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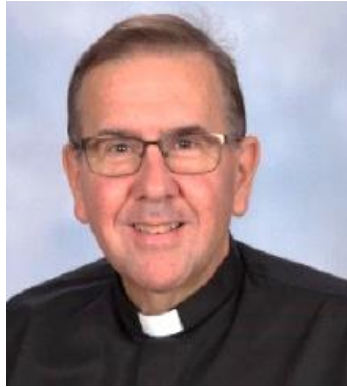
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5th Sunday of Easter

Year A

10th May 2020



### Our Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, the first reading of Acts 6 shows how differences and disputes were resolved in the church's early days. The Hellenist (converts whose language was Greek), complained that their widows were not getting a fair share of the church's social services. The

apostles' solution to the problem shows how changes of practice are not only possible but necessary for the health of the church.

The solution shows two important dimensions of church life: prayer and service; and that living our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two.

Each of us is personally called to prayer, to a dialogue of worship with God; and we are also called to service. No matter what we do in life, our work affects others in some way. We should be of service to our neighbours; and provided we have an attitude of respect, no task we do is a menial task. Prayer and preaching the word was of primary importance to the apostles; but service to the widows and the needy in the community was also vital, so they appointed seven trusted men to attend to it, and initiated them by an evocative ceremony.

As a result, the disciples in Jerusalem increased in numbers. We may wonder how this kind of growth in the church could be revived in our day. Is the word of the Lord still spreading or the number of disciples increasing? In St Peter's letter, the church is imagined as a spiritual temple, with ourselves as living stones making up a living house of God. Every time we say the Lord's Prayer we say 'thy kingdom come.' This implies taking some responsibility for spreading the word and doing something to build up the church?

We can work for God's kingdom by our daily conduct and attitudes even during this time of the pandemic.

The cornerstone of the church is Christ himself, and he offers us encouragement even today. As we heard in the Gospel he is going away, it is to prepare a place for us in his Father's house, which has many rooms. So there is a place for us all in the kingdom. Each person has gifts given by the Holy Spirit, each is encouraged to participate in church life.

Many people today find God or Church irrelevant sometimes because of a failure to understand what church is and sometimes the institution's failure to make church relevant to the modern Catholic person. For an authentic picture of what God is like, we should look to Jesus who said "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." He shows what the invisible Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone, calling us back home. This welcoming God is the one that our church does proclaim from scripture and celebrate in our Liturgical celebrations.

Let us pray that we continue to live the Gospel of Jesus in our home's, and community as we join together and support each other during this pandemic.

*God Bless, Fr Mark*

### Live Streaming of Mass from St Stephen's Cathedral

[www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast)

### Schedule of Celebrations from St Stephen's Cathedral

<http://archbne.org/bzz>

### Family Prayer

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/family-prayer-week-by-week.html/>

### The Catholic Leader

Read the entire digital newspaper for free here:  
<https://catholicleader.com.au/digital-newspaper-covid19>

### Pentecost Pilgrimage

Register for free at: <https://www.pentecostpilgrimage.com/>

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 6:1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

### Readings at Home

Please see the link for the readings of 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of EASTER: <https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/sunday-readings-at-home.html/>

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Holy God,

You compare your own love for your people to the love of a mother for her children. Look with kindness on our mothers, give them comfort in moments of sorrow, and joy in their work for their families.

Listen to their prayers, and bless our Mothers in all they do for you. Let them share with Jesus your Son and Mary our Mother in the everlasting happiness of Heaven.

Father, we ask this grace, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Parish Youth Ministry

With restrictions still in place, OLR Youth is still going ahead with online Zoom meetings every Friday night from 6pm. These meetings have a pretty simple flow, they consist of an online game, a brief talk, a time of prayer and small groups.

The nights have been getting such a great response that we are struggling to fit everything in between 6-7pm, so from this Friday onwards we are pushing back the finishing time to 7:30pm. Last Friday we held the first of our three week series called "Triune", in which we are delving into who God is as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you know any highschoolers, let them know that they are most welcome to join us!

Peace, Matt Foxon - Youth Ministry Coordinator

- **Friday Zoom Youth Gathering 6:00pm – 7:30pm**
- **Instagram @olrkenmoreyouth**

### Education News

**Prep, Year 1 and Kindy restart this Monday 11th May.**

With the resumption of these classes some changes have been made to drop off and pick up of children at the Parish School.

In short the Church carpark will be the only place where school parents can drop off or pick up children.

The Prep driveway/carpark off of Kenmore Road and the Moggill Rd car park will be out of bounds to school parents. All parents/carers and parishioners need to be aware that on the school and parish sites people are not allowed to congregate as the COVID-19 restrictions still apply.

Parishioners who need to visit the Parish Office please phone before you attend the office so that a staff member can greet you at the office.

Please see the QCEC press release below: <https://qcec.catholic.edu.au/news/catholic-schools-welcome-return-to-school-plan/>

### Prayer Requests

If your relative or friend has been removed from this list and you wish them to remain on it, please call the Parish Office.

**Recently Deceased:** Please remember **Paul Ivanac, Claire Grant** and all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Please remember **Alan McNamara** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick:** Please pray for Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, Katherine Parsonage, Anthony Kenneth Thomas, Theresa Crook, Judy Kocho, Colin Warnick, Melinda Craig, Kay Houghton, Pat Clohessy, John O'Dea, Paul Smeaton, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nadine Jones, Clare Hickey, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, Paul Cherian, John Green, Jackie Rutter, Cherry Austin, Eugenie Hargraves, Denise Reeves, Brian West, Wal Giugni, Leo Thomsen, Pat Logan, Danielle Keymer, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Sobhon (Mo) Kanithasevi, Annette Boyle, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

### Praying the Rosary

The month of May is traditionally devoted to Mary and many Catholics have made an effort pray the rosary at home – a focus of prayer being the coronavirus pandemic as suggested by Pope Francis.

Please see the link below for detailed instructions on Praying the Rosary:

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary>

### Supporting Your Parish and its Mission

Thank you to the many Parishioners who have responded to the call to give electronically and to those who have been placing their Planned Giving Envelopes and donations in the mail slot in the door at the parish office. Your support allows Fr Mark and the Parish staff to continue to meet the needs of our community during these peculiar times.

Options for electronic giving are as follows:

#### Electronic Funds Transfer:

**BSB: 064 786 - OLR Parish Account Number: 006651102**

(please include your name, giving number if applicable and reference i.e. "Parish giving")

#### Direct Debit from your bank account or Credit Card payment:

Regular or one off contributions can be arranged through the Parish office. Contact the Parish manager at [finchm@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:finchm@bne.catholic.net.au)



**Parish Giving App:** The Archdiocese has developed a Phone & Web App, which is now available online and for download from the Apple App Store and Android Google Play.



Guides for set up and use of this convenient & secure phone and web based application are

available at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/slides/>

[https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/slides/giving\\_transaction.html](https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/slides/giving_transaction.html)

## Our Lady of the Rosary Education Ministry

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish has a number of education services, please contact these for further information

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<b>Parish Kindergarten</b>	Director - Emma Lane	07 3720 1777	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
<b>Outside School Hours Care</b>	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au

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