



St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

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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: 5.30pm

Sunday : 8.00 am & 9.30am

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 22 AUGUST 2021



In today's First Reading (Joshua 24:1-2; 15-18), Joshua challenges the Israelites at Shechem to make a choice of whom they wish to serve. By this convocation, we understand that God did not withhold the gift of free will from us even after the colossal disobedience of Adam and Eve (Gen.3:1-18). Joshua's declaration tells us about God's patience with us even when we are disobedient. Joshua's narrative here shows us that God cares about us (Psalm 27:10) and He desires our salvation and gives us the opportunity

to make reliable choices. In the passage, Joshua makes his own choice first before giving the people the opportunity to respond. We could say that Joshua led the people by a personal example, his choice reads, "as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord!" (Joshua 24:15).

In the Second Reading (Eph.5:21-32), St. Paul extends the gospel of choice-making to the family. Love and submission are the choices we make, and there is no better foundation for choice-making than in our families. Marriage and family life would become what we choose to sow as seeds. When you sow love, you reap love, but if you sow hatred you reap it as a fruit and the same happens with submission. There is every truth in the saying that "you cannot eat your cake and have it." You cannot wish for a delightful family when you cannot add positive value. A good family is a choice you make jointly as members.

The same invitation to make a choice is open to us today. We are also invited to make responsible choices in the so-called free world as our choices determine our chances and the changes we experience in life. When Jesus Christ challenged the apostles to choose as the other people were leaving him and going back to their former way of life, Peter replying on behalf of others says, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life".

Change, like this reflection indicated earlier, is a consequence of choice-making. Our undue attachments to various ways of living often make it difficult for us to accept some new and helpful realities that life opens for us. Albert Einstein did define insanity as doing the same thing the same way all the time and expecting a different result.

We have come to the season of responsible choice-making. There is the need for us to remember that whenever we make a choice, we also choose the consequences. There are many options in life, but we need to go for the optimal option. What choice would you be making today in your personal life, in your family, in your relationship with others, and ultimately in your Christian life journey with God? Would you like Peter, and the others make the right, and responsible choice by sticking with the Lord who has the message of eternal life and without whom no option is tenable. Have a beautiful Sunday and a pleasant week ahead as you choose wisely and responsibly.

Reflected by Rev. Fr. Dr. Boniface Nkem Anusiem is a Catholic Priest, professional writer, dynamic and motivational speaker, charismatic preacher, and an erudite media and communication scholar, mentor, and consultant. Adapted from: <https://frbonnie.com/2018/08/25/the-power-of-choice-homily-for-the-21st-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-b-rev-fr-boniface-n-anusiem-ph-d/>

Date Claimers

Mon 23 Aug : Bible timeline course @ 6.30pm

Tue 24 Aug : Liturgy Committee Meeting @ 7pm

Wed 25 Aug : Finance Committee Meeting @ 7pm

Roster for the week ending 28 /29 August 2021

Mass Coordinators:

28 Aug 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden
29 Aug 8.00am - Irene Marooth
29 Aug 9.30am - Kelemete Tito

Readers:

28 Aug 5.30pm - William Barncastle
- Verity Madsen
29 Aug 8.00am - Nimfa Brookes
- Rachel Matijasevic

29 Aug 9.30am - Flower Donohue
- Fono Tufuga

Special Ministers for Eucharist:

28 Aug 5.30pm - Patricia Vasquez
29 Aug 8.00am - Repeka Kasipale
29 Aug 9.30am - Luta Nanai

Choir :

28 Aug 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir
29 Aug 8.00am - Trinity Choir
29 Aug 9.30am - St. Peter the Rock choir

Counters : Swindells Family

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

Flowers : Repeka, Debbie, Lele, Agnes

Twenty First Sunday in ordinary time : 22 August, 2021

First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33: 2-3, 16-23

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians : 5: 21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:

You have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life

Collection: Week-ending 15 August 2021

Envelopes Received : 45

Total Amount : \$2,471.70

Yarrabilba Mass Centre : \$ 63.10

TOTAL : \$2,534.80



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, B.Vandenberg, 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 Pietkiewicz.

**St Clare's
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**YARRABILBA MASS
CENTRE**

**Weekend Community
Mass**

**5pm on Sunday:
22 Aug & 29 Aug
2021**

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

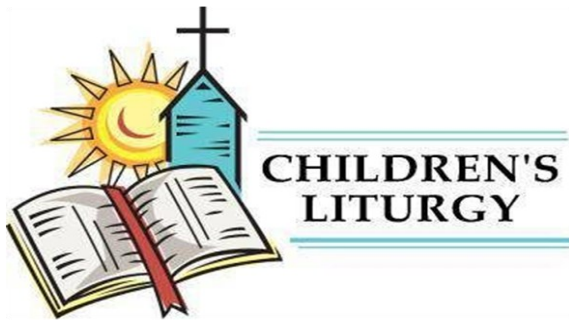


In Loving Memory of...

Nola Aileen Williams & Elizabeth Helen Seeto

Please pray for Nola Williams and Helen Seeto who passed away this week. We extend our deepest condolences to Nola and Helen's family during this time of sadness.

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



Our Children's Liturgy Sessions will be held at the Maryfields Hall at **8.00am every Sunday**. Parents with children aged 5 up to 13, are encouraged to send their children to attend these faith-forming, fun filled and learning sessions.

Also we are seeking some volunteers, especially those with teaching experience to join our Children Liturgy Ministry Coordinator, Tilesa and her team in this ministry.

