



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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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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Weekday Mass Times

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	10.45am
Wednesday	9.00am
Thursday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm

Sunday, 4 December 2022



Last Sunday we began Advent with the call to be vigilant; today, the Second Sunday of this season of preparation for Christmas, the liturgy indicates to us it is a time to recognize the shortcomings in our life, to smooth out the roughness of pride and to make room for Jesus who comes.

The Prophet Isaiah addresses the people, proclaiming the end of the Exile in Babylon and the return to Jerusalem. He prophesies: *"A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord... Every valley shall be lifted up'"* (40:3-4). The valleys to be lifted up represent all the shortcomings of our behaviour before God, all our sins of omission. One shortcoming in our life could be the fact that we do not pray or that we pray little. Advent is thus a favourable time to pray with greater intensity, to reserve to the spiritual life the important place it deserves. Another shortcoming could be a lack of charity for our neighbour, above all toward people most in need of help, not only material, but also spiritual. We are called to be more attentive, closer, to the needs of others. Like John the Baptist, in this way we can open the ways of hope in the desert of the barren hearts of many people.

"Every mountain and hill shall be made low" (cf. v. 4), Isaiah again exhorts. The mountains and hills that must be made low are pride, arrogance, insolence. Where there is pride, where there is insolence, where there is arrogance, the Lord cannot enter because that heart is full of pride, of insolence, of arrogance. For this reason, we must allay this pride. We must take on attitudes of meekness and humility, without reproach, to listen, to speak with meekness and thus to prepare for the coming of our Saviour, He who is meek and humble of heart (cf. Mt 11:29).

Then we are asked to eliminate all obstacles that we set against our union with the Lord: *"the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed"* — says Isaiah — *"and all flesh shall see it together"* (40:4-5). These actions, however, must be performed with joy, because they are designed in preparation for the coming of Jesus. At home, when we await the visit of a dear person, we prepare everything with care and gladness. In the same way, we want to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord: to await him each day attentively, so as to be filled by his grace when he comes.

The Saviour whom we await is able to transform our life with his grace, with the power of the Holy Spirit, with the power of love. The Holy Spirit, in fact, infuses our hearts with God's love, the inexhaustible source of purification, of new life and freedom. The Virgin Mary fully lived this reality, allowing herself to be 'baptized' by the Holy Spirit who inundated her with his power. May she, who prepared for the coming of Christ with the totality of her existence, help us to follow her example and may she guide our steps to the coming Lord.

Reflected by Pope Francis @ St. Peter's Square on 18.12.2019

Source: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2017/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20171210.html

Date Claimers

Mon. 5 Dec : 7pm - Combined Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee and Finance Committee meeting.

Tue. 6 Dec : 10.45am - Healing Mass

Sat. 10 Dec : 7pm-9pm - Carols on the Green

Healing Mass

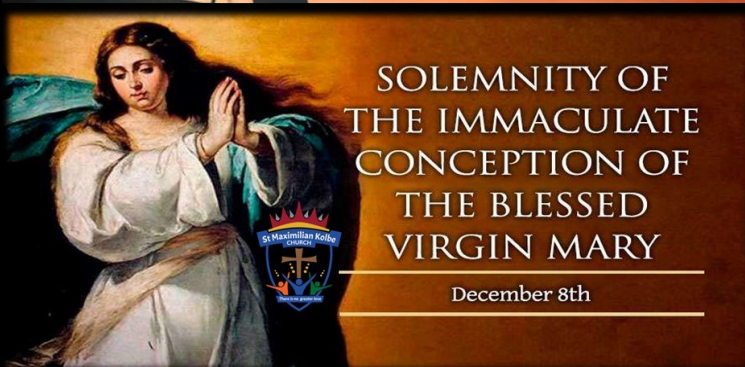
Tuesday, 6 December 2022

at 10.45am followed by

Christmas Luncheon for everyone



Please Join US



Pray, O Mother, for all of us.

Pray for humanity for those who suffers poverty and injustice, violence and hatred, terror and war. Help us to contemplate with the rosary the mysteries of Him who 'is our peace', so that we will all feel involved in a persevering dedication of service to peace. Look with special attention upon the land in which you gave birth to Jesus, a land that you loved together with Him, and that is still so sorely tried today. Pray for us, Mother of hope! 'Give us days of peace, watch over our way. Let us see your Son as we rejoice in heaven'. Amen!

Prayer by Pope John Paul II on the Second Sunday of Advent, 8 December 2002. Given at Piazza di Spagna

Roster for the weekend of 10 – 11 Dec. 2022

Mass Coordinators:

10 Dec. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden
11 Dec. 8.00am - Orlando Diente
11 Dec. 9.30am - Tua Niumagumagu

Readers

10 Dec. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez
- William Barncastle

11 Dec. 8.00am - Marcia Canty
- Nimfa Brookes

11 Dec. 9.30am - Mary Klerks
Tiliola Niumagumagu

Altar Servers

Pramudsth, Saneth & Chagika

Ruby, Abigail & Annabel

Communion Ministers:

10 Dec. 5.30pm - Wilda Fernandes, Hazel McCarrick
11 Dec. 8.00am - Rachel Matijasevic, Korina Laban
11 Dec. 9.30am - Winnie Kepu, Violeto N.

