



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 31 JANUARY 2021



In today's Gospel St. Mark presents a picture of Jesus at work. The day begins in the synagogue. This is the place where the word of God is proclaimed, meditated on, and discussed. Jesus offers some teaching.

Jesus' words affected the people deeply. They perceived a different quality in the teaching. They perceived a different kind of authority behind His words which contrasted with the usual teaching from the Scribes. Scribes were

professional religious experts on the Law or Torah. These experts were first of all defenders of the tradition, hence they tended to be particular about the letter of the Law.

In his Gospel, Mark will continue to present Jesus as Teacher. The authority of Jesus will be established not only with words but also with deeds. The teaching and discussion is interrupted. Into the synagogue breaks a man suffering from a disorder which caused convulsions. He challenges Jesus by yelling abusively. Jesus addresses the disturbed spirit in the man. "Be muzzled!" This is a strong word and conveys more than the usual rendering of the word as "be silent!". Jesus is saying that there is only one Word to be uttered and that is the Word of God. This is echoed in 1:34 where Mark says that Jesus would not permit the demons to speak. The utterings of the mentally disturbed were considered to be the work of demons. In the second part of the drama Jesus expels the disturbed spirit. Thus, the ministry of healing begins.

The reading from Deuteronomy reminds us about the nature of the true Prophet. Moses is the template. The prophet is raised up by God to preach God's word. Authentic prophecy is about the extension of the reign of God. It can never be about the ego of the prophet.

Jesus is established as Prophet through his authority which is recognised by the people. It is the ordinary people who are able to discern what is authentic. Ordinary people then were quite good at discerning where to find God in situations that were at variance with official teaching, just as they are today. If Jesus said, "I have come to proclaim liberty to captives," then the people have the obligation to speak out against anything that binds unjustly, especially when it seems to have religious sanctions.

The healing that concludes the story reminds us that the goal in challenging the "disturbed spirits" in the community is wholeness for everyone. St. Paul says very hopefully, "I would like you to be free from worries." He suggests that it is our perspective that might be faulty. Reflection on the Word of God will help us, as community, to discern how to bring new creation out of disease.

by Sr. Patricia Stevenson rsj

Adapted from: <http://sosj.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/4thSundayOrdinary-YearB.pdf>

DATE CLAIMERS

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- Mon. 1 Feb** : Combined Pastoral Council and Finance Committee Meeting at 7pm
- Tue. 2 Feb** : Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7.30pm
- Fri. 5 Feb** : Mass at 9am.
- Tue. 9 Feb** : Healing Mass at 10.45am

## Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time : 31 Jan. 2021

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

Second Reading: I Corinthians 7: 32-35

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

Gospel Acclamation:

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The people in darkness have seen a great light;  
A radiant dawn shines on those lost in death*

*Alleluia.*

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*



## YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

### **Weekend Community Mass**

**@ 5.00pm**

**Sunday, 31 January & 7 February**

**at St Clare's Primary School**

**2 Combs Street, Yarrabilba**

*All are welcome*

**St Clare's  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



### Roster for the weekend 06/07 Feb. 2021

#### Readers:

- 06 February: 5.30pm : Faye Tiresa  
William Barncastle
- 07 February: 8.00am : Josephine Thomas  
Marcia Canty
- 07 February: 9.30am : SMK Youth

#### Choir :

- 06 February: 5.30pm : Saturday Night Choir
- 07 February: 9.30am : SMK Youth

Counters: Christine Lapalapa

Cleaner's: Mafuli and Tua Niumagumagu

### THANKSGIVING: Week Ending 24 January 2021

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| <b>Envelopes Received</b>     | <b>:</b> | <b>29</b>          |
| <b>Total amount</b>           | <b>:</b> | <b>\$ 1,599.30</b> |
| <b>Yarrabilba Mass Centre</b> | <b>:</b> | <b>\$ 52.50</b>    |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>:</b> | <b>\$ 1,651.80</b> |

### 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. Dunmore, 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, Nora Philips.



### Prayer Over New Academic Year for Students, Anxious Parents/Guardians, Teachers & School Personnel

Heavenly Father, as a new school year has begun here in Australia, we pray for all our students, anxious parents/guardians, teachers and school personnel. Please help them all to adjust and adapt to a new format of teaching that is still somewhat unfamiliar. Give them grace and the ability to teach effectively. Grant patience and understanding to everyone as they adjust to new learning and teaching processes. Help our Teachers to teach with the love of Christ. May they have a strong sense of your calling that will give them lasting passion and perseverance through the school year. As they get exhausted and stressed, may you comfort them and assure them of your delight over them. Help them not to base their worth and value on their performance or even their students' performance, but rather in the finished work of the cross. Father, be with different school administrations. Give them wisdom and discernment to make decisions that will provide the best and safest learning environment for both teachers and students to thrive. We also pray for the schools that are under-resourced or students who don't have the proper means to experience distance learning.

