



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.

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5670 7000

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 - 8 January 2023



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-6-epiphany/>



Date Claimers

Monday 9th January 2023
Mass at 9.00am
Feast of The Baptism of the Lord

Roster for the weekend of 14th Jan – 15th Jan 2023

Mass Coordinators

14 Jan 5.30pm - Adeline Barncastle
 15 Jan. 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete
 15 Jan. 9.30am - Tua Niumagumagu

Altar Servers

Chagika
 Malachi & Matilda
 Salvius & Parfait

Readers

14 Jan. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez and William Barncastle
 15 Jan. 8.00am - Louise Timo and Orlando Diente
 15 Jan. 9.30am - Flor Gomez and Tiliola Niumagumagu

Communion Ministers

14 Jan. 5.30pm - Sue McKeown and Rosemary Ordonez
 15 Jan. 8.00am - Eseta Alosio and Korina Laban
 15 Jan. 9.30am - Kelemete and Elisapeta Tito

Choirs

14 Jan. 5.30pm - congregation-led singing
 15 Jan. 8.00am - St. Max Choir
 15 Jan. 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Flowers : Agnes

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel

Cleaners : Rosary Group

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8th January 2023

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.

Collection: Week-ending: 25 Dec. 2022

Envelopes Received : 33
Amount from Contributions : \$4,439.60

TOTAL : \$ 4,439.60

Collection: Week-ending: 01 Jan. 2023

Envelopes Received : 12
Amount from Contributions : \$ 1,034.40
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 146.50

TOTAL : \$ 1,180.90

Frt. Krisna, SVD (our seminarian) is away from the parish to attend an enculturation program in Melbourne from 7th - 21st January 2023. He will return to our Parish on Sun, 22 Jan 2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist people living in the surrounding districts of Acacia Ridge who have English as their Second Language (ESL).

Commitment:

Volunteers will be required to meet an ESL student for a **minimum of an hour a week** to assist with English conversation practice, pronunciation, citizenship exam preparation, grammar correction and cultural exchange.

Criteria:

Volunteers need to have English as their first language/ native English speakers. They might be active/retired educators/teachers or have academic learning in their background or have high level English and worked in a professional field. They also need to be patient, kind and understanding of how difficult it is to live in another country/culture without English and have empathy for the isolation that accompanies this situation.

If you are interested to know more, please contact:

Cait Wildman: caitw@communify.org.au



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

will be held at 5.00pm on:

8th and 15th January 2023

Centre Location:

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



Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Saviour of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead.

As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I will strive heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen!