



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri : 9.00am - 2.30pm | Closed on Wednesday
(PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TILL 3 JANUARY 2022)



Parish Contacts

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5549 8000

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Weekday Mass Times

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 9.00am

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Thursday 9.00am

Friday 7.00pm

Saturday 8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday : 8.00 am & 9.30am

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – Sunday, 2 Jan. 2022



To whom do we give our allegiance? Who receives our homage? Before whom do we bend our knee?

The magi, wise and influential advisors in the Persian royal court, reading the signs in the stars, come to Bethlehem to find the newborn king of the Jews (Matt. 2:1-12). The king they will find is very different than the current king of the Jews.

King Herod is a tyrant. The historical record confirms that he was as cruel and violent as Scripture tells us he was. As is true of every cruel dictator (or schoolyard bully), his is a fragile ego. When he is in the midst of one of his fear-based tantrums there is no telling what kind of suffering he will inflict upon his people. When Herod is troubled, so is all Jerusalem. No one is safe from the violence that Herod might unleash when his power is threatened. This small child who was born in a barn and spent his first night sleeping in a feeding trough represents a very different kind of king. In this child a radiant and glorious light will shine for all people (Isa. 60:1-6). As the psalm for this day's liturgy tells us, this king will "govern [the] people with justice" (Ps. 72:2). As a ruler, this king "rescues the poor when they cry out, the oppressed who have no one to help. He shows pity to the needy and the poor and saves the lives of the poor" (Ps. 72:12-13). This is the kind of ruler we should want. It is certainly the kind of ruler that we need.

Jesus—the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, and the Prince of Peace—is the only one worthy of our ultimate allegiance. The magi, these foreigners, may not have fully understood who or what they would encounter, but they did come to understand that it was before the infant Jesus that they should bend their knees; to him they should offer their gifts. To King Herod they turned their backs, disobeying him as "they departed for their country by another way" (Matt. 2:12). That is the way to deal with cruel and violent rulers and the cruelty and hatred within us; we must find another way.

In times that are plagued by political conflict and animosity, amidst the fear and confusion of a pandemic that has cost so many their lives and others their livelihoods, we may be tempted to bend our knees and give allegiance to someone or something other than God. Only God—the Father as we have come to know him in the Son through the power of the Holy Spirit—is worthy of our worship, our allegiance, our homage. There are no modern day political leaders worthy of our ultimate allegiance or unflinching loyalty. However, as people of faith we know that there are criteria that we should use to evaluate our (imperfect) leaders: Do they seek to give relief to the poor? Do they show compassion to the afflicted? Do they have pity on the suffering and the lowly? We must also evaluate our own lives in this regard. Who receives our homage? Before whom do we bend our knees?

Reflection by Fr. Paul Keller, C.M.F.

Extracted from: <https://uscatholic.org/articles/202012/a-reflection-for-the-feast-of-the-epiphany>

Traditionally Epiphany is celebrated on the 6th January. Epiphany is the climax of the Advent / Christmas season and the 12 days of Christmas, which are counted from the evening of the 25th December until the morning of the 6th January which is the 12th day.

Date Claimers

**Friday 7 Jan: First Friday: Adoration @ 6.30pm
followed by Mass at 7pm**

Roster for the week ending 08/09 January 2022

Mass Coordinators:

08 Jan. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden
09 Jan. 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete
09 Jan. 9.30am - Joy Wallace

Readers & Alter Servers

Readers:

Altar Servers:

08 Jan 5.30pm	-	Verity Madsen	
	-	Wilda Fernandez	
09 Jan. 8.00am	-	Lele Faaeteete	Vitolina, Paula
	-	Rachel Matijasevic	Michael
09 Jan. 9.30am	-	Fono Tufuga	Destiny, May
	-	Kelemete Tito	John

Special Ministers for Eucharist:

08 Jan. 5.30pm - Patricia Vasquez
09 Jan. 8.00am - Korina Laban
09 Jan. 9.30am - Elisapeta Tito

Choir:

Counters : Malcolm, wilda and Noel

Cleaners : Alex and Lipin, Filomena, Mary Klerks, Elisa Warne, Rowena Tan and Evelyn Nicolosi

Flowers : Volunteers



In Loving Memory of... **Bernard Van Den Berg**

Bernard passed away peacefully on 17 December 2021. We extend our deepest condolences to Bernard's beloved wife, Aleida and the rest of his family during this time of grief.

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine on him. May his soul rest in peace, Amen!

Funeral Service will be held on Fri. 07 Jan 2022 @ 10.30am



In October 2023, the Catholic Church will gather to reflect on the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission".

Pope Francis is inviting everyone to share their experiences of synodality (walking together): a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church.

Your voice matters! You are invited to be a part of this journey by reflecting on the Synod themes and sharing your story.

Visit <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> for more information OR scan the QR code below.



The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord :

2 January 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you. .

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 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: Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

Collection: Week-ending 26 December 2021

Envelopes Received : 38

Total Amount : \$ 1,499.45

Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 137.50

TOTAL : \$ 1,636.95

Christmas Collections : \$ 3,020.00

Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish

R Kasipale, J&A Pale, F.Bowden, L.Seeto, J.Collins, M.Dunlop, M.Pierce, R.Henwood, D.Curtis, V.Reid, V.Gspejon, V.Dancey, S.Daniel, A.Purkis, L.Guadez, K&S Talatonu, B.Hodgson, M.Finnerty, L.Guadez, M.Glorioso, D.Hall, J. Lachlan, A.Van Uitregt, N.Cutuk, V.Toalepai, G.&K Brown, M.Trehane, J.Maloney, E.Kruger, J&A Dent, G&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, Oliver Barrett, Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto Martinez, John Daley, Mikeale Tito, Maureen Mitchell, Nora Philips, Alzira D'souza, Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse, Tuala V & M L Petelo, Catherine Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewiez. Emmanuel Dela Cruz Jr. Zhaylee Curtis, Sesilia Muevae.

**St Clare's
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**YARRABILBA MASS
CENTRE**

**Weekend Community
Mass**

5pm on Sunday:

2 Jan. & 9 Jan 2022

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