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2nd Sunday of Advent

Year B

6th December 2020



Our Pastor's Message

The word 'power' can have negative reality for us, suggesting an overbearing will to dominate others. The Prophet Isaiah speaks about power of the Lord that in a very different way. God is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them to his breast, and gently leading the ewes who are due to give birth. This is a very tender power, a life-force of faithful and enduring love, a love that gathers and nurtures and reassures. This is the God whom John the Baptist invites us to rediscover this Advent Season. It is this God who comes to us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. John the Baptist refers to Jesus as "more powerful than I am." Jesus is the powerful one, in the sense that the first reading defines power. He gives full expression to God's tender love that brings healing to the broken, strength to the weak and rest to the weary. It is this adult Jesus, now risen Lord, whose coming towards us and present to us we celebrate at Christmas. The Baptist calls us this Advent to prepare a way in our lives for the coming of this Lord, this Shepherd, in whom mercy and faithfulness have met, justice and peace have embraced. This is the God whom we seek this Advent, who can give greater depth to all our other encounters in life.

God Bless, Fr Mark

2nd Sunday of Advent – Our Gift to Jesus

At Christmas time we exchange gifts with the people we love. So this Christmas what will be our **gift to Jesus**, whose birthday we celebrate? Will it be a kind word to a family member or friend, a smile for a stranger, connecting with someone we haven't spoken to for a while, spending time with the Lord, letting go of past hurts or asking forgiveness? For our younger parishioners it might be helping out at home, playing nicely with brothers and sisters, cheering someone up by visiting them or giving them a hug. Are you going to ask for something special this Christmas from your heavenly Father—good health, a joyful heart, a new job, a reconciled relationship? Expect the unexpected, then wait in faith and hope...

As we re-light the candle of hope, we also light the second **candle of LOVE**. We know that God is love. We remember with thankful hearts the gift of Jesus, who came as a babe in a manger, lived and loved among us, was killed on a cross, and arose! *Love endures forever.*



Parish Diary

Monday 7th December – St Ambrose

- 9:15am Bridge, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 1:00pm Mahjong, St Catherine's, Moggill

Tuesday 8th December – Immaculate Conception BVM

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Wednesday 9th December

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

Thursday 10th December

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill

Friday 11th December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

Saturday 12th December

- 11:00am Baptisms, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

Sunday 13th 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

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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading 2 Pet 3:8-14

Gospel Mk 1:1-8

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 2nd Sunday of Advent: <https://www.universalis.com/Australia/20201206/mass.htm>

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PARISH INFORMATION

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 all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Bill Rienecker** 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.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 8th December

9:15am Mass at OLR Church, Kenmore

Christmas Day Lunch 2020 – Cancellation

For over 25 years, churches in Kenmore, starting with Kenmore Uniting Church and developing later ecumenically, have held a free Community lunch on Christmas Day for those who would otherwise be alone. It has often reached out to groups of refugees from other suburbs as well.

This year COVID 19 has complicated the production and presentation of a full Christmas meal relying on volunteer staff to a degree that it will not be possible to hold the lunch in 2020. This has been a difficult decision based on three main problems:

- Key experienced volunteers who know the needs of planning and managing this event in more normal times are not available
- Volunteers would need particular training to manage the event in a Covid-safe manner and
- Many usual helpers are in the vulnerable age group and have been reluctant to participate.

Kenmore Uniting Church, which has led the now ecumenical committee involved in this community service, has therefore decided that it is not practical to hold the lunch in 2020. This is a disappointment to supporters of the Community lunch as well as to many of the usual guests, but it is a decision for this year only, with the expectation of the lunch being renewed next year.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas season and hope that between us, we can still care for those who are lonely and sad at this time of year.

Grace and Peace, *Rev. Dona Spencer*

Christmas Mass Times 2020

Next weekend we will commence advertising Christmas Mass times for the Parish and explaining the processes for people to book in for these Christmas Masses.

As the Celebration of Christmas will be a bit different from other years, the parish will add extra Masses so that people will be able to attend in less crowded spaces in keeping with COVID Safe requirements.

Parish Youth Ministry

WHAT'S ON?

- ✦ **Young Adults:** YA GATHERING – First Sunday of each month, after 5:30pm mass, behind the Church.
– Next event: 6th 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

God Bless, Matt Foxon – Youth Coordinator

Parish Finance Council News

Last Tuesday the Parish Finance Council met for the last time for 2020.

As you would image it has been a challenging year for the Parish financially with Masses cancelled and then limited numbers able to attend Mass for the last number of months. This has led to a dramatic reduction to Parish income from collections, ministries and operating activities of over \$115,000 on pre covid expectations budgeted for 2020.

The Parish has been able to maintain its viability with the help of Archdiocesan financial relief and Government Job keeper subsidies. Most of those financial relief measures have now ceased, therefore the Councils task is to formulate a Budget for 2021 that will take into account the reduced income. This may see some pastoral activities and other areas of expenditure undergo a review as we attempt to cut our cloth accordingly, whilst continuing to respond to the needs of people.

I would like to thank the Parish Finance Council team; Paul Foxon (Chair), Bernard Waters (Deputy Chair), Jacintha Correa (Secretary), Liz Sherratt, Michael Doyle, Bart Mead, Mark Dunn, Michael Fitzgerald and Michael Finch (Parish Manager) for their wise advice, time and energy as they worked through some complex issues in relation to the Parish, Parish School, Parish Kindy and the OSHC service in 2020.

I would also like to express my thanks to those who lead those educational services for the Parish, Emma Lane (Kindy Director), Alex Mallon (OSHC Coordinator) and Andrew Oberthur (School Principal).

As you know the School Principal's contract has expired and a new Principal (John Bates) will take over the leadership of the School from the 1st January 2021. John will have a number of challenging issues to work through when he arrives and both the Parish Finance Council and I will support him in his leadership role at our Parish school.

I would also like to announce some changes in membership of the Council for 2021.

I would like to thank Paul Foxon and Bernard Waters who have generously served on the Council for 13 years and to Mark Dunn (4 years) all three have decided it is time to make way for new members of the Council.

To this end, I would like to announce the appointment of **Mr Michael Mugaba** and **Mr Greg Plawecki** to the Parish Finance Council for a 3-year term.

I encourage each member of the Parish community to continue to support your Parish financially over the next 12 months as we rebuild our Pastoral and ministry activity in our Parish.

Fr Mark Franklin PP

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

Parish Primary School	Principal - Andrew Oberthur	07 3378 2412	pkenmore@bne.catholic.edu.au
Parish Kindergarten	Director - Emma Lane	07 3720 1777	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
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