



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 24 JANUARY 2021



Holding fast to the Word of life (Phil 2:16)

This year the biblical phrase for celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God is taken from the Letter to the Philippians: "Holding fast to the Word of life" (Phil 2:16). As can be understood from some references, the Apostle is writing the letter from prison. It is certainly one of the Church's most important texts. While the letter expresses the essential substance of the apostle's preaching, it also shows how important it is for the Christian community to increase its knowledge of the Gospel.

With our verse, the apostle offers an important lesson to the Christian community to show them the way they are called to live in the world. First of all, it recalls the importance that Christians must give to their commitment to salvation, precisely by virtue of the event achieved by the Son of God in becoming man and offering himself to the violence of death on the cross: "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil 2:12). No Christian can think of living in the world apart from this event of love that has transformed his life and all of history. Of course, Paul does not forget that no matter how hard Christians may work at attaining salvation, it is always the primacy of God's action that remains: "for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Phil 2:13). The combination of these two elements provides insight into the challenging words that the apostle now gives to the Christians of Philippi, having before his eyes the believers who over the centuries will be disciples of the Lord.

The first commitment that believers are required to make is consistency of life. The call to be "blameless" and "upright" in the midst of a world where deception and cunningness often predominate refers to the words of Jesus when he invited his disciples: "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Mt 10:16). For this to happen, Paul shows the way: Christians need to remain faithful and united to the Word of God. "Holding fast to the Word of life" Christ's disciples "shine like stars in the world". It is a beautiful image that the apostle offers to all of us today, as well. We are living in a dramatic time. Humanity thought it had reached the most solid certainties of science and an economy of solutions to ensure security of life. Today it is forced to admit that neither of these guarantees a future. Disorientation and mistrust emerge strongly due to unexpected uncertainty. Also in this situation, Christ's disciples have the responsibility of offering a word of hope. They can achieve this insofar as they remain firmly anchored to the Word of God, which generates life and presents itself as full of meaning for personal existence.

Therefore Christ is the Word of life, from this we perceive how great are the profit and the glory of those who govern the souls of others". On the Sunday of the Word of God, rediscovering the responsibility to work so that this Word may grow in the hearts of believers and animate them with joy for evangelization is a wish that becomes prayer.

Reflection by: Rino Fisichella

THE BIBLE TIMELINE

The Story of Salvation

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

This is the foundational study in The Great Adventure Bible Study Series that has helped many Catholics learn to read the Bible. The Bible Timeline is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture.

Using a unique colour-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith.

The Bible Timeline course, is inviting interested Parishioners to consider joining our existing group, when the course commences again towards the end of February 2021.

For further enquiries, please contact:

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YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass

@

5.00pm

Sunday, 24 Jan & 31 Jan

at St Clare's Primary School

2 Combs Street, Yarrabilba

All are welcome

**St Clare's
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Roster for the weekend 30/31 Jan. 2021

Readers:

30 January : 5.30pm : Verity Madsen
Adeline Barncastle

31 January : 8.00am : Lele Faaeteete,
Br. Brian

31 January : 9.30am : Maria Setefano
Manu Taofinu'u

Choir :

Counters: Swindells Family

Cleaner's: Rosary Group, Repeka, Agnes Faamausili

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time : 24 Jan. 2021

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 7: 29-31

The word as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation: ***Alleluia, alleluia!***
The kingdom of God is near:
Believe the Good News.
Alleluia.

Gospel: John 1: 14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

Australia Day Prayer

26 January

We bless you, God of the Universe,
for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance
of wealth and opportunity. We bless you for our history, with all its
struggles in adversity, its courage and hope. Give us in our diversity,
acceptance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to
justice for all. Bless us so that we will always be a blessing to others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Adapted from: <https://www.defenceanglicans.org.au/prayers/australia-day/>



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, T.Canty,
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. Dun-
more, C.Rodrigues, V.Venables, T.Gibson,
F. Petelo, Helen A Guadez, M.Vaigafa,
O.Donna, Verity Madsen, Oliver Barrett,
Tatiana Tagirova, Ruperto Martinez,
John Daley, Mikaele Tito, Maureen Joy
Mitchell.