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2nd Sunday of Lent

Year B

28th February 2021

Our Pastor's Message

I came across a sentence in a book I once read which struck me very forcibly – it was something like this, 'all love relationships flourish only when there is freedom to let go of what is precious, so as to receive it back as a gift'.

It is not easy to let go of what is precious. The more precious someone is to us, the harder it is to let go of that person. The more attractive someone is to us, the more we feel inclined to possess that person. Yet, in the effort to possess someone we can easily lose them. At the heart of all loving relationships is the freedom to let go of the other, and in letting go to receive the other back as a gift. Parents know that there comes a time when they have to let go of their sons or daughters, even though they are more precious to them than anything else. They may have to let them go to another country or to the person whom they have chosen as their future spouse. Yet, in letting go of their children, parents invariably discover that they receive them back as a gift. Single people too have to learn the freedom of letting go what is precious so as to receive it back as a gift. In any good and healthy friendship, people need to give each other plenty of space.

In today's 1st reading from Genesis, Abraham is portrayed as being willing to let go of what was most precious to him, the only son of his old age. In being willing to let his son go to God, he went on to receive him back as a gift.

Many people find it a very disturbing story, because it portrays God as asking Abraham to sacrifice his only beloved son as a burnt offering to God. We are rightly shocked by the image of God asking a father to sacrifice his son in this way. Abraham lived about a thousand years before Christ. In the religious culture of that time it was not uncommon for people to sacrifice their children to various gods. The point of the story seems to be that the God of Israel is not like the pagan gods. If Abraham thought that God was asking him to sacrifice his son Isaac like the people who worshipped other gods, he was wrong. God was not asking this of Abraham. Yet, the willingness of Abraham to let go of what was most precious to him if that was what God was asking remained an inspiration to the people of Israel. He had already shown a willingness to let go of his family and his homeland as he set out towards an unknown land in response to God's call.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 1st March

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

Tuesday 2nd March

- 9:15am Daily Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

Wednesday 3rd March

- 9:00am Year 4 Penance Service, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 6:30pm Daily Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

Thursday 4th March

- 9:15am Daily Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:15pm Maranatha Prayer Group, OLR Church.

Friday 5th March

- 9:15am Daily Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 10:00am World Day of Prayer, Anglican Church, Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School (*Launch Pad*) Youth Group, OLR Primary School CCC
- 6:00pm Adoration, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 6:30pm High School (*MAGNIFY*) Youth Group, OLR Primary School CCC
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, OLR Church.

Saturday 6th March

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

Sunday 7th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Book to Attend Weekend Masses:
bit.ly/OLRParishtrybooking

New Parish Office Phone Number – 3324 3630

Following long awaited upgrades to our IT and telephone systems we now have a new phone number. The old number has been redirected so you'll still reach us on both old and new numbers for the time being. Thank you for your patience as we become familiar with the new phone system.

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

2nd Reading Rom 8: 31-34

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 2nd Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/20210228/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 **Patrizia Menegaldo** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Stan Franklin, Walter Finch** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Nicole Dyer, Stacey Dyer, 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 – **Next event Sunday 7th March.**

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

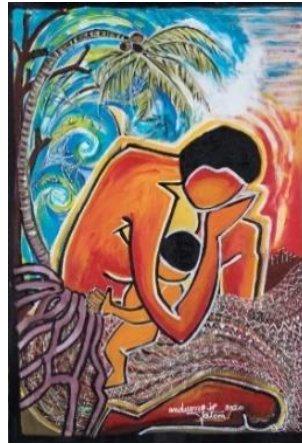
Friday evenings during the school term, 6:30-8:30pm at the Carroll Community Centre (CCC), OLR School

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 5th March from
6:00pm – 9:00pm at the
OLR Church, Kenmore



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.

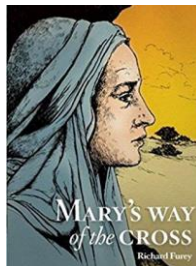
Please wear a nametag and dress in something red, green, yellow or black (colours of Vanuatu's flag). Any memorabilia from Vanuatu can be placed on the display table before the service.



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 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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