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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Year C

12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Pastor's Message

This Third Sunday in Advent is full of comfort and joy. In our Latin past it was called "Gaudete Sunday," (gaudete meaning rejoice). The liturgy bids us be happy, not to worry, for the Lord is near. And if we want the peace of God in our hearts, that peace will be ours, if we ask God for it. St Paul says, "There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving." He tells us not to wait until after God has granted our requests before saying thanks. Even as we ask, we should be giving thanks. One of the things to thank God for at the end of this year is all the good done by so many good people in our time.

Wherever there is evil, God will see that brave, resolute souls rise up to combat it. Such was the work done by St John the Baptist, as described by St Luke. People were prepared to walk all the way from Jerusalem down to near Jericho in the deep Jordan valley, on the edge of the desert — all of fifteen miles each way — in order to see John, this charismatic figure living as an ascetic in the desert around the Dead Sea. Having heard him, many stayed to be baptised by him. But they were full of the uncertainty that can surface in all of us if we take time to cast a critical eye on the kind of life we are leading.

"What must we do?" they asked him; and John spelled out his answer in no uncertain terms. While their request showed their willingness to change, it also showed that they were lacking in clear insight about what is right human behaviour. "Love and do what you will," was to be the motto of St Augustine, meaning that if people have total inner commitment to God, then they will be incapable of doing wrong, they will know instinctively what is right from the promptings of the Spirit within them.

John the Baptist tried to change his listeners' hearts by telling them not to be grasping, not to take from others more than a just return for services rendered, but rather to help those in need. "If anyone has two cloaks, he must share with the man who has none." "Give your blood," the ancient monks in the desert used to say, "and you will possess the Spirit." The society to which John was addressing himself — as indeed Jesus did later — was to collapse because of its lack of spiritual depth, its over concern with externals, as evidenced by the Pharisees, its pursuit of a narrow-minded nationalism, as seen in the Zealots who resorted to violence and assassination in their hatred of the Romans.

The greatest danger to the continuation of any society becomes a reality when most of its members become motivated by selfish concerns and greed. The message that our own society invariably highlights is not, alas, that of sharing cloaks, but of wearing outfits that are better, more comfortable, more in keeping with the size of one's bank balance. The sad thing is that all this unbridled seeking for earthly comforts, this concern with the cares of life, pulls us further and further away from the yearning for himself, that God has placed within all of us. It turns us away from the things of the Spirit, and from the pursuit of religious idealism. Prayerfully then, and in the presence of God, let us give thanks to the Father in Mass this weekend, for the gift of his divine Son, who in its celebration makes us one with himself.

Let us ask for the peace of God, as Sacred scripture urges us, for that abiding peace which is so much greater than we can ever understand, so much greater than anything this world can ever offer us. And we can be assured that for all who faithfully do this the reward will be everlasting.

God Bless, Fr Mark

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – St Lucy

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 1:00pm Mahjong Group – **Finished for 2021**

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – St John of the Cross

- 9:15am Daily Mass, OLR, Kenmore

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- 9:00am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

- 9:15am Daily Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 9:45am Confessions, OLR, Kenmore

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED at 12:00pm today**

#### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- 4:00pm Confessions, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Kenmore

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Zeph 3:14-18

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Phil 4:4-7

Gospel Lk 3:10-18

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/20211212/mass.htm>

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

**Privacy Policy - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy>**

**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 **Anthony Kenneth Thomas, Fr Tom Boland, Allan Warnick** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick:** Please pray for **Brenda Carlos**, 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.

**Youth News**

**HIGH SCHOOL (Yr. 7-12)**

**MAGNIFY** (Youth Group) – Resuming 2022

**PRIMARY SCHOOL (Yr. 4-6)**

**Launch Pad** (Youth Group) – Resuming 2022

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**Holy Hour** – 2022 dates to be advised.

**LATEST NEWS:**

As school is wrapping up for the year, so too are our youth activities. I’m really happy with how the year has gone and it’s been a joy to walk with the youth of this parish in 2021. The success of this year is due to the help and dedication of many people. Thanks to Fr Mark and the parish staff for their ongoing support. I’d also like to thank John Bates and the OLR School staff for allowing us to use the CCC, it’s a perfect venue. Of course a huge thank you also goes out to all the youth who come to our events and make them what they are, and to the parents who do pick ups and drop offs week in and week out! Thank you all for a great year, have a blessed Christmas and we’ll see you in 2022.

**Celebrations of the Sacrament of Penance and Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins**

**Sacrament of Penance**

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec, after 9:15am Mass - OLR, Kenmore
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec from 4:00pm – 4:45pm - OLR, Kenmore
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec from 5:30pm – 6:15pm or after Reconciliation Mass - St Catherine’s, Moggill
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, after 9.15am Mass - OLR, Kenmore

**Mass of Reconciliation for the Forgiveness of Sins**

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6:30pm - St Catherine’s, Moggill

**Christmas Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve – 24<sup>th</sup> 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

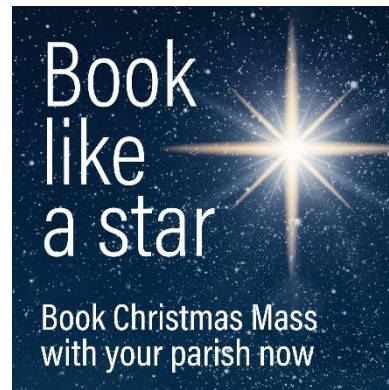
**Christmas Day – 25<sup>th</sup> December**

- 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.

**Bookings now open online through TryBooking or by contacting the Parish Office (3324 3630):**

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



We would like to cordially invite you, your family and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus with us this Christmas.

In these COVID times our attendance at Christmas Masses will be similar to last year, you will need to book to attend Christmas Mass this year and you will need to take your seat in the Church as per

your seating allocation on your ticket.

We are permitted to have 100% capacity for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses provided we abide by allocated-ticketed seating for all Mass attendance.

You will need to book online through our TryBooking event page or via the parish office to ensure you and your family can secure a seat this Christmas.

There will be 355 tickets available for OLR Kenmore Church and 300 tickets available for St Catherine’s Moggill for each of the Christmas Masses.

As you will see from the Mass schedule we have added extra Christmas Masses and adjusted the times to enable as many as possible to join us.

Unfortunately, once seating is fully allocated no further places will be available.

Please do not assume you can just "turn up" as you will be disappointed.

Please help us by ensuring that you, your family and friends book for Christmas Masses this year and that you bring either the paper or electronic ticket with you as you will need to sit in the allocated seat as per your ticket.

We look forward to seeing you.

**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

<b>Parish Primary School</b>	Principal – John Bates	07 3378 2412	pkenmore@bne.catholic.edu.au
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<b>Outside School Hours Care</b>	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au