Lord, we lift up our families who will have to figure out how to work and also supervise their kids learning from home. We ask for grace and wisdom. Grant patience and endurance to our parents and our children. Help us to find a rhythm and balance to this new academic cycle. For those who are overwhelmed and currently don't know how to navigate their situations, we pray for provision and help. Most of all, help us as parents not to lose faith but to look to you and cling to you for help.

Grant us wisdom to lead our families to honour and glorify you in the midst of life's many challenges. Father, we need your help. We continue to look to you in humble reliance. Thank you that we can rest in your love and grace. Help us to live for your glory in this season. It's in Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.



### Logan Deanery Pastoral Meeting

The Logan Deanery Pastoral Meeting will be held at St. Mathew's Parish, Loganholme on Saturday, 13th February 2021 from 9am to 11.30am. This Deanery exists to empower Catholic parishes and communities to become Christ-centred, hopeful and joyful by listening, collaborating and learning from one another.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in attending this meeting.

Fr. Sunil

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so very much

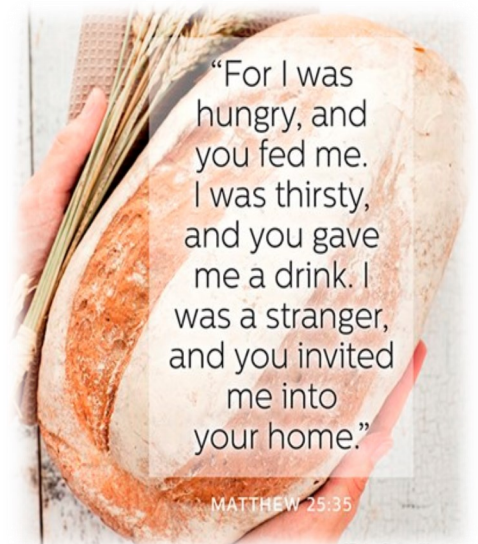


The Vincent de Paul Conference of St Maximilian Kolbe, Marsden, would like to thank all those parishioners who responded so generously with donations towards our Christmas Hamper appeal. With your donations, together with the generous donations by St. Clare's Primary School, Yarrabilba & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel College, Cooparoo, we were able to assist over 40 needy families in the local area.

In the past week, we have begun our visitations for 2021, to continue assisting needy families after the Christmas / New Year recess. Throughout 2020, with our present membership, we were able to conduct over 400 visitations & give a "hand up" to many needy families.

At present, we are able to make visitations on 3 days a week. With an increase in membership, we would be able to make more visitations each week, & give assistance to an ever increasing number of families in the area. If you would like to join us in our work, feel free to make contact with Fr. Sunil or Fr. Long, who will help you to make contact with a member of our Conference group.

*May God Bless and protect you and your families in 2021!*



# THE BIBLE TIMELINE

*The Story of Salvation*

## **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation**

Dear Parishioners,

Towards the end of last year, you may have attended the Mass, during which several Parishioners, received their Certificates, announcing the completion of the course, or acknowledging a stage of completion. The Bible Timeline course, will commence again in February, '21. In the weeks before that, we will be offering you information, which may clarify some of the aspect of this program, that may encourage other Parishioners, to take up an investigation into the Bible. For this newsletter, I offer you the following information.

### Your Group will:

- ◆ Read **14 narrative books** of the Bible and discover the amazing story woven throughout Scripture;
- ◆ Learn how the key **people, places, and events** in the Bible fit together to reveal God's plan for humanity;
- ◆ Study the Bible from a **Catholic perspective** and see how our faith is rooted in Sacred Scripture;
- ◆ See how the events in the Old Testament are **fulfilled in the New Testament** by Christ and the Church;
- ◆ Gain a **greater appreciation for the Scripture** readings you hear during Mass;
- ◆ See how **God reveals Himself** to us through Scripture and learn how **God's Word applies** to your life today;
- ◆ Develop a life-long hunger for knowing God in his word and **lay a strong foundation** for further Bible reading and study.

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