Choir:

10 Dec. 5.30pm - Congregation lead singing.
11 Dec. 8.00am - African Choir
11 Dec. 9.30am - Ekalesia Choir

Counters : Malcolm, Wilda and Noel Swindells

Cleaners : Ekalesia Group

Flowers :

Second Sunday of Advent : 04 December 2022

First Reading (Isaiah 11:1-10)

He judges the poor with justice.

Responsorial Psalm (71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17)

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading (Romans 15: 4-9)

Christ, the hope of all people.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;

All people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Mathew 3: 1-12)

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Collection: Week-ending: 27 Nov. 2022

Envelopes Received : 25

Amount from Contributions : \$ 1,860.35

Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 197.50

TOTAL : \$ 2,057.85



Please Pray for the Sick

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, M.Glorioso, D.Hall, J.Lachlan, A.Van Uitregt, V.Toalepai, 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, 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. Noreen Audley, Daisy Ann Thomas, John Williams.



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass
will be held at 5.00pm on:

Sunday, 04th Dec. & 11 Dec. 2022

Centre Location:

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

All are Welcome!



ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE MUSIC MINISTRY

Invitation to All parishioners (including members of our various choir groups) to join the St. Maximilian Kolbe Music Ministry to provide music for the Christmas Eve Mass on 24 December at 10pm. The SMKMM Choir Practice schedule is as follows:

- Monday, 12 December at 7:00pm for Musicians
- Thursday, 15 December at 7:00pm for the whole choir.

**SAMOAN MASS ON SUNDAY
4 DECEMBER AT 11.30AM**

On behalf of the Ekalesia Samoa, we would like to invite all our Samoan people to come and join us in celebrating this Samoan Mass together on Sunday 04 Dec. 2022 at 11:30am at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Thank you and God Bless!
Ekalesia Samoa Group

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes on the Second and/or Third Sunday of Advent will support Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au

Young parishioners **aged 13 and above**, are invited to join the Kolbe Youth Ministry. Come participate and enjoy the fellowship with others in your age group, to strengthen your faith journey and get involved in our upcoming events for the rest of the year.

Kolbe Youth Ministry

Our next Kolbe Youth Gathering will be at 6.00pm on Friday, 16th Dec. 2022



2022 Advent & Christmas Program

As a Parish community, we welcome you to join us in celebrating the true reason for the season: the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour!
Please feel free to bring your family and friends and come along to any of our Advent events and liturgical services schedule here!

Saturday, 10 December	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Christmas Carols on the Green <i>(outdoor; BYO mat/rugs, food & cold drinks)</i>
Friday, 16 December	7.00pm - 8.00pm	2nd Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas
<u>Christmas Eve</u>	6.00pm *	Children & Youth Nativity Play & Christmas Mass (Ekelesia & Divine Mercy Choir)
Saturday, 24 December	10.00pm *	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (St. Maximilian Kolbe Music Ministry Choir)
<u>Christmas Day</u> Sunday, 25 December	9.00am * (there will be only one Mass)	Christmas Day Mass (African Choir)
Note * Christmas Carols will be sung by the respective choirs from half an hour before all these Masses		
<u>New Year's Eve</u>	5.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, 31 December	6.00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass
<u>New Year's Day:</u>	8.00am	<i>congregation led singing; however, if there is any choir who is available to lead the singing on either of the two Masses here, please notify the Parish Office. Thank you.</i>
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	9.30am	
Sunday, 1 January 2023	5.00pm	Mass at Yarrabilba

A Prayer of Peace

for the Second Week of Advent

Heavenly Father, Lord of All, come and fill this world with your peace. May there be an end to hatred and division among your people. Cease all the fighting and war in this world. Heal the bitterness and hurt in my own heart. In this season of Advent, prepare my heart for the coming of Jesus, our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Fill my heart with your peace which passes all understanding. For of the greatness of his government and peace, there shall be no end. Amen.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

**YOUR SUPPORT
WILL GIVE HOPE TO STRUGGLING
FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS**



Every family deserves a safe and happy Christmas.

This year, our parish St. Vinnies Conference will be collecting Monetary Donation, Gift Cards and Non-Perishable Food items as part of their annual Christmas Appeal project. They welcome your generous and kind contributions in support of this project. A box will be placed at the entrance of the church during our weekend Masses in Advent, to collect the monetary donations and gift cards and a basket to collect the food items. Thank you kindly for all your support!