



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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Weekday Mass Times

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

Saturday No Mass in the morning

Weekend: Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Vigil Mass: 6.00 & 10pm

Christmas Mass: 9.00am

4th Sunday of Advent: 18 December 2022

The sign that God revealed to us on this last Sunday of Advent is highly significant. God's choice of the messiah was from the house of David. However, Mary's child belongs to all nations. So, we all form part of the nations. This is through God's love, and his invitation to share in the Christ's heritage. Hence, Christ is coming for the sake of all of us.

In the first reading of this Sunday, God gave us the greatest and most definitive signs about the Messiah: *"A maiden is with child, and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, which means God is with us!"* It is important to note that this sign was given to king Ahaz only after he humbled himself by refusing to put God to test. Hence the lessons here is firstly, that we must learn to trust in God's judgment, and his good will for us. Secondly, we need not run after signs anymore because, God has given us the fullness of revelation in Jesus Christ. Thirdly, is that, if we humble ourselves, God will reveal to us, *"the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ" (Eph 1, 9).*

Both the second reading and the gospel of today are narratives about the birth and life of Christ. They remind us that the signs that God gave to us through the prophets, are not empty words. Rather, they are true and fulfilled in Christ. Hence, in the second reading, Paul reminds us of the promises that came through the words of the prophets. Here, he highlighted three very important facts. First, he reminds us of Christ's divine origin and nature: *"This is the good news about Christ, the son of God."* Second, he reminds us of Christ's human origin and nature: *"...Who according to the human nature he took was from the descendant of David..."* All these were to assure us that Christ is really the promised Messiah. The third fact is about our relationship to Christ. That is, how we fit into God's plan, and his economy of salvation: *"You are one such nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ."*

In today's gospel, Matthew narrates *"how Jesus was born."* Like Paul, Matthew in his infancy narrative traced Jesus' lineage back to the dynasty of king David. This is also meant to assure us, that Jesus is really the promised messiah. In this narrative, Mathew highlighted the very important and central role played by Mary and Joseph. They were God's instruments for fulfilling His mission of salvation for us. This teaches us that God is active in our history and lives, and that He comes to us through human instruments.

Finally, as we expect the coming of the Messiah, each one of us must make himself available as a worthy instrument. We must be ready to cooperate with God as Mary and Joseph did, in order that the promises of God might be fulfilled through us. Also, we have to allow ourselves to be instruments through which God could save humanity. So, in whatever capacity God calls us to participate in the economy of salvation, let us cooperate with him as Mary and Joseph did today.

Excerpts from reflection by Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp. Catholic Priest and a Member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers (Spiritans).



Date Claimers

Sat. 17 Dec : 9.30am - 11.30am Practice for the
Children's Nativity Play (Parish Hall)
Wed. 21 Dec : 6pm-8pm Children's Nativity Play practice



We warmly welcome to our
Parish family,
SVD Seminarian,
Krisna Papalesa

who has been assigned to our parish for to
undergo a "Come & See Program from
17 Dec 2022—17 Feb 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent : 18 December 2022

First Reading (Isaiah 7: 10-14)

The virgin will conceive.

Responsorial Psalm (23:1-6)

Let the Lord enter: he is king of glory.

Second Reading (Romans 1: 1-7)

Jesus Christ, a descendent of David, is the Son of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;

His name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Mathew 1: 18-24)

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

Collection: Week-ending: 18 Dec. 2022

Envelopes Received : 26
Amount from Contributions : \$2,194.70
Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 149.00

TOTAL : \$2,343.70



YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass
will be held at 5.00pm on:

Sun, 18 Dec. & 1 Jan 2023

No Mass on Sun. 25 Dec

**Note: We will have a Fellowship Meal after
Mass on 1st Jan 2023; all are welcome; please
bring a plate to share, Thank you!**

Centre Location:

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



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 Engberg, Michelle Williams.

Roster for the weekend of 24 – 25 Dec. 2022

Mass Coordinators:

24 Dec 6.00pm - Lele Faaeteete
24 Dec 10.00pm - William Barncastle
25 Dec 9.00am - Orlando Diente

Readers

24 Dec 6.00pm - Abel Budiono
- Tiliola Niumagumagu
24 Dec 10.00pm - Rachel Matijasevic
- Tamate Tumanuvao

Altar Servers

25 Dec 9.00am - Flower Donohue Salvius & Parfait
Nimfa Brookes

Communion Ministers:

24 Dec 6.00pm - Kelemete Tito, Winnie Kepu
24 Dec 10.00pm - Deb Howkins, Filomena Tuiafiso
25 Dec 9.00am - Mary Klerks, Doris Deurloo

Choir:

24 Dec 6.00pm - Ekalesia & Divine Mercy Choir.
24 Dec 10.00pm - St. Maximilian Kolbe Music Ministry
25 Dec 9.00am - African Choir

Counters : N/A

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

Flowers : n/a

Working Bee



Saturday, 17 Dec 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

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**

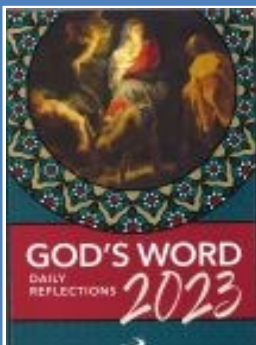


ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE MUSIC MINISTRY

- ♦ 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.

ROSTER SHEETS FOR JAN & FEB. 2023

Roster sheets for January and February are available at the entrance of the church. Please take a copy and contact the parish office if you need any changes.



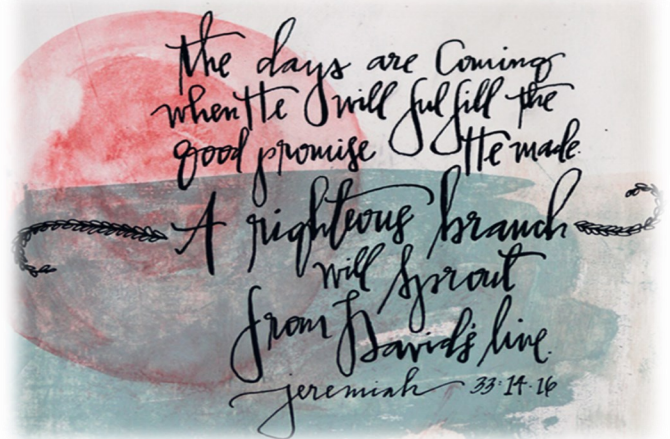
GOD'S WORD 2023

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 each.**



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



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 (outdoor; BYO mat/rugs, food & cold drinks)
Friday, 16 December	7.00pm - 8.00pm	2nd Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas
Christmas Eve Saturday, 24 December	6.00pm *	Children & Youth Nativity Play & Christmas Mass (Ekelesia & Divine Mercy Choir)
	10.00pm *	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (St. Maximilian Kolbe Music Ministry Choir)
Christmas Day 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		
New Year's Eve Saturday, 31 December	5.30pm 6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration Saturday Vigil Mass
New Year's Day: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Sunday, 1 January 2023	8.00am 9.30am 5.00pm	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. Mass at Yarrabilba



A Prayer of Love

for the Fourth Week of Advent

Holy Father, thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, your greatest gift of love to your people. Fill my heart with such love, opening my heart to accept your great love for me. Overflow my heart with your love, so I may pour it out into the world. Help me to love others as you've loved me - even those who aren't so easy to love. For following you means loving others as you love me. Lord, thank you for your great gift of Jesus as we celebrate Christmas. May I ever walk in your love and show the world I am your disciple by the love I show to others, keeping Jesus, your Son, close in my heart. 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!