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1st Sunday of Lent

Year B

21st February 2021

Our Pastor's Message

Some years ago I had the opportunity to go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a group of priests, to follow in the footsteps of Christ. We visited Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem; climbed the Mount of the Beatitudes and swam in the Sea of Galilee and even in the Dead Sea – not a pleasant experience! We walked from Jerusalem to Jericho, looked into Jacob's Well, stood on the place in Cana where Jesus changed the water into wine and even knelt at the place where he was crucified. Everywhere we went, we took our gospel with us and read the appropriate passage. It was a moving experience all the way. But the strongest impression I have retained is that of the desert where Christ spent forty days before starting his public life. During our pilgrimage, we spent a day and a night in the desert (in a Motel of course).

It is not surprising that the three great world religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, were all born in the desert. It was through the desert that Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It was from that desert that John the Baptist came to herald the Messiah and soon after Jesus followed to proclaim himself Messiah.

After my visit there, I came to realise the significance of the desert. The desert is a place we must pass through to reach paradise. What is impressive about the desert is its sheer aridness. There is no vegetation, no bird life and, apart from the odd tiny lizard, almost no animal life.

The silence is almost total. In that bleak landscape, nothing comes between us and God. One either discovers God or succumbs to despair. It is no wonder that those Bedouins who ply the salt trade following their caravans across the desert are deeply religious. No life thrives here except the inner life. It is not surprising that it was the early Desert Fathers who created that great institution dedicated to fostering the inner life, Western monasticism. It has so profoundly marked Christianity that we are all now, in a sense, children of the desert.

Living now as many of us do, in built-up areas, piled high on top of each other in high-rise apartments, bombarded day and night with the roar of city traffic and the blare of electronic music, we are in danger of losing our desert roots. And with that our inner life. We need to create a time and a space to nurture our spiritual lives. Lent is such a time.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert and he remained there for forty days. Like Jesus, we should let the Holy Spirit lead us out into the desert this Lent where we can confront the devils that haunt our lives, and like him too, triumph over them. That is the freedom, dignity, and gift that is offered in today's gospel.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 22nd February – The Chair of St Peter, apostle

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

Tuesday 23rd February

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

Wednesday 24th February

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

Thursday 25th February

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

Friday 26th February

- 9:15am Daily Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School (*Launch Pad*) Youth Group, OLR Primary School CCC
- 6:30pm High School (*MAGNIFY*) Youth Group, OLR Primary School CCC
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, OLR Church, Kenmore

Saturday 27th February

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

Sunday 28th February

- 8:00am Sunday Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Sunday Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 11:15am Baptism, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 12:00pm Baptism, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 5:30pm Sunday Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

Book to Attend Weekend Masses:

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Parish Office News

This week a long awaited upgrade to the parish office phone system took place, as part of our migration to NBN.

As a result **we now have a new phone number 3324 3630.**

The old number has been redirected temporarily so you will reach us on either number for now. Thanks, *Michael*.

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Gen 9:8-15

2nd Reading 1 Pet 3:18-22

Gospel Mk 1:12-15

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 1st Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/20210221/mass.htm>

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

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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 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, 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.

Sacramental Programmes 2021

Please be advised that the Parish is planning to hold preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion this year. In light of the continuing COVID restrictions, the programmes will be conducted in a way that will allow us all to be safe and abide by the current COVID restrictions. We must also keep in mind that the situation may change in relation to these restrictions but the Parish will endeavour to work through the changes that may occur during the year. Those participating in the sacramental programmes will meet in smaller groups and the celebrations of the sacraments will be in smaller gatherings. Please be advised that the Preparation for Confirmation will commence after Easter this year starting at the end of April. The preparation for 1st Communion will be conducted during the 3rd and 4th terms of this year due to the large numbers of children who are now able to enrol for this preparation. More details of the Confirmation programme will be issued in the next few weeks.

Parish Giving

Your Parish needs your continued financial support to provide the many sacramental, liturgical, pastoral and administrative services we offer and in support of our clergy. Please consider your financial gift and the various methods of giving available which include:

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve Account
BSB: 064 786
Account: 100001192

To discuss your options please phone or email the Parish manager on 3878 6655 or finchm@bne.catholic.net.au

Youth News

YOUNG ADULTS (18+) – Young Adult BBQ

First Sunday of each month, after 5:30pm mass, behind Kenmore Church

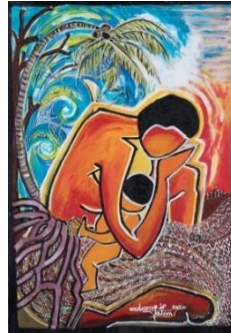
HIGH SCHOOL (Yr. 7-12) – MAGNIFY (Youth Group)

Friday evenings during the school term, 6:30-8:30pm at the Carroll Community Centre (CCC), OLR School

SOCIAL NIGHT - 26th February - More info to come

PRIMARY SCHOOL (Yr. 4-6) – Launch Pad (Youth Group)

Friday afternoons during the school term, 3:00-4:30pm at the Carroll Community Centre (CCC), OLR School



World Day of Prayer Service

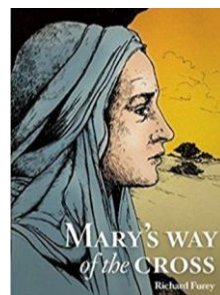
Friday 5th March, 10:00am, Holy Spirit Anglican Church, Moggill Road, Kenmore. Prepared by the Christian women of the Republic of Vanuatu.

Please wear a nametag and dress in something red, green, yellow or black (colours of Vanuatu's flag). Any memorabilia from Vanuatu can be placed on the display table before the service.



Project Compassion Sunday

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, also known as the Way of Sorrows or the Via Crucis, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers.

The stations grew out of imitations of Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem which is believed to be the actual path Jesus

walked to Mount Calvary. The object of the stations is to help the Christians faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ.

Each Friday during Lent at 7:00pm at the OLR Church, Kenmore, the parish community are invited to gather to walk the Way of the Cross of Mary written by Fr Richard G. Furey, CSSR.

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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Office for Safeguarding - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>