pass away and we would be left with nothing.

So what is it that is eternal? The answer is given in the passage above. Jesus says that His "words will not pass away." Namely, all that is true and revealed by God as true is eternal and worth holding on to. This reveals to us that Jesus' words are the true riches that we must seek. By embracing His Word, clinging to it, entering into it, believing it and letting it change us, we are embracing the eternal. We are embracing that which we will have for all eternity. This is an important truth to understand and live. Reflect, today, upon the simple fact that everything in life is passing away except the words of our Lord. All that He has spoken and revealed to us will remain for all time and these truths are the only thing in life worth working for. Turn your eyes to the Word of God and try to grasp its meaning more deeply so that you can begin to build up treasure in Heaven here and now!

*Lord, I do believe all that You have spoken and revealed.
Help me to listen to You all the more and to cling to Your every word.
Jesus, Word of God, I trust in You!*

The Catholic Leader February 2023 @ \$4/copy

- ⇒ 11-page memorial feature remembering the life of Pope Benedict XVI.
- ⇒ Cardinal George Pell remembered in Australia and across the world.
- ⇒ Super siblings eager to explore St Kevin's new Prep playground as thousands of students return to school across the archdiocese.
- ⇒ Our Lady's College, Annerley students take to learning Auslan.
- ⇒ Archbishop Mark Coleridge reflects after the death of Pope Benedict XVI.
- ⇒ Evangelisation is the 'oxygen' of Christian life, Pope Francis says.
- ⇒ Brisbane seminarians meet Pope Francis at the Vatican.
- ⇒ The hidden faces of domestic violence in Queensland homes.
- ⇒ The Bible is 'key to evangelisation' and soul of theology, US Bishop says.
- ⇒ Brisbane mum joins Gospel mission evangelising on the streets of Adelaide.
- ⇒ Columnist Pat Keady speaks on Christian hope in climate of discouragement.

Prayer for those Caught up in Tragedy and Disaster

Lord of all compassion

We pray for all of those caught up
in the midst of tragedy or disaster.

For those who have lost life
and those working to save life

For those who are worried for people they love
For those who will see their loved ones no longer
Lord Have Mercy.

For those in need of the peace
that passes all understanding

For all who turn to you in the midst of turmoil
For those who cry out to you in fear and in love
Lord Have Mercy.

For those in confusion and those in despair
For those whose tears are yet to dry
For those in need of your unending love
Lord Have Mercy
Amen.

