



# St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish

Kingston-Marsden-Loganlea-Crestmead-Waterford-Logan Reserve-Yarrabilba  
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS : Mon, Tue, Thurs. & Fri : 9.00am - 2.30pm | Closed on Wednesday

**Parish Office is closed from 22 December 2023 to 1st January 2024**

## PARISH CONTACTS

### Parish Priest

Fr. Mikhael Loke SVD 38030862

### Priest-in-Residence

Fr. Nick De Groot SVD 38030862

### Parish Secretary

Ronet D'Mello

### Pastoral Council Chairperson

Noel Swindells

### Finance Committee Chairperson

Tom Kalaja

### Parish Safeguarding Children Rep.

Ron Klerks (0411 057 611)

STOP line: 1300 304 550

## PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS

### Liturgy Ministries

### Children & Families Ministries and

### Children's Sacramental Program

Helen Swindells (0400 014 042)

### Community Life Ministries

Lele Faaeteete

### Youth & Young Adults Ministry

Shanna Kelemete

### Adult Faith Formation Ministries

### Outreach Ministry

Winnie Kepu

### Affiliated Catholic Schools

St. Francis College - Tel. No 3489 4800

Mr. John Marinucci (Principal)

St. Clare's Primary School - 5549 8000

Ms. Liesl Profke (Principal)

San Damiano College - 5670 7000

Mr. Peter Edwards (Principal)

### 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 Vigil Mass: 5.00pm**

**Sunday Mass: 8.00am & 9.30am**

## 3rd Sunday of Advent: 17 December 2023



As the journey of Advent continues, and as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God who comes among us to make Divine judgement manifest. The Father, writes St. John the Evangelist, does not

judge anyone, but has entrusted the power of judgement to the Son, because He is the Son of Man.

And it is today, in the present, that we decide our future destiny. It is with our concrete everyday behaviour in this life that we determine our eternal fate. At the end of our days on earth, at the moment of death, we will be evaluated on the basis of our likeness or otherwise to the Baby Who is about to be born in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, because He is the measure God has given humanity.

Through the Gospel, John the Baptist, continues to speak down through the centuries to each generation. His hard clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes.

The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ. — Benedict XVI

Excerpts adapted from: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/>

## ADVENT WEEK 3: *A Prayer of Joy*

Lord, I have to admit that sometimes I let the world steal my joy. Fill me with your joy again today! I know this joy is beyond just a momentary happiness, it is a joy that surpasses every situation and circumstance in life. God fill me with this joy. A joy no one can steal from me. When I think of heaven and your gift of salvation, I am so grateful. This world is but a small moment and then we get to be with you. I will rest in the Joy of what is to come! Thank you, Jesus.



## Date Claimers

Please refer to the Advent calendar for various Mass timings on 24th and 25th of December.

### Roster for the weekend of 23 , 24 & 25 December 2023

#### Mass Coordinators

23 Dec. 5.30pm - Hilda Bowden  
24 Dec. 9.00am - Lele Faaeteete  
24 Dec. 6.00pm - Kelemete Titp  
24 Dec. 10.00pm - Christine Lapalapa  
25 Dec. 9.00am - Orlando Diente

#### Readers

23 Dec. 5.30pm - Francesca Ordonez  
- Clarisse Bahati  
24 Dec. 9.00am - Lawrence Auva'a  
- Mary Klerks  
24 Dec. 6.00pm - Sarah Wiss  
- Jude Drage  
24 Dec. 10.00pm - Flower Donohue  
- Flor Gomez  
25 Dec. 9.00am - Clavery Birorimana  
- Marie Dusabe

#### Communion Ministers

23 Dec. 5.30pm - Rosemary O, Sue McKeown, Deb Howkins  
24 Dec. 9.00am - Korina Laban, Ron Klerks, Brian Cunningham  
24 Dec. 6.00pm - Elisapeta Tito, TiiTill Toalepai, Deb Howkins  
24 Dec. 10.00pm - Lele Faaeteete, Winnie Kepu, Serah Thomas  
25 Dec. 9.00am - Viyolete N., Marcia Canty, Doris Deurloo

#### Altar Servers

23 Dec. 5.30pm - Saneth, Chagika & Pramudsth  
24 Dec. 9.00am - John Paul, Andrew, Jazmine  
24 Dec. 6.00pm - John and May  
24 Dec. 10.00pm - Antonio and Andrew  
25 Dec. 9.00am - Gerard and Zia

#### Choir

23 Dec. 5.30pm - Saturday Night Choir  
24 Dec. 9.00am - African Choir  
24 Dec. 6.00pm - Ekalesia Choir  
24 Dec. 10.00pm - Filipino Choir  
25 Dec. 9.00am - African Choir

Counters : Christine Lapalapa and Noel

Cleaners : Divine Mercy Group

### Collection: Week-ending 10 December 2023

**Envelopes Received** : 32  
**Amount from Contributions** : \$ 2,209.70  
**Yarrabilba** : \$ 130.25  
**TOTAL** : \$ 2,339.95

### 3rd Sunday of Advent: 17th December 2023

*First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11*  
*I exult for joy in the Lord.*

*Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54*  
*My soul rejoices in my God.*

*Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*  
*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Gospel Acclamation:*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;*  
*He sent me to bring Good News to the poor*  
*Alleluia.*

*Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28*

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.*



## **YARRABILBA MASS CENTRE**

**Weekend Community Mass**

will be held at **4.00pm** on:

**Sunday: 17 Dec & No Mass on 24 Dec**

**Centre Location:**

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

*All are Welcome!*



### **Please Pray for the Sick**

F.Bowden, L.Seeto, J.Collins, Tuala,  
M.Dunlop, D.Curtis, M.Pierce,  
R.Henwood, V.Reid, V.Gspejon,  
V.Dancey, S.Daniel, A.Purkis,  
L.Guadez, K&S Talatonu, D.Hall,  
B.Hodgson, M.Finnerty, G&M  
Glorioso, J.Lachlan, A. Van Uitregt, V.Toalepai,  
K.Brown, M.Trehane, J.Maloney, J&A Dent, Gladdis  
Gorosito, Asiata J.Lealaitafea, A.Carter, E.B Sebuano,  
Pona Vai, N.Dunmore, T.Gibson, F.Petelo, Helen  
Guadez, M.Vaigafa, Verity Madsen, Tatiana Tagirova,  
Ruperto M, John Daley, Nora Philips, Alzira D'souza,  
Agnes Hamilton, Wena Prowse, V&M L Petelo, Zhaylee  
Curtis, Sesilia Muevae, Rob Canning, Catherine  
Hetherington, Pete Pietkiewicz, V&A Asiata-Kelemete,  
Mynott Family, Reef W. Carroll, Daisy A. Thomas, John  
Engberg, Baby Charlotte, Coleen Goodwin, Mary  
Farrell, Eric Alfred, Austine Jonse, Zakelyn Curtis,  
Michelle & John Williams, Cath Turner, Elizabeth  
Fernandez, Mary Armand, Mary Rosser, Frank Lee, Ann  
Gason, Judith Anderson, Brooke, John McCready.

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
PARISH PRESENTS

# CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT

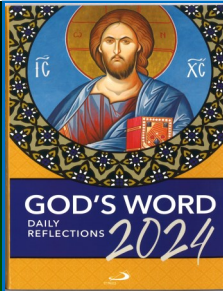


**SAT 16TH DEC**  
**7PM - 9PM**

EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF THE SEASON! JOIN US FOR AN ENCHANTING CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT OUR CHURCH, AS WE CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST TOGETHER. THIS IS A FREE ENTRY EVENT AND ALL ARE WELCOME. PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE.

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## GOD'S WORD 2024

is now available for purchase at \$20.00/ copy Please get your copy from the piety shop or at the entrance of the Church

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



## ADVENT REFLECTION RESOURCE

Advent reflection book is available for sale at the piety shop for \$10.00.

This is a 22 day prayer and reflection resource for the season of Advent.

Young parishioners aged 13 and above, are invited to join the Kolbe Youth Ministry. Come participate 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.



**Our next Kolbe Youth Gathering will be at 6.00pm on Friday, 08 Dec. 2023**

**KOLBE CHILDREN & YOUTH NATIVITY PLAY AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN & YOUTH MASS - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm -**



We invite all children and youth to join and participate in this Nativity Play. **Rehearsals will be held every Friday from 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** Parents can register the names of their children on a list that will be placed at the entrance of the church.

Working Bee



**Saturday, 16th December from 8.30am**

We invite all able-bodies to help us to prepare our church building and grounds for the upcoming Christmas celebrations. Thank you very much!

Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick



# 2023 Advent & Christmas Schedule

Saturday, 16 December 2023	5.00pm 7.00pm	Vigil Mass Carols by Candlelight ( <i>Indoor / bring a plate to share</i> )
<b>Christmas Eve</b> Sunday, 24 December 2023	9.00am	Only one Mass in the morning-4th Sunday of Advent
	6.00pm *	Children & Youth Nativity Mass—(Ekalesia Choir)
	10.00pm*	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass—(Filipino Choir)
<b>Christmas Day</b> Monday, 25 December 2023	9.00am *	Christmas Day Mass—(African Choir)
<b>Note * Christmas Carols will be sung by the respective choirs from half an hour before all these Masses</b>		
Saturday, 30 December 2023	5.30 pm	Vigil Mass ( Saturday Night Choir)
<b>New Year's Eve</b> Sunday, 31 December 2023 <b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>	8.00am	New Year's Eve Weekend Mass (SMK Choir)
	9.30am	New Year's Eve Weekend Mass (Ekalesia Choir)
	4.00pm	New Year's Eve Weekend Mass-Yarrabilba
<b>New Year's Day:</b> Monday, 1 January 2024	9.00am	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ( <i>congregation led singing</i> )



Hearts on Fire  
FEET ON THE MOVE

Thank you  
FOR WALKING WITH  
SR CAROLINA TOWARDS BETTER  
HEALTH FOR TIMOR-LESTE

Your gift helps support the health of children, individuals and families like Petrolina's, through the work of Sr Carolina in Timor-Leste, as well as many other similar projects around the world.

Catholic Mission gratefully acknowledges:

St Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Parish - Kingston Marsden



Signed:



All parishioners are encouraged to **HAVE YOUR SAY** on what type of faith-building programs or prayer sessions that you would like our Parish Priests to consider introducing or maintaining on a regular basis for the upcoming **Year 2024**.

Please take a copy of our survey form at the entrance of the church and use it to express your views. You can drop off your completed forms in the box provided for this purpose.

**Fr. Mikhael & Fr. Nick**