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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Year B

29<sup>th</sup> November 2020



### Our Pastor's Message

Advent invites reassessment of where our ways are leading us. This annual reminder that the world as we know it will one day end, sounds more appropriate in the northern Wintry season, when daylight is short and darkness seems to be winning over the light then in our own summer

experience. But the positive side of any winter is that a new Spring day is dawning over the horizon, when Christ will come again into our lives with power to save us.

Advent is a time to open our hearts and invite the Lord to bring us to completion. We begin Advent, yearning for his coming.

Today's first reading puts this yearning into an image, that "We have all withered like leaves... blown by the wind." The whirling, withered leaves of autumn are a familiar scene during that season.

Isaiah proposes the dead leaves as symbols of all that is dried up and withered in our lives.

But he also calls us to look for a better day. God is still in charge of creation, and our personal lives are under his loving care. We pray this Advent, "Come, Lord Jesus," and make our own the words of the psalm, "Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has chosen." It is a central plank of our faith that the Lord never abandons His people.

**God Bless, Fr Mark**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – We watch and wait

Our **Advent wreath** is rich in symbolism. The circle of the wreath, without a beginning or an end, reminds us that God is eternal; His love for us is unending. The green of the wreath represents growth, renewal, the hope of eternal life. The candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His Son. As we light an additional candle each Sunday the growing light reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, dispelling the darkness of our lives; it also calls us to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's love and grace to others.

Our feeling of anticipation, of joyful expectation, is mirrored in the **empty stable** at the back of the church. As we watch and wait for the coming of Jesus we will also see a story unfolding here, in commemoration of the birth of Jesus.

This week we light the first **candle** symbolising **HOPE**. For many years the faithful looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. We look forward with eyes of faith to when He comes again.



### Parish Diary

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November – St Andrew

- 9:15am Bridge, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 11:30am Funeral, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 1:00pm Mahjong, St Catherine's, Moggill

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 7:00pm Parish Finance Council Meeting

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 6:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – St Francis Xavier

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:30pm Maranatha Prayer Group Mass

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 12:00pm End of Term 4, OLR Primary School
- 6:00pm Adoration, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group – OLR OSHC

#### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

- 9:00am Youth Ministry **Car Wash** – OLR Church
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

- 8:00am Sunday Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Sunday Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 11:15am Baptisms, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Sunday Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 6:30pm Young Adult BBQ, OLR Parish Office

*Please note, there is no need to book for Weekday Masses, however you are still required to register your attendance on arrival, along with all other COVID Safe requirements. Please arrive with sufficient time for this to occur.*

### Book To Attend Weekend Mass

Parishioners are asked to book Weekend Mass online via Trybooking:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/olrparishkenmoremoggill>

### Live Streaming of Mass

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

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9

Gospel Mk 13:33-37

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: <https://www.universalis.com/Australia/20201129/mass.htm>

**Vision: To be a welcoming and inclusive community, sharing God's kingdom with all.**

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**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 **Joe Berry, Ann-Louise Xavier** and all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Please remember **Les Pedley** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick:** Please pray for Kurt Ebert, Clint Quinlivan, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Hans Gockel, Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, Katherine Parsonage, Anthony Kenneth Thomas, Theresa Crook, Judy Kocho, Melinda Craig, Pat Clohessy, John O’Dea, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nadine Jones, Clare Hickey, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, Paul Cherian, John Green, Jackie Rutter, Cherry Austin, Denise Reeves, Brian West, Pat Logan, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Sobhon (Mo) Kanithasevi, Annette Boyle, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore.

We spend time praying for the Holy Souls.

**Parish Christmas Hampers**

**DONATIONS DUE - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm**

The parish is conducting the Christmas Hamper Appeal again this year. The process will be slightly different this year because of the caution we have to take concerning COVID-19. However, we are relying on your usual generous spirit to help some of the many families in need. After discussion with the SVDP Conferences in Toowoomba and Inala, we are requesting **gift cards and donations only**.

There are several ways for you to donate:

- **Donation of gift cards** – our aim is **\$250 for each nominal family** (\$200 for food items and \$50 for a Christmas gift). They have requested that we preferably purchase gift cards without liquor outlets listed on the back of the cards. Donations for **Roma recipients are to be Woolworths or IGA** Gift Cards only. For the other recipients, gifts cards for **Coles or Aldi** are also accepted.
- **Cash donations**
- **EFTPOS** via the Parish Office in person or by phone
- **Direct Deposit Donations to the Parish Bank Account; Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve BSB: 064 786 Account: 006651102** – to be identified as **“Hamper Appeal”**, “Hampers ROMA”, or if for a particular family, e.g. **“Hampers TWBA 1”**

The lists of families is on the notice board at the entry to the Church. Just remove the tab(s) for the chosen family and pick up a **Hamper Appeal envelope**. You can choose to provide full or partial support, as any and every donation is much appreciated. We thank you for your past support of this initiative and we know that you all will be generous in sharing your Christmas cheer again this year. Thank you.

**Parish Youth Ministry**

**WHAT’S ON?**

- ✦ **Young Adults:** YA GATHERING – First Sunday of each month, after 5:30pm mass, behind the Church. – Next event: 6<sup>th</sup> December
- ✦ **Primary (Yr 4-6):** LAUNCH PAD YOUTH GROUP – Finished for 2020
- ✦ **High School (Yr 7-12):** YOUTH GROUP – Friday Nights during the school term 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Carroll Community Centre



**Youth Ministry - Car Wash Fundraiser (5<sup>th</sup> Dec)**

On **Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December**, OLR Youth will be running a **Car Wash** to raise funds for Emmanuel City Mission, a volunteer, street-based outreach service for the vulnerable in Brisbane, bringing hope and healing to those who need it most. The car wash will be held at the **OLR Church Carpark** from **9:00am to 2:00pm**. **We'll also have a sausage sizzle and cool drinks available for purchase while you wait.** Last year’s Car Wash Fundraiser was a huge success, and it couldn’t have been what it was without the support of the parish!

**If you would like to assist as a volunteer worker on the day of the Car Wash (greeting customers, washing cars, etc.) please contact the parish via email: [kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au)**

*God Bless, Matt Foxon – Youth Coordinator*

**Parish Giving**

**Electronic Giving Options include:**

- Pay-Wave Tap Donations at Mass
- Parish Giving App & QR Code
- EFTPOS via Parish Office in Person or Phone
- Regular Deduction from your Bank Account
- Regular Deduction from your Credit Card
- Direct Deposit to Parish Bank Account

Thank you for your support of the mission of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. All Enquiries to Parish Manager, Thanks.

**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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