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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Year B

20<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Our Pastor's Message

Today's readings tell of God's gracious initiative towards us. Their focus is not on what we do for God but on what God does for us. In the Book of Samuel, David plans to do a great service for God, no less than to build a beautiful temple as a house of prayer. King David was an achiever who had accomplished a great deal. Yet Nathan says that God did not want the king to build the Temple. Rather, it was God who would do something for David; whereby David's descendants would lead God's people into the future. David had to let go of his great plans and learn to let God lead the course of his life.

Accepting favours can be difficult for us. We like to be the givers, the organizers, the achievers. To let others give to us is to acknowledge our need, our dependence, our limitations, and that does not always come easy. Maybe we sense that to allow ourselves to be graced by others is to put ourselves under obligation to them. That reluctance to receive can carry over into our relationship with God.

The heart of the good news is that God is a gracious God who wants to give us all things. As Paul says in his epistle, 'God who did not withhold his won Son, but gave him up for all of us, will also with him give us everything else!' This is the special time of year when we allow God to be the God of abundant grace in our regard; it is a time when we come before him in our need and open ourselves to his gracious love and presence.

*God Bless, Fr Mark*

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – The Prince of Peace



Today, with the candles of **Hope, Love and Joy**, we light the **fourth candle**—the candle of **PEACE**.

Christ is the Prince of Peace come to reconcile us with God and others. Christ helps us to see that peace is possible. Have we allowed this peace into our lives this Advent? Are we ready to welcome our King with hearts full of hope, love and joy this Christmas? It's not too late! Visit the crib, reflect on the meaning of **Emmanuel**—God with us.

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December

- 9:15am Bridge, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:00pm Choir Practice, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

- No Mass Today

#### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

- 4:00pm Christmas Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 5:30pm Christmas Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 6:00pm Christmas Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:30pm Christmas Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

- 8:00am Christmas Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 8:15am Christmas Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 9:45am Christmas Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December – St Stephen

- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December

- 8:00am Sunday Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Sunday Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 5:30pm Sunday Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

Christmas Masses are ticketed events and **all attendees must book** online via Trybooking or through the Parish Office before **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 12:00pm** to avoid disappointment.

We have been given special permission to increase our attendance capacity for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses. There will be 350 tickets available for OLR Kenmore Church and 300 tickets available for St Catherine's Moggill for each Christmas Mass. Additional Masses have been scheduled to enable as many as possible to book a seat.

#### To Book for Mass:

<https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/olrparishkenmoremoggill>

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Rom 16:25-27

Gospel Lk 1:26-38

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: <https://www.universalis.com/Australia/20201220/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 **Heather Bowskill** and all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Please remember **Bryan O'Callaghan, Colin Foxon, Charles Morrissey, Solange Ponce, Cuthbert Foxon** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick:** Please pray for **Mary Robba**, Hope Taylor, Wayne Waters, Frances Watkins, 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.

### Parish Office Closing Dates

The Parish Office will be closed from midday Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December and reopen Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Weekday Masses will resume 19<sup>th</sup> January as Fr Mark is taking some leave during these weeks.

**PLEASE NOTE** Mass for the Feast Day of Mary Mother of God will be celebrated on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan at 9.15am at the OLR Church, Kenmore.

Although the Parish Office is closed, you can contact us via email or mobile phone and we will respond.

### Christmas Hamper Report 2020

Wow! In a difficult year and with a different process, including use of nominal families, you have shown your extremely generous spirit once again.

Congratulations and THANK YOU for all of your donations to our OLR Christmas Hamper Appeal!

The participation from the OLR Parish, the Church at Kenmore and Moggill and the School, was truly outstanding. You have helped 97 families have a brighter Christmas. You donated \$22,860 to support 77 families in Toowoomba and environs and Roma, and the School donated Christmas goodies and gifts to support 20 families in Inala.

The Support Groups receiving these donations were very, very grateful. Undesignated funds donated for families in Toowoomba and Roma allowed us to increase the number supported to almost the same level as last year.

The remaining \$1725 will be donated to support the ongoing work of Emmanuel City Mission, serving people who are homeless in Brisbane. Your donations have supported a truly wide range of people in need.

Thank you so much for your generosity! May God bless you and your families over this Christmas season!

### Car Wash Fundraiser

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December, the Youth ran quite the car wash to raise funds for Emmanuel City Mission and support the work they do for the homeless and vulnerable of Brisbane. The day was a huge success! Over 71 Cars were washed and the youth managed to raise \$1,457!

The day couldn't have happened without the help of all the volunteers so a massive thanks is due to the youth of the parish as well as the parents for getting amongst it and working really hard, even in the sweltering heat!

A thank you also goes out to all the parishioners who donated and gave their support by coming to get their car washed! We hope you were satisfied!

Matt Foxon – Youth Coordinator

### Parish Youth Ministry

Congratulations to Matthew Foxon our Parish Youth Coordinator who received the Pioneer award for growing Parish Youth Ministry here at Kenmore / Moggill Parish. This award was given at the recent end of year Archdiocesan Youth Ministry awards night.

Matthew has done a great job during the last 12 months and especially during the COVID shutdown and reopening phases. He will be continuing his role with the Parish in 2021 and plans to further expand youth ministry in the Parish.

We thank the many parishioners who contribute financially to the Parish to keep this important ministry to youth funded for another year. Well done and may God Bless you in your ministry.

Fr Mark Franklin P.P

### Vinnies Christmas Appeal

St Vincent De Paul Society annual Christmas appeal is a way for each of us to assist the Society helping the poor and the needy.



To donate please go to the link below:

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>

### The Catholic Leader

The **Catholic Leader Christmas 2020** edition will be available in print this weekend at Kenmore and Moggill Churches.

The Christmas 2020 Catholic Leader will be **free** to all readers, as a small gesture to our supporters who have prayed for the print newspaper to return.

This occasion marks the first time since the middle of March that our masthead has been printed as a physical newspaper.

We are excited and proud to share this special edition with you.

Matt Emerick  
Managing Editor of  
The Catholic Leader



## 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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