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4th Sunday of Advent

Year C

19th December 2021

Pastor's Message

The two pregnant women in our Gospel today are different in age, yet both full of joy and concern for each other. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth because of the dangers attendant on so late a pregnancy. That she went with haste, halfway across the country, to make the visit is a clear sign of Mary's generosity and goodness. Through the light of the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth recognised Mary's privilege as the mother of the longed-for Messiah. She greets Mary in the words we are so familiar with in our Hail Mary. And Mary responds in the equally familiar words of the Magnificat. These two great women understand the miracle of conception and birth. But in each case there was divine intervention in a truly exceptional way. The Gospel says that both were informed of this fact by the words of an angel; they each had a message from God telling them so.

The fact that these two women had this divine intervention is a reminder that our own lives too are a gift of God; what we might call ordinary grace. It is from this understanding that the Church takes its position on all life issues.

At some moments we may recognise the hand of God in our lives. Maybe at the point when we felt we had a priestly or religious vocation or when we finally decided on our partner in marriage. Maybe it was at the birth of a child, a change in job circumstances, or the death of a parent. Maybe it was a moment in prayer, the grace of a sacrament, advice in the confessional, wise words from a friend or relative at a critical moment.

God continues to work with us and for us. God takes the long view and there are periods of seeming barrenness, seeming aloneness. But these are all part of that gestation which is life on earth. We were born into this world and we will be reborn into eternal life.

Every now and then like John the Baptist we leap in this womb which is our life on earth. Every now and then we recognise God's presence, as John recognised Jesus' presence, and we leap with joy. But life is always moving on and God is always with us. It was God caused us to come into being, who sustains and feeds us, and who will welcome us into life eternal. As well as the birth of Jesus, we celebrate our own birth too at Christmas — a birth, a life that flows towards death and final resurrection.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 20th December

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 6:30pm Mass of Reconciliation, St Catherine's, Moggill

Tuesday 21st December

- 9:15am Daily Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 9:45am Confessions, OLR, Kenmore
- 6:00pm Choir Practice, St Catherine's, Moggill

Wednesday 22nd December

- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill

Thursday 23rd December

- No Daily Mass

Friday 24th December – *Christmas Eve*

- No Daily Mass
- 4:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:30pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass (5:30pm Carols), St Catherine's, Moggill
- 8:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Saturday 25th December – *Christmas Day*

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

Sunday 26th December – *Holy Family*

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

Your Parish Offering

In keeping with contactless giving, you are most welcome to make your parish offering through electronic means.

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.

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Micah 5:1-4

2nd Reading Heb 10:5-10

Gospel Lk 1:39-44

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 4th Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/20211219/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 **Mavis Robinson** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Bryan O’Callaghan** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Les Malone, Peter O’Neill, Pat Dryden, Pat Morrissey, Hans & Ursula Gockel**, 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, 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.

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

Sacrament of Penance

- Monday 20th Dec from 5:30pm – 6:15pm or after Reconciliation Mass - St Catherine’s, Moggill
- Tuesday 21st Dec, after 9.15am Mass - OLR, Kenmore

Mass of Reconciliation for the Forgiveness of Sins

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

Religious Instruction Teachers in State Schools

Our Lady of the Rosary Kenmore is a member of the Kenmore District Churches that provide volunteers to teach Christian Religious Instruction (CRI) in local State Primary Schools. There are six primary schools within our district and we are constantly seeking more people to join the team. This is a most important ministry.

Education Queensland requires all new teachers to complete training modules and hold a current Blue Card and be at least 18 years of age. Most people start as an assistant and we can help you get a Blue Card and provide training opportunities.

Each class has a half hour lesson so it really is not too onerous and all materials are provided.

We are seeking expressions of interest for additional volunteers for 2022 as a matter of urgency otherwise some students will miss out on learning about Jesus Christ and his love and about the Bible. You do not need to be a trained teacher – just a good communicator to children.

If you are willing to teach, or even join the team as a helper to start with, please contact the **Parish Office or Lorrie Maher on Ph: 33785190 / 0475465905**

Christmas Mass Bookings



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.

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.

Please help us by ensuring that you, your family and friends book for Christmas Masses this year.

We look forward to seeing you.

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

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

Parish Office Closure for Christmas/New Year Period

The Parish Office closes Friday 24th December 2021 at 12:00pm and reopens Monday 17th January 2022. Please note that during this time emails and phone messages will be monitored and responded to as needed.

Weekday Mass Schedule for Christmas/New Year Period

Fr Mark is taking some well earned leave after Christmas and into the new year. As such the following changes to the weekday Mass schedule for this period apply.

- No Thursday Morning Mass at St Catherine’s from 23rd December to 20th January inclusive.
- No Tuesday Morning Mass at OLR Church Kenmore from 28th December to 25th January inclusive.
- No Friday Morning Mass at OLR Church Kenmore from 24th to 31st December inclusive.
- Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God on 1st Jan 2022 (Sat) at 9:00am at OLR Church, Kenmore.
- Friday morning Mass will be celebrated by Fr Philip at OLR Church Kenmore on the 7th 14th & 21st January 2022.
- Adoration will be held on the 7th January from 6:00pm till 9:00pm at OLR Church, Kenmore.
- Vigil Mass for Australia Day will be celebrated at 6:30pm on Tuesday 25th January at OLR Church, Kenmore.
- Normal Weekday Mass schedule resumes from the 27th January 2022.

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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Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au