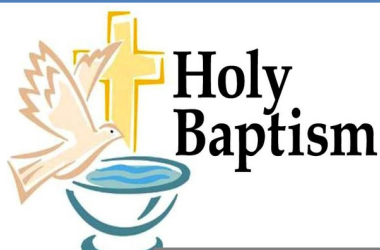
Parents and volunteers can contact **Tilesa Vaigafa** for further information at **0434 570 123**.



We invite all youth aged 14 and above, to join the SMK Youth Group. You are warmly welcome to participate in 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. If you can play a music instrument or want to join our youth choir, or just wish to find out more information on any of the upcoming Youth events, please contact our Youth Communications leader:

Desiree Masaga @ 0406 100 677

Our next Youth Mass will be at
**9.30am on Sunday,
5th September**



The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is available every Sunday, by pre-arrangement.

Please contact the Parish Office to make further enquires.

Our Parish's Children Baptism Coordinator is **Helen Swindells**.

Flower Arrangement Ministry



FLOWER ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The flower arrangement committee meeting will be held on **Sunday 22nd August at 10.30am** in the parish hall. All members and requested to attend. This is the invitation for the new members, who would like to join the flower arrangement team to attend the meeting.

Thank you, Fr. Long



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Be blessed and bless others with your gift

Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your gift today will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests; and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community.



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Social Justice Sunday — 29 August

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has made an historic commitment to work towards a more sustainable Church in its annual statement promoting social justice. In the Social Justice Statement 2021-22 launched today, *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, the bishops commit to a seven-year journey towards seven Laudato Si' Goals.

"We are facing an ecological crisis and Pope Francis wants the whole Church globally to act with a greater sense of urgency," said Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. "In Australia, passionate individuals, religious institutes, schools and organisations have been working on ecological issues for a long time. I want to affirm and thank them all, and to urge the whole Catholic community to join them." Bishop Long pointed out that "Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been caring for country from time immemorial. The rest of us need to listen, and to learn how we can walk together to care for the whole of creation – including one another."

The statement explains that the Laudato Si' Goals "aim to put Pope Francis' [2015] encyclical into practice, making communities around the world sustainable in the spirit of the integral ecology of *Laudato Si'*". The bishops invite Catholics to "uncover the sacramentality of creation" in recognising the divine presence in the world, and to respond with wonder and awe. They call for a "profound conversion expressed in a new way of living, both personally and collectively".

"We are being called to a new way of thinking, feeling, understanding and living," the statement says. Speaking during the online launch of the statement, Bishop Long said: "My hope is that *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* will encourage ever deeper and more effective Christian responses to the urgent cries of the earth and of the poor."

The statement urges families, schools, parishes, dioceses and organisations to join the bishops in signing up to the Laudato Si' Action Platform. The platform, an initiative of the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, will gather ideas for action from around the globe to help participants in their journeys. The Bishops Conference's Office for Social Justice has been involved in developing the platform. At the statement's launch, Bishop Long also announced a new name for that agency – now known as the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace – affirming "social justice, ecology and peace are inseparable".

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor and associated resources can be downloaded at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

The Australian Bishops' Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace have co-signed a letter urging Federal Parliamentarians to take seven urgent and decisive actions to support and protect Afghan citizens and asylum seekers overseas and within Australia. Principle signatory, Refugee Council of Australia have based these actions on consensus amongst civil society groups in the Asia-Pacific region and refugee-led organisations such as the Asia Pacific Network of Refugees and members of Australia's Afghan diaspora. The actions are to:

- ◆ Do everything possible in coming days to **evacuate people who are at grave risk** within Afghanistan, including those who have worked for or assisted the Australian Government and Australian organisations (including the embassy, armed forces, NGOs and media), human rights defenders and women and girls whose lives and security are under great threat.
- ◆ **Urge governments in the region to keep borders open** for people trying to flee persecution in Afghanistan, including and particularly Pakistan and Iran.
- ◆ Offer **additional refugee resettlement places** for Afghan refugees immediately, as the Australian Government did in 2015 with 12,000 additional places for Syrian and Iraqi refugees. Canada has already announced its commitment of 20,000 additional places for Afghan refugees. Australia could match this offer and urge other resettlement states to do the same, sending a strong and positive message to states receiving Afghan refugees that the world is ready to share responsibility in the protection of lives at risk.
- ◆ As many people are now at risk from hunger and lack of shelter due to their forced displacement, immediately **increase Australian aid to the region** to support programs to assist people who have been displaced across borders and, wherever possible, support organisations still offering assistance within Afghanistan.
- ◆ **Extend the temporary visas of all Afghan citizens in Australia**, as the Government did in May for citizens of Myanmar, to assure people that they will not be at risk of imminent forced return. As part of this extension, people whose asylum claims have been previously rejected should be supported to submit new claims in the light of the changed circumstances in Afghanistan.
- ◆ **Extend permanent protection to 4300 Afghans on temporary protection visas**, recognising that members of this group are unlikely to be able to return in safety for many years to come and need the assurance that they can continue to live in Australia without the constant fear of forced return.
- ◆ Assist Afghan Australians, including people with temporary and permanent protection visas, with **urgent family reunion applications** for relatives who are at particular risk, as members of minorities targeted by the Taliban or people likely to be targeted because of their connections to western nations. This should include giving priority to finalising family reunion applications which have previously been lodged but are waiting on a decision from the Department of Home Affairs.

Individuals and organisations can show their support of these actions by contacting their local Federal Members of Parliament.