



# 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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### Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

### Pastoral Council Chairperson

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Tom Kalaja

### Care and Concern Co-ordinator

Sue Barrett

### Youth Leaders

Shanna and Danny

### Liturgy Committee Co-ordinator

Buxton Thomas

### Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

Ron Klerks (0411 057 611)

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### Sacramental Team Leader

Helen Swindells (0400 014 042)

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### St. Francis College

Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)  
3489 4800

### St. Clare's Primary School

Mr. Michael McInerney (Principal)  
5549 8000

### San Damiano College

Mr. Peter Edwards (Principal)  
5670 7000

### Weekday Mass Times

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

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm  
Sunday Mass: 8.00am & 9.30am

## 3rd Sunday of Advent: 11 December 2022



Today is called "Gaudete Sunday" because today's Mass (in its Latin, pre-Vatican II form), began with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper" --"Rejoice in the Lord always." In the past, when Advent was a season of penance, the celebrant of the liturgy used to wear vestments with the penitential colour of purple or violet. In order to remind the people that they were preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, the celebrant wore rose-coloured vestments on the 3rd Sunday.

Today we light the rose candle, and the priest may wear rose vestments, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus, our Saviour. The primary common theme running through today's readings is that of encouraging joy as we meet our need for the preparation required of us who await the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives. The second common theme is that of bearing witness. The prophet Isaiah, Mary and John the Baptizer all bear joyful witness to what God has done and will do for His people.

The readings for the third Sunday of Advent remind us that the coming of Jesus, past, present and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. The first reading tells us that we should rejoice because the promised Messiah is coming as our Saviour and liberator, saving us by liberating us from our bondages. Paul, in the second reading, advises us to "rejoice always" by leading blameless, holy and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ is faithful to his promise that he will come again to reward us. Today's Gospel tells us that John the Baptizer came as a witness to testify to the Light, i.e., Jesus. The coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is cause for rejoicing as he removes darkness from the world. We should be glad and rejoice also because, like John the Baptizer, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world. We are to reflect Jesus' Light in our lives so that we may radiate it and illuminate the dark lives of others around us.

The joyful message of today's liturgy is clear. The salvation we await with rejoicing will liberate both the individual and the community, and its special focus will be the poor and lowly, not the rich and powerful.

Through her ministry in Jesus' name, Mother Teresa brought untold blessings and joy to the poor who lay unattended and forgotten on our streets. When asked the source of her joy, Mother Teresa replied: "Joy is prayer -- joy is strength -- joy is love -- joy is a net of love. . . A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love . . . loving as He loves, helping as He helps, giving as He gives, serving as He serves, rescuing as He rescues, being with Him twenty-four hours, touching Him in His distressing disguise." (Malcolm Muggeridge, *Something Beautiful for God*, Harper and Row, San Francisco: 1971). When Advent arrived every year, Mother Teresa's life, continued to witness the joy which is true hallmark of every Christian and the rightful inheritance of all the poor.



Excerpts from: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2017-12/sunday-gospel-reflections-advent-3rd-sunday.html>

## Date Claimers

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

Fri. 16 Dec : 7pm - 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Sat. 17 Dec : 9.30am - 11.30am Practice for the Children's Nativity Play (Parish Hall)



## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

In preparation for Christmas here will be a  
**2nd Rite of Reconciliation**  
held at 7.00pm on  
**Friday, 16 December 2022**

Fr. Mikhael and Fr. Long will lead us in a short time of reflection, to be followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation. We may also have other priests available to hear confessions.

## Third Sunday of Advent : 11 December 2022

First Reading (Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10)  
*God himself will come and save us.*

Responsorial Psalm (145:6-10)  
Lord come and save us.

Second Reading (James 5: 7-10)

*You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Mathew 11: 2-11)

*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?*

## Collection: Week-ending: 04 Dec. 2022

Envelopes Received : 35  
Amount from Contributions : \$2,451.00  
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 90.10  
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TOTAL : \$2,541.10  
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Working Bee



## **Saturday, 18th December from 8.30am**

We invite all able-bodies to help us prepare our church building and grounds for the upcoming Christmas celebrations. Thank you very much!

**Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Long**



## 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.

## Roster for the weekend of 17 – 18 Dec. 2022

### Mass Coordinators:

17 Dec. 5.30pm - Wilda Fernandez  
18 Dec. 8.00am - Lele Faaeteete  
18 Dec. 9.30am - Joy Wallace

### Readers

17 Dec. 5.30pm - Sue Barrett  
- Wilda Fernandes

### Altar Servers

18 Dec. 8.00am - Brian Cunningham Jazmine, Israel  
- Orlando Diente

18 Dec. 9.30am - Flor Gomez John and May  
Elenora Tufuga

### Communion Ministers:

17 Dec. 5.30pm - Sue McKeown, Rosemary Ordonez  
18 Dec. 8.00am - Marcia Canty, Eseta Alosio  
18 Dec. 9.30am - Deb Howkins, Doris Deurloo

### Choir:

17 Dec. 5.30pm - Trinity Choir.  
18 Dec. 8.00am - St. Peter's Choir  
18 Dec. 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa, Noel Swindells

Cleaners : SMK Group

Flowers : n/a



## **YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE**

**Weekend Community Mass**  
will be held at 5.00pm on:

**Sunday, 11th Dec. & 18 Dec. 2022**

### Centre Location:

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

*All are Welcome!*

CHRISTMAS CAROLS  
*On the Green*  
 SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2022  
 7PM - 9PM  
 ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
 CATHOLIC CHURCH, MARSDEN

JOIN US FOR MUSIC, FUN & FELLOWSHIP  
 BRING A CHAIR OR RUG  
 BYO FOOD  
 TEA & COFFEE ARE COMPLIMENTARY  
 L.E.D CANDLES ARE WELCOME

**KOLBE KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**Christmas Eve on Saturday, 24 Dec 2022**  
**Carols @ 5.30pm**  
**Children's Mass & Nativity Play @ 6.00pm**

**Practice Schedule for Children's Nativity Play**  
**Sat, 17 Dec: 9.30am – 11.30am | Wed, 21 Dec: 6.00pm to 8.00pm**  
 If you want to have your child(ren) participate in the Nativity Play, please contact our Parish's Children's Ministry coordinator: Nimfa Brookes for further information at **0474 037 195**

*Sing For Joy*

**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.

*A Festival of Readings and Carols*

*Sunday 18 December 2022*  
**5:00pm**

*Presented by*  
*The combined choirs of*  
*the Cathedral of St Stephen*

**Free admission**  
*Retiring collection*

249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane  
 The Cathedral carpark will be available

**GOD'S WORD 2023** is now available for purchase at \$15.00/copy  
 Please get your copy from the piety shop or at the entrance of the Church

**Columban Calendar**  
 Columban Calendar is available for purchase at \$10.00.



# 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	<b>Christmas Carols on the Green</b> <i>(outdoor; BYO mat/rugs, food &amp; cold drinks)</i>
Friday, 16 December	7.00pm - 8.00pm	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	6.00pm *	<b>Children &amp; Youth Nativity Play &amp; Christmas Mass</b> (Ekelesia & Divine Mercy Choir)
Saturday, 24 December	10.00pm *	<b>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass</b> (St. Maximilian Kolbe Music Ministry Choir)
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9.00am *	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b> (African Choir)
Sunday, 25 December	<b>(there will be only one Mass)</b>	
<b>Note * Christmas Carols will be sung by the respective choirs from half an hour before all these Masses</b>		
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	5.30pm	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
Saturday, 31 December	6.00pm	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b>
<b>New Year's Day:</b>	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>
<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>	9.30am	
Sunday, 1 January 2023	5.00pm	Mass at Yarrabilba



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](http://www.catholic.au)



**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!

## ADVENT WEEK 3: *A Prayer of Joy*

Lord, I have to admit that sometimes I let the world steal my joy. Fill me with your joy again today! I know this joy is beyond just a momentary happiness, it is a joy that surpasses every situation and circumstance in life. God fill me with this joy. A joy no one can steal from me. When I think of heaven and your gift of salvation, I am so grateful. This world is but a small moment and then we get to be with you. I will rest in the Joy of what is to come! Thank you, Jesus.

