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5th Sunday of Easter

Year B

2nd May 2021

Our Pastor's Message

Older readers will remember that May has traditionally been the month of Mary in the Catholic Church. Since none of the important Marian feasts fall in May, we may agree with the poet Gerard Manly Hopkins: May is Mary's month, and I muse at that and wonder why. Until the twelfth century, the Byzantine rite observed August as a Marian month centred on the solemnity of the Dormition of Our Lady (15 August). In the Coptic rite the Marian month is kiahk, corresponding approximately to January-February and focussing on Christmas. The first indications of a Marian month in the West date from the sixteenth century. The tradition may have come from a fusion between popular devotion and the folk festivals of early summer. It was not until the nineteenth century that petal-strewing processions and crowning Mary with flowers became common in English and Irish parishes in May. The Filipino community celebrates Flores de Mayo, a flower festival in honour of the Virgin Mary, in May. In the West, the practice of observing months dedicated to the Blessed Virgin emerged from a context in which the Liturgy was not always regarded as the normative form of Christian worship. This caused, and continues to cause, some liturgical and pastoral difficulties. The Second Vatican Council stated that popular devotions need to be in harmony with the liturgy and should lead to the liturgy. This principle is fleshed out in the document "Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: Principles and Guidelines" issued by the Congregation for divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in 2002. The Directory stresses the importance of "orienting the minds of the faithful to the feasts of the Lord in which the mysteries of salvation are celebrated during the year and with which the Blessed Virgin Mary is associated". In other words, Marian months must harmonise with the seasons of the Liturgical Year. Since the month of May largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter, Marian devotions at this time could emphasise Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and the Pentecost event, as well as her special participation after her death in the resurrection of Christ. Such a perspective is found in many of our Marian hymns, prayers and images, for example, Hail Queen of Heaven, or the Regina Caeli which replaces the Angelus in the Easter season. The glorious mysteries could always be used when the rosary is said. Australia's patronal feast honouring Mary Help of Christians on 24 May usually occurs in the Easter season. In the image of Mary Help of Christians, both Mary and the child Jesus wear crowns, a sign that they share the glory of the kingdom of God. This day should be the high point of St Mary's month in Australia. The only other feast of Mary in May is the Visitation on 31st. The Visitation calls us to ponder Mary as the woman who believed and obediently accepted the will of God, enabling her to play a most significant role in the saving work of Christ. Devotion to Mary and the saints must never become superstition, or replace Christ as the centre of our Christian life, or supplant the Eucharist as the focus of our worship. In being cautious, however, there is danger of neglecting this important aspect of our tradition.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 3rd May – Sts Philip and James (Public Holiday)

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

Tuesday 4th May

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

Wednesday 5th May

- 9:00am Year 2 Liturgy, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 6:30pm Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

Thursday 6th May

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 11:00am Parish Leadership Models Meeting, Parish Office
- 7:30pm Maranatha Prayer Group, OLR Church, Kenmore

Friday 7th May

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School (LAUNCH PAD) Youth Group – **CANCELLED**
- 5:00pm OLR Primary School Disco & BBQ
- 6:30pm High School (MAGNIFY) Youth Group, OSHC Hall

Saturday 8th May

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

Sunday 9th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 11:00am Confirmation Preparation Meeting, OLR School
- 4:00pm Confirmation Preparation Meeting, OLR School
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

To Attend Weekend Mass:

Online Booking Only: bit.ly/OLRParishtrybooking

Or phone the Parish on 3324 3630 and staff will assist you

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 9:26-31

2nd Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel Jn 15:1-8

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 5th Sunday of Easter: <https://universalis.com/20210502/mass.htm>

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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 **Colin Warnick** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Carmen Wilson, Richard Wilson** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Michael Fitzgerald, Prida Dibbayawan, Maureen Thomsen, Lara Dunn, Ian Plowman, Kerry Lannoy, Katherine Parsonage, Tony Nelson, Judy Hart, Marion Hodge, Nicole Dyer, Mary Robba, Hope Taylor, Wayne Waters, Frances Watkins, Kurt Ebert, Clint Quinlivan, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Hans Gockel, Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, 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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be celebrated this Sunday 2nd May

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

2021 marks the 58th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

For more information about Vocations in the Church go to this website: <http://www.vocationbrisbane.com/>

Catholic Leader

The May 2021 edition of The Catholic Leader is now available in the church for \$4.

This month's issue features:

- Special coverage for the Year of St Joseph
- St Mark's Inala celebrates 65 years
- Emmanuel City Mission is 'a holy place'
- Polish-born couple commission to make sacred art throughout Brisbane
- Four-page Your Choice education feature
- Final Despatch from a Dominican column

Call to Catholics – More with Jesus Booklet

The *More with Jesus* Booklets are available for free at both churches this weekend. You are also invited to think about your network of family, friends, colleagues, and neighbours, and if you feel they would benefit from this initiative, grab a copy of the booklet for them as well.

Youth News

YOUNG ADULTS (18+) – Young Adult BBQ

1st Sunday of each month, after 5:30pm mass, behind Kenmore Church. **Next Event – 2nd May**

Holy Hour – Last Thursday of every month, 5:45pm - 7:00pm at OLR Church.

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

Friday evenings **during the school term**, 6:30-8:30pm – next Friday (7th May) at the **OSHC Hall**

PRIMARY SCHOOL (Yr. 4-6) – Launch Pad (Youth Group) – **CANCELLED next Friday, 7th May**

Plenary Council

In October 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Assembly of the Plenary Council to be held since the second Vatican Council.

In 2018, when the decision to hold a Plenary Council was announced, the entire People of God in Australia began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the first Assembly will be a mix of in-person and online delivery.

As we make the journey in these months towards the first Assembly, we are all invited to be mindful that the members (formerly called delegates) will be commissioned and participate in formation sessions in preparation to fulfil their role as members. At the same time, we are all called to continue our own journey of prayer and discernment as we look forward in hope to the renewal of the Catholic Church in Australia.

See the up-to-date Plenary Council Journey 2020 - 2022:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

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

To discuss your options please phone or email the Parish manager on 3324 3630 or finchm@bne.catholic.net.au

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve Account

Please Note EFT Details

BSB: 064 786

Account: 100001192

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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