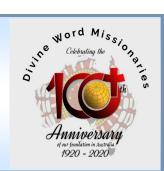


## St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri: 9.00am - 2.30pm | Closed on Wednesday

#### **Parish Contacts**

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St. Francis College

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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 10.45am
Wednesday 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
Saturday 8.00am

# **Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday: 8.00 am & 9.30am

#### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 05 DECEMBER 2021**



The Second Advent candle is traditionally called the Bethlehem Candle. Jesus was born in an ordinary little town in a stable full of animals. He comes to us also in ordinary places among ordinary people. And just as God set his star above Bethlehem that peacefilled night, He also fills our ordinary lives with His light, peace and love.

On this second week of Advent, the church invites us to celebrate the marvels that God is about to work for us in a couple of weeks from now. Our first reading announces that God means to show the splendour of Christ to all nations. The second reading reminds us of "The Lord's Day" which will initiate our salvation.

This season, Christ comes in his glory, but His coming will be of no use to us unless we encounter him, and share in the joy that he will bring at Christmas. If we truly prepare for Him this season, our hearts will overflow with joy as a river overflows its bank when it is filled. Hence, the first reading of today tells us: "...take off your dress of sorrow and distress and put on the beauty of the glory of God forever..." (Bar 5, 1-9). This is rightly so because soon and very soon, we shall joyfully welcome the Lord.

Paul on his part encourages us to remain steadfast in good works and to continue improving our ways of life until the "Day of the Lord" comes. It is important to note that for us to encounter Jesus Christ, and share in the joy that he brings, we must be ready to make some sacrifices. This entails preparing and purifying

ourselves through prayer, charity, love, and reconciliation. Hence, Paul says: "...This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the day of Christ..." (Phil 1, 8).

Furthermore, whatever will constitute an obstacle to encountering Jesus Christ this season must be completely removed as the voice of John the Baptist re-echoes clearly to us "....Prepare a way for the Lord, make his path straight. Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill be laid low..." (Luke 3, 5-6). This means that something must be sacrificed this season for Christ to have his place in us, and for us to experience the joy of Christ when he finally comes in glory and splendour.

Therefore, this season of Advent, let us humbly join the psalmist imploring the Lord: "Restore unto me the joy of my salvation, O Lord my God (Ps. 51, 12). However, it is only when we have successfully and sincerely prepared that we can share and radiate in the joy of the Lord. Then and only then, can we exclaim: "What marvels the Lord worked for us, indeed we are glad" (Ps. 125, 3). Finally, as we wait and prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ this season, may the Almighty God fill us with the strength and the patience we need to persevere without fainting. May our encounter with Christ this season restore the joy of our salvation. Amen!

Reflection by Rev. Fr. Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka, C.S.Sp. Catholic Priest & Member of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers & Brothers (Spiritans).

<u>Prayer Intention of the Parish for the 2st Week of Advent</u>: For those who are undergoing breakdown in relationships especially within the family unit

#### **Date Claimers**

Sat. 4 Dec - 6.30pm: 3rd day Novena (after 5.30pm Mass)

Sun. 5 Dec - 6.30pm: 4th day Novena Mon. 6 Dec - 6.30pm: 5th day Novena

Tue. 7 Dec - 10.45am: Healing Mass followed by

**Christmas Luncheon** 

- 6.30pm: 6th day Novena followed by Liturgy **Committee Christmas Gathering in the Hall** 

Wed. 8 Dec - 6.30pm: 7th day Novena followed by fellowship

Fri. 10 Dec - 7.00pm: 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Sun 12 Dec - 6.30pm Parish Volunteer Training followed by

Appreciation Dinner for all parish volunteers.

#### Roster for the week ending 11/12 December 2021

#### Mass Coordinators:

11 Dec. 5.30pm Luis Vasquez 12 Dec. 8.00am Lele Faaeteete 12 Dec. 9.30am Christine Lapalapa

#### **Readers & Alter Servers** Readers: **Altar Servers:**

11 Dec 5.30pm Verity Madsen Noreen Audley

12 Dec. 8.00am Brian Cunningham Anella, May

Rachel Matijasevic & John

Maria Setefano 12 Dec. 9.30am

> Ron Klerks **Destiny & Salvius**

#### **Special Ministers for Eucharist:**

11 Dec. 5.30pm Patricia Vasquez 12 Dec. 8.00am Irene Marooth 12 Dec. 9.30am Elisapeta Tito

Choir:

