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Holy Family

Year C

26th December 2021

Pastor's Message

Even though we honour the Holy Family, it does not mean they never had problems to face, as every family must. Just as every Christian has a share in the cross of Christ, the Holy Family also experienced the cross in their shared life. To mention just a few examples, we can imagine how misunderstood both Mary and Joseph must have been about the conception of Jesus before they came to live together. Joseph was even planning to divorce Mary privately before being assured that it was the work of God. Nine months later, the birthplace of Jesus was an animal shelter, since no better lodgings could be found.

In the Gospel from St Matthew it shows how the little family had to flee as refugees to Egypt because the child Jesus' life was in danger from king Herod, in much the same way as refugees from war-torn countries have to flee to save their lives. This prompts us to be more aware of, and show more empathy towards, those refugees in our own day who seek a safer life among us than they had in the countries from which they fled.

St Luke has another story to illustrate what trials were faced by Mary and Joseph, in trying to understand the development of Jesus as a young person. When he was twelve, they were shocked to lose him for three days and then had to deal with the unsatisfactory explanation that he "had to be about his Father's business." Still, he returned with them to Nazareth and was subject to them, in the quiet rhythm of family life in their village. We do not hear of Joseph any more after that so we presume that he had died before Jesus began his public ministry. Then too, the public life of Jesus must have taken its toll on Mary. In the Temple when he was an infant, old Simeon had predicted that a sword of sorrow would pierce Mary's soul. How she must have been pained to hear his enemies say that Jesus was a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners, and at the end, when Mary watched her son die in public disgrace, on the cross.

What sustained the family of Nazareth through all of these trials and crosses?

What holds families together in times of difficulty is love and trust. Whenever families are happy, it is where love and respect are highly prized among them. We pray for an outpouring of those qualities in our families today. A major threat to family life nowadays is that we don't spend enough time together, in friendly conversation.

We are so busy working, socialising, using our electronic gadgets or watching TV that we have no time to talk to each other.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 27th December – St John

- Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 28th December – The Holy Innocents

- Parish Office Closed
- No Daily Mass

Wednesday 29th December

- Parish Office Closed
- 11:00am Funeral Mass (Reg Monteiro), OLR, Kenmore

Thursday 30th December

- Parish Office Closed
- No Daily Mass

Friday 31st December

- Parish Office Closