



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

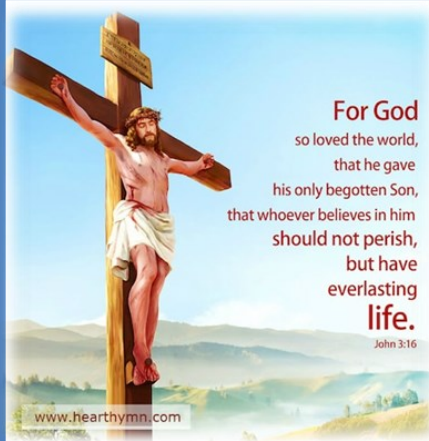
Saturday 8.00am

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5.30pm

Sunday : 8.00 am & 9.30am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: 14 MARCH 2021



There is often a time in a long journey when we find the going hard. The enthusiasm with which we set out has faded, and there is still a long way to go. At this stage in our Lenten journey we may be inclined to identify with Nicodemus of today's gospel – not daring, as a well known Pharisee, to consult Jesus openly, he came 'by night', weighed down in his heart, no doubt, by an interior darkness of confusion and embarrassment.

In our disappointment with our lives, the darkness seems so real and overwhelming. The first reading, telling the story of old Israel – a story of unfaithfulness, stubborn selfishness, destruction and exile – reminds us how often human history has been filled with darkness, right down to our own day. In the second reading from the letter to the Ephesians, Paul confidently confronts this darkness: for him reliance upon false and selfish securities is to embrace 'death'.

If we are inclined to feel demoralised at this point in our Lenten journey, we are invited by today's readings to find again the source of new energy and encouragement. In the midst of the deepest darkness the true Light shines! Old Israel finds that God's designs will not be frustrated by their foolishness and selfishness - the conqueror of the Babylonians sends them back to rebuild the temple. Paul announces to those who are in danger of losing their way the astounding truth at the centre of our faith - God's free gift to a lost world of new life in Christ: our redeemed humanity is God's 'work of art', we each have our part to play in the realisation of God's great designs.

But it is especially in climax of today's readings, the words spoken to Nicodemus, by Jesus - the Light of the World - that all our darkness is dispelled! These words are perhaps the most quoted of the Gospels. Let us not take them for granted, but take them to heart and rejoice in the new life they bring: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his own Son, so that everyone who believes in him ... may have eternal life'. A world weighed down by the darkness of failure and selfishness must know, Jesus says, that he came from the Father, not 'to condemn' but to bring reconciliation and life.

As we take our bearings in the middle of a long journey, we often find new purpose and energy. Reflecting at this point in our journey of Lent, on the burdens we carry, can bring us to find again, in a more personal way, the essential truth of our Christian faith, the great truth we are celebrate at the end of our journey.

By the late Rev. Fr. John Thornhill sm;
He was a Fellow of the Australian Catholic Theological Association

Adapted from: <http://www.theemmausseries.com/blent04.html>

DATE CLAIMERS

7-day Novena to St. Joseph: 12 - 19 March

Day 3 - Mon. 15 Mar : 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Day 4 - Tue. 16 Mar : 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Day 5 - Wed. 17 Mar : 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Day 6 - Thur. 18 Mar : 6.30pm - 7.30pm

**Day 7 - Fri. 19 Mar. : Novena at 8.30am;
followed by Mass.
: Stations of the Cross – 7pm**



Roster for the week ending 20/21 March 2021

Readers:

20 March: 5.30pm - Wilda Fernades
- Adeline Barncastle

21 March : 8.00am - Marcia Canty
- Br. Brian

21 March : 9.30am - Flor Gomez
- Kelemete Tito

Choir :

20 March: 5.30pm - Trinity Choir
21 March : 8.00am - St. Peter's Choir
21 March : 9.30am - Filipino Choir

Counters: Repeka, Lele and Agnes

Cleaner's: Mafuli and Tua Niumagumagu

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, Alzira D'souza.

Fourth Sunday of Lent: 14 March, 2021

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

The wrath and mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 136

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

*God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
That allow believe in him might have eternal life.*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel: John 3: 14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Parish Farewell Celebration for our Beloved

Fr. Sunil Paul Nagothu, SVD

Friday, 9 April 2021

Mass @ 6.30pm

*followed by a
fellowship meal*



FLOWER ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING



The flower arrangement committee meeting will be held on Sunday, 21st March 2021 at 10.30am in the parish meeting room. This meeting is for finalizing the roster for the rest of the year. All are welcome!

Fr. Long

YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE

Weekend Community Mass @ 5.00pm

Sunday, 14 March & 21 March

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

THE BIBLE TIMELINE

The Story of Salvation

Perhaps you are one of our Parishioners, who is seriously considering taking up The Bible Timeline course, but you are still a little anxious. This is completely natural, after all, when was the last time you did any study? You may answer by saying, **"Well, it was when I was at School, so many years ago."**

May I say at the start, **This is not an academic course.** You do not need to have been good at school. You do not require a good memory, an ability to understand the Scriptures. You may not consider yourself a very good reader; You may think, **'how can I learn all those difficult names, places, events?'** You may say, I have never read any part of the Bible.....although this may be true in your own mind, in fact you have listened to and heard others read Scripture from all parts of the Bible.

You only need to have the desire to better understand the word of God; a love of God, of humanity, of creation and of the magnificent bond linking all these together. You need to have a willingness to actually open the Bible, to read it, to pray it, and to relish the wonderful personal items that will be revealed to you on this extraordinary journey.

To remove some of your doubts, and to open up the wonders of the Story of Salvation, There will be an opportunity for you to attend an information session. This will happen on

Monday, 22 March @ 7pm — in the Parish meeting room

As you commence the course, you will not be alone. There are others, who have been on this journey and they will accompany you, so that in a sense, for a while, you can be something like a spectator, one who sits and observes. There are never any embarrassment moments; You will never be contradicted or interrupted in what you are saying; there is always truth in what you say; and you will never be challenged to justify your words!

I am hoping to see you there!

Brian Cunningham

Schedule of Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Day/Date	Particulars
Sunday, 07 March	Registration and Enrolment
Sunday, 14 March	Session with parents/guardians 10.30am with Lorraine Wynne
Sunday, 21 March	Children presented with books 1 st Session for Confirmation at 10.30am
Sunday, 18 April	2 nd Session for Confirmation at 10.30am
Sunday, 25 April	3 rd Session for Confirmation at 10.30am
Thursday, 29 April	Session with parents/guardians at 6.30pm with Lorraine Wynne
Saturday 08 May	Sacrament of Reconciliation and Rehearsal for the Confirmation
Sunday, 09 May	Confirmation Day



2nd Rite of Reconciliation

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on **Friday 26 March 2021** from 6pm onwards.

Fr. Ray Sanchez will lead the Reflection session at 6pm followed by Reconciliation at 7pm.

All are encouraged to attend.

Fr. Mikhael

Lenten Prayer: 4th Sunday of Lent

Lord, I know how much you love me
It's hard for me to feel it sometimes
but I know your love is always with me
Help me to use your love as a way
to persevere in my Lenten intentions
I am weak, but I know with your help
I can use these small sacrifices in my
life to draw closer to you. Amen



Prayer to St. Joseph

St. Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers during this challenging times. You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local Church to respond to those in need. You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day. You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly the elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days. You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the Father, Thy will be done. Amen

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



In the near future the Parish will be starting the RCIA Journey –

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This is the way we accompany people seeking to know God better, to become Catholic. It provides for people who have never been baptised and for those who have been baptised in another Christian tradition. It is a journey of faith getting to know God better through discussion about Jesus, the life and teachings of the Catholic Church and our own personal spiritual journey.

If you are someone or you know of someone who...

- ☐ Has expressed an interest to become a Catholic
- ☐ Would like to learn more about the Catholic faith
- ☐ Was baptized as a Catholic but has not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist & Confirmation

We welcome you to contact the Parish Office to register your interest in joining our inquiry session (dates will be fixed in due course)

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PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting:

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

or

phoning 1800 024 413

Thank You!