11 Dec. 5.30pm Saturday Night Choir African Choir

12 Dec. 8.00am 12 Dec. 9.30am Ekalesia Choir

: Christine Lapalapa, Noreen Audley Counters

: Loligi & Jasmine Scanlan, Visan Family, Vaigafa Family, <u>Cleaners</u>

Diana Mulcahy

**Flowers** : Repeka, Debbie, Lele and Agnes



Working Bee We welcome every able bodied person to lend a helping hand to clean-up our Parish in preparation for the upcoming Christmas celebrations:

#### On Sat, 18th Dec 2021: 8.30am to 11.00am

#### The Catholic Leader December 2021 Issue. Yours to take home for \$4

- Men of God join ministry new deacons ready to serve God
- Archbishops Coleridge speaks of Advent's first call to us
- A time to pray Pope Francis' prayer intention for December
- Thinking shifts on safeguarding of the vulnerable
- New Catholic education executive director Dr Sally Towns announced
- Brisbane women from religious communities want people working together within the Church
- God sustains Dinh and Phien Nguyen through 70 years of marriage
- Dominican Father Karl Emerick called home to God
- How parents pass their religion on to the next generation
- Words of wisdom Joyful expectation builds in Advent
- The powerful reality of parents' prayer can help us understand St Joseph's role as intercessor
- Christmas pudding recipe, puzzles, trivia and colouring competition

#### Second Sunday of Advent: 05 December 2021

First Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9 Jerusalem-God will show you splendour.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 3: 1-6* 

All people shall see the salvation of God.

#### Collection: Week-ending 28 November 2021

**Envelopes Received** 39

**Total Amount** : \$1,820.25

Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 115.10

: \$1,935.35 **TOTAL** 

### 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, Lachlan, A.Van Uitregt, N.Cutuk, V.Toalepai, G.&K M.Trehane, B.Vandenberg, Brown, 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, Mikaele 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.



# St Clare's

# YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

### 5pm on Sunday:

05 Dec. & 12 Dec 2021

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



The Music Ministry Combined Choir Group will sing on Wed, 8 Dec at the 7pm Mass

# 7-day Novena to St. Joseph (to close the Year of St. Joseph)

Day 1: Thurs, 2 Dec - 6.30pm Novena

Day 2: Fri, 3 Dec - 6.30pm Novena; followed by

7pm Mass (no Adoration)

Day 3: Sat, 4 Dec - 6.30pm Novena; after 5.30pm Mass

Day 4: Sun, 5 Dec - 6.30pm Novena

Day 5: Mon, 6 Dec - 6.30pm Novena

Day 6: Tues, 7 Dec - 6.30pm Novena

Day 7: Wed, 8 Dec - 9.00am Mass (no Novena in the morning)

6.30pm Novena; followed by 7pm
 Mass to close the Year of St. Joseph\*

\* please bring a plate to share for light refreshments after Mass



Parents with children aged 14 and above are encouraged to send their children to join our Parish Youth Group. The teenage years are particularly critical in faith

formation and fellowship with others in the parish community. Please support our Youth Group with your prayers and the participation of your children. For more information please contact our Youth Communications leader:

## Desiree Masaga @ 0406 100 677

Our next Youth Mass will be at Friday, 24th Dec. 2021 @ 6pm



for Children

Available every Sunday, by arrangement

Please contact the Parish Office to make further enquires.

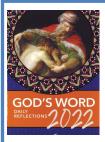
Our Children Baptism Coordinator is **Helen Swindells**.



# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In preparation for Christmas
there will be a
2nd Rite of Reconciliation
held at 7.00pm on
Friday, 10 December 2021

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.



GOD'S WORD
2022
is now
available for
purchase at
\$15.00/copy

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

Advent Reflection Booklets
This is a daily reflection for
the season of Advent is now
available at \$5.00

Please get your copy from the piety shop or at the entrance of the Church

# Special Invitation to ALL our Parish Volunteers

You are requested to attend a short half-hour compulsory training as required by the Brisbane Archdiocese at 6.30pm on Sunday, 12 December 2021

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thereafter to join us for our

# **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

at the Parish Hall

As this event will be catered for, kindly confirm your attendance either by calling or email the Parish Office by Wednesday, 8 Dec 2021







All parishioners who wish to contribute their time/effort to help the Parish Council in planning and organizing this very special community event, are invited to join the Christmas Event Committee. The next Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, 5 December at 10.30am at the Parish Hall (after the 9.30am Mass). Thank you! Fr. Mikhael

