



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

Parish Priest

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Ron Klerks

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PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

Liturgy Ministries

Children & Families Ministries and Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells

Community Life Ministries

Lele Faeteete

Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

Adult Faith Formation Ministries

Outreach Ministry

Winnie Kepu

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	9.00am
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

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - 7 January 2024



At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honour His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King.

Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honour this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honoured and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

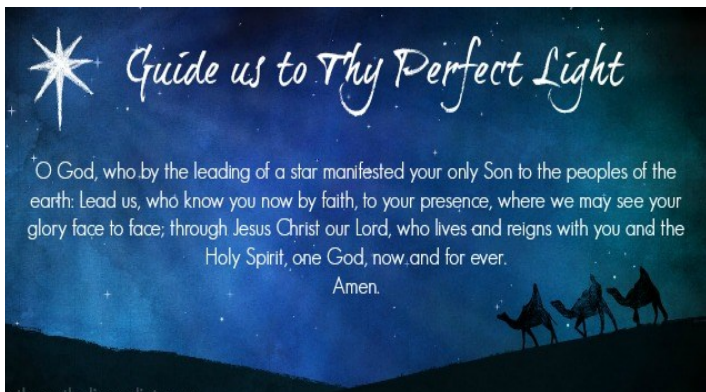


Made from the sap of trees found in India, North eastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's Divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His Divine Nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honours the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Adapted in part from:

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/saints-of-the-liturgical-year/january-7-epiphany/>



**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
7th January 2024**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71: 1-2, 4-8, 10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen His star in the East:
And have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mathew 2: 1-12

We have come from the East to worship the King.

Date Claimers

**Monday 8th January 2024
Mass at 9.00am
Feast of The Baptism of the Lord**

Roster for the weekend of 13th Jan – 14th Jan 2024

Mass Coordinators

13 Jan 5.30pm - Luis Vasquez
14 Jan. 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes
14 Jan. 9.30am - Flor Gomez

Readers

13 Jan. 5.30pm - Clarisse Bahati and Sarah Wiss
14 Jan. 8.00am - Brian Cunningham and Orlando Diente
14 Jan. 9.30am - Flower Donohue and Abel Budiono

Communion Ministers

13 Jan. 5.30pm - Sue McKeown, Patricia Vasquez, Hazel McCarrick
14 Jan. 8.00am - Deb Howkins, Korina Laban, Ron Klerks
14 Jan. 9.30am - Winnie Kepu, Alfred Gomez, Doris Deurloo

Altar Servers

13 Jan. 5.30pm - Abigail, Annabel, Alexander
14 Jan. 8.00am - John and May
14 Jan. 9.30am - Jazmine and Tezaree

Choirs

13 Jan. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
14 Jan. 8.00am - Congregation led singing
14 Jan. 9.30am - Congregation led singing

Flowers : Suli

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

Cleaners : Rosary Group

Collection: Week-ending: 24 Dec. 2023

Envelopes Received : 28
Amount from Contributions : \$2,098.85

TOTAL : \$ 2,098.85

Collection: Week-ending: 31 Dec. 2023

Envelopes Received : 22
Amount from Contributions : \$ 1,441.70
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 166.75

TOTAL : \$ 1,608.45



Please Pray for the Sick

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.Dunmore, T.Gibson, F.Petelo, Helen Guadez,
M.Vaigafa, Verity Madsen, Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto
M, John Daley, Nora Philips, Alzira D'souza, Agnes
Hamilton, Wena Prowse, V&M L Petelo, Zhaylee Curtis,
Sesilia Muevae, Rob Canning, Catherine Hetherington,
Pete Pietkiewiez, V&A Asiata-Kelemete, Mynott Family,
Reef W. Carroll, Daisy A. Thomas, John Engberg, Baby
Charlotte, Coleen Goodwin, Eric Alfred, Austine Jonse,
Zakelyn Curtis, Michelle & John Williams, Cath Turner,
Elizabeth Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, Ann
Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready.



**YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE
Weekend Community Mass
will be held at 4.00pm on:
7th and 14th January 2024**

Centre Location:

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

SCAM ALERT

The scammers are once again targeting parishioners pretending as the parish priest and asking them to purchase gift cards or send money. Please do not respond to their request.

Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Nick