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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Pastor's Message

The Gospel of Mark is the earliest of the four Gospels and is the one that brings us closest to the humanity of Jesus. Unlike the other Gospels it makes direct statements about what Jesus was thinking or feeling. It contains two miracle stories that are not taken up in the later Gospels and that show Jesus's healing activity as involving a struggle and an element of trial-and-error. In both stories he uses healing techniques that were common at the time, such as the use of saliva. In the healing of a blind man from Bethsaida (Mk 8:22-26), a story not used in the Sunday lectionary, he leads the blind man out of the village (to avoid showy publicity? to lead him to a place of quietness in the presence of God?); then he spits in his eyes, and touches them, and asks if he can see; the blind man answers "I see men, walking around like trees." Jesus touches the eyes again, perhaps repeating the whole operation, and this time the man sees everything clearly.

In today's story the people ask Jesus to "lay his hands" on the deaf man — referring to the common gesture of healers. Jesus again takes the man aside, touches his ears with his fingers, and his tongue with his spittle. Then he looks up to heaven and sighs. Mark's Jesus reacts to illness and infirmity not by lightly brushing them aside but with a compassion that feels their full weight, and his healing is rooted in that compassion, which calls forth from him an extraordinary effort, rooted in prayerful confidence in God the Father. It is precisely because he is so near to human suffering that he can be a channel of divine healing power.

The healings of the dumb man and the blind man are presented by Mark as Messianic signs. In the last sentence of today's gospel, "He has done all things well" could mean "he has well fulfilled the Messianic prophecies." The amazement of the crowd is not merely at the healings themselves but at their Messianic significance. They begin to wonder whether Jesus could be the long-promised Anointed One, who is to bring in a new age. In Mark, Jesus keeps his Messiah-hood a secret, but it begins to leak out in spite of his commands to tell no one. Some, notably St Peter, have a glimpse of Jesus's Messianic identity, but they only half understand, and soon fall into crude misinterpretations, thinking of power and fame rather than the way of the Cross. The full revelation of Christ as Messiah is withheld until after his death and resurrection. Can we recognise in Jesus, in his humanity that is so close to ours, the Messiah, the Christ of God? More than that, since he promised that his disciples can do the same signs as he did (Mk 16:17-18; Jn 14:12), can we too, in our human weakness, become channels of the healing power of God?

God Bless, Fr Mark

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 1:00pm Mahjong Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 6:30pm Penance Service, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

- 9:15am Daily Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 7:00pm School Board Meeting, OLR Primary School

#### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – The Nativity of the BVM

- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:00pm P&F Meeting, OLR Primary School

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September

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

#### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September

- 9:15am Daily Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 3:15pm Primary School (LAUNCH PAD) Youth Group
- 6:30pm High School (MAGNIFY) Youth Group
- 6:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Celebration Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September

- 11:00am 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Celebration Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church, Kenmore

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### To Attend Mass in the Parish:

Your are required to use Trybooking to book your seats at Masses each weekend:

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

Online bookings for weekend Masses will enable us to welcome as many worshippers as possible. All pews and seats are numbered to assist you to locate your booked seats. Mass attendees are required to use the **Check-In QLD App** on arrival. Mass monitors will be able to assist if you have any difficulty.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Is 35:4-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading James 2:1-5

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/20210905/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 **Fr John Neill OP OAM** and all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Please remember **Ugo Marsella** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick:** Please pray for **Judy Castley**, Graham Jackson, Lara Dunn, Melinda Craig, Brian Rohweder, Madeleine Brown, Leonard Cox, Prida Dibbayawan, Kerry Lannoy, Nicole Dyer, Mary Robba, Wayne Waters, Kurt Ebert, Clint Quinlivan, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Hans Gockel, Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, Theresa Crook, Judy Kocho, 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.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Programmes 2021

This coming Saturday, the children and their parents will conclude their at-home learning with a preparation workshop. Next Monday and Thursday, the children will celebrate for the first time, the Sacrament of Penance and then on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September, the children will celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion with their families and friends. Please pray for these children as they make their final steps as Eucharistic people in our community of faith.

**Please pray for:**

*Rose, Aaryaj, Maryanne, Gracia, Lavina, Ryder, Cooper, Josephine, Vanessa, Isabelle, Amelie, Martha, Oona, Owen, Eoin, Matthew, Max, Brian, Luc, Samuel, Elsie, Sophie, Emmerson, Matias, Liam, Oscar, Gabrielle, Reilly, Olivia, Lachlan, Annabelle, Shayhan, Jordan, Wilhelmina, Hayley, Thomas, Jacob, Lewis, & Isaac*

**– as they seek to become part of the Eucharistic community.**

For those families wishing to register for the September or October 1<sup>st</sup> Communion intake, please email the Parish on [kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au)

### A Father's Day Prayer (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.)

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. – **Saint John XXIII**

### Youth News

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

Friday Evenings during the school term from 6:30pm - 8:30pm at the Carroll Community Centre.

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

Friday Afternoons during the school term from 3:00pm - 4:30pm at the Carroll Community Centre

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**Holy Hour** – Next event: 30<sup>th</sup> September

**Ignite Conference:** 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September

**LATEST YOUTH NEWS:**

With COVID restrictions easing up a little, we are now able to have both *Launch Pad* and *Magnify* Youth Groups back in full swing! All year 4-6s are welcome to come along to Launch Pad and any highschoolers are invited to *Magnify*, it's always great to meet new faces. See the info above for details about when and where or shoot me an email if you would like more info!

To all the over 18+ youth in the parish. If you are looking to come to Ignite Conference the parish is looking to take a group of young adults along. It's an awesome event and definitely worth coming to, text me @ 0447588776 or email me at [youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au) if you're keen!

Peace, Matt Foxon, *Youth Coordinator*

### Your Parish Offering

During these uncertain times you are most welcome to make your parish offering through electronic giving.

The Parish Account details are:

**BSB Number: 064 786**

**Account Number: 100001192**

**Account Name: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve** (please include your name, planned giving number if applicable, or purpose such as "Parish giving")

You are also welcome to place your giving in the collection boxes as you arrive at Mass or on the collection plates as you leave the Church. If you prefer cashless giving please make use of the pay wave devices at both Churches to give \$10 per tap with eftpos or credit card. Your continued financial support sustains our Parish in the provision of Mass, Sacraments, liturgies, pastoral activities, support of our Parish Priest, Parish administration and maintains our Church facilities.

We thank you for your generosity.

### Becoming Catholic

#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Those interested in knowing more about how to become a member of the Catholic Community please call the Parish Office on 07 3324 3630

or email: [kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au)

Online Adult Faith course commences in August - so, if interested, let us know ASAP.

**To receive the electronic Parish newsletter to your inbox each week, subscribe at: <http://bit.ly/olrflock>**

## 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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