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2nd Sunday of Advent

Year C

5th December 2021

Pastor's Message

Poor old Advent.

It gets stampeded. It is overrun. Who cares about Advent – it is only an unruly intruder on the way to Christmas. But it isn't. Advent drags us back to basics. The very essence of humanity means patience. We can easily get overwhelmed by the 'fast lane of life.' We are in such a hurry. We want everything now. We rush from experience to experience. Stop. Look. Listen.

The simple message of Advent is to glance back at the Jews, waiting for the Saviour to come. If we have similar feelings; we can feel with them. We can easily link up our own waiting in life, to their waiting. Waiting for a child to be born. Waiting for day to come. Waiting for buses. Waiting for an appointment in a hospital.. Waiting for the end of winter. Waiting for the sun to shine. Waiting to get well. Waiting for pain to go. Waiting to grow up. Waiting for visitors. But above all, it is learning not to live just in the present moment. It is stopping ourselves being addicted to the concerns of only today.

Advent reminds us to be much bigger in our thinking. Look around. Stop. Think of the past. Look at nature. Look at the companions of life. Be grateful.

Never be consumed by NOW. See the broader picture.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – 24th December

- 4:00pm Vigil Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore
- 5:30pm Vigil Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass (5:30pm Carols) – St Catherine's, Moggill
- 8:00pm Vigil Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore

Christmas Day – 25th December

- 8:00am Mass – St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore

Christmas Masses for 2021 will be ticketed seating only through TryBooking.

More information to come next week.

Parish Diary

Monday 6th December

- 9:15am Bridge Group **CANCELLED**
- 1:00pm Mahjong Group **CANCELLED**

Tuesday 7th December – *St Ambrose*

- 9:15am Daily Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 6:00pm Choir Practice, St Catherine's, Moggill

Wednesday 8th December – *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- 9:00am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group **CANCELLED**

Thursday 9th December

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

Friday 10th December

- 9:15am Daily Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (*MAGNIFY*)

Saturday 11th December

- 11:15am Baptisms, OLR Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Kenmore

Sunday 12th December – *3rd Sunday of Advent*

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

To Attend Mass in the Parish:

We ask you to use Trybooking to book your seats at Masses each weekend via the following link: <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

1st Reading Baruch 5:1-9

2nd Reading Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 2nd Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/20211205/mass.htm>

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

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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 all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Bill Rienecker, Uthai Tansacha** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Catherine MacNamara**, John O’Dea, James McGrath, 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, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nadine Jones, Clare Hickey, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, Paul Cherian, John Green, Jackie Rutter, Cherry Austin, Denise Reeves, Brian West, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Sobhon (Mo) Kanithasevi, Annette Boyle, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 8th December at 9:00am at OLR Church, Kenmore.

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) – Resuming 2022

YOUNG ADULTS

Holy Hour – 2022 dates to be advised.

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:

BSB: 064 786 - A/C: 100001192

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve A/C

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 Columbarium

Have you considered having a loved one’s ashes interred in the Parish columbarium on the grounds of Our Lady of the Rosary Church?

Enquiries can be directed to Michael Finch - phone 38786655 or email finchm@bne.catholic.net.au

Christmas Hamper Appeal – Thank You

Thank you, parishioners, for your amazing support!

In another difficult year and with our new process, you have demonstrated 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 **\$20,570** to support 70 families in Toowoomba and Roma as well as the homeless served by Emmanuel City Mission. Hamper items were also donated for 10 families in Kenmore and the surrounding area; and the School donated Christmas goodies and gifts to support 17 families in Inala.

The **\$2,630** donated for Emmanuel City Mission will help provide some special Christmas fare to those served by this ministry. The Support Groups receiving these donations are very, very grateful. 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!

COVID-19 – Places of Worship

Do people need to be vaccinated to attend Mass?

- **No.** Everyone is welcome to attend a Mass or liturgy regardless of their vaccination status. Places of Worship are not subject to vaccination restrictions. This remains the same once the borders open.

Are we required to check the vaccination status of parishioners and visitors at Churches?

- **No.** At this time, you are not required to check vaccination status of those attending places of worship.
- The Queensland government continues to require people use the Check In Qld App when entering places of worship.

What are the occupancy requirements for Christmas Masses?

- At this time, the occupancy for Christmas Masses remains the same as current occupancy restrictions for places of worship.
- The following limits apply (this also includes baptisms) with use of the COVID Safe Checklist:
- 1 person per 2 square metres indoors.

OR

- 100% capacity for ticketed and allocated seating.
- Ticketed seating means a person is given a ticket with their seat number on it and will remain (as much as possible) in their allocated seat while at the place of worship.

What is the occupancy for weddings and funerals?

- From 17th December, weddings will have no capacity limit if only fully vaccinated people attend. If anyone attending a wedding is unvaccinated, it is restricted to a maximum of 20 people.
- Funerals will not be limited to only vaccinated people.
- Funerals are required to adhere to the current limits: (whichever is the greater)
 - 1 person per 2 square metres indoors or 200 people.

Do we still need to follow the cleaning protocols in churches?

- **Yes.** Covid-19 protocols remain in place as per usual.

Please direct all queries to the Parish Manager, Michael Finch.

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

Parish Primary School	Principal – John Bates	07 3378 2412	pkenmore@bne.catholic.edu.au
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