

# St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri : 9.00am - 2.30pm

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MON. 24 DEC— WED. 2 JAN**



## Parish Contacts:

### Parish Team

#### Parish Priest

Fr. Sunil Paul SVD  
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#### Parish Secretary

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##### Coordinator

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### MASS TIMES

#### Weekday Mass Times (25-28)

Monday	6.30 pm & 10 pm
Tuesday	9.00am
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

#### Weekend Mass Times (29-30)

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	8.00am & 9.30am

## Nativity of our Lord: 25 December 2018

### Christmas Reflection

Around this time of the year, people often phone the Cathedral or parishes to ask for the time the Midnight Mass. In fairness to them, they are not being stupid: the time of the "Mass at Midnight of the Nativity of the Lord" may be reliably at Midnight in some churches but not so everywhere. I remember the excitement to being woken up and taken to midnight Mass with my parents as a child. Going to Mass in the dark was especially exciting- as was also the prospect of finding presents under the tree when we returned home.

We know that the Birth of the Baby Jesus occurred at night. Luke reports that "at the time that Mary brought forth her Child there were shepherded, residing in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night." From the very beginning of the Gospels, Jesus is celebrated as the light that comes into the darkness (Mt 4:16). Well, at one time or another we all walk in darkness. Our church is undoubtedly going through dark times at present. Everyone has been shamed by the terrible revelations of the Royal Commission. Consequently, there have been strong attacks on our sacraments, school funding, and leaders.

Apart from suffering from physical problems, there are those who live in spiritual, emotional or grieving for loved ones. They feel lonely, insecure. However, they are very similar to all of us. If you feel like this, I want to assure you that, as a parish community, we do care and offer you our continued prayerful support.

We all need Christmas, right now. We need the purifying light of Christ, a heart-warming hope, a heart expanding love, and a promise of peace. So let us join with the shepherds, who in the darkness of that first Christmas night, dared to step into the light of the manger. Let us join the wise men, who followed the star of faith to a strange land and in offering their gifts would laud a King, Priest and a Saviour.

Thank you for helping me along the journey this year. May you all be blessed with peace and joy this **Christmas** and all throughout the **New Year 2019**.

Fr. Sunil

**Christmas Virgil - 6pm on Sun, 24 Dec:**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62: 1-5  
*The Lord takes delight in you.*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29  
*Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord*

**Second Reading:** Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25  
*Paul spoke of Christ, the son of David*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
*Alleluia, alleluia,  
Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be  
destroyed: the Savior of the world will be our king  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Matthew 1: 18-25  
*A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David*

**Christmas Night Mass - 10.00pm on Sun, 24 Dec:**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9: 1-7  
*A son is given to us*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 95: 1-3, 11-13  
*Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord*

**Second Reading:** Titus 2:11-14  
*God's grace has been revealed to all people.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** Luke 2: 10-11  
*Alleluia, alleluia,  
Good News and great joy to all the world:  
Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Luke 2: 1-14  
*Today a Savior has been born for you.*

**Christmas Day Mass - Mon, 25 Dec:**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 52: 7-10 : *All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God*

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 97: 1-6 : *All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of our God*

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 1: 1-6 : *In our time, God speaks to us through His Son*

**Gospel Acclamation:** : *Alleluia, alleluia,  
A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations and adore  
the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth.! Alleluia*

**Gospel:** John 1:1-18 : *The Word of God became flesh and dwelt amongst us,  
and we saw His glory.*

**DATE CLAIMERS**

Sun. Dec. 30: Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mon. Dec.31: Adoration at 6.30 pm followed by thanksgiving Mass at 7 pm

Tue Jan 1 : New Year's Day: Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God: Mass @ 9am

Sun. Jan 6 : The Epiphany of the Lord.

Wishing all Parishioners and visiting guests  
a truly Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year 2019!  
With sincere thanksgiving to each and everyone of you for  
your continuous support, generous contributions, prayers  
and help rendered to us throughout the year 2018

May God Bless You Abundantly!

*Merry*  
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY  
*New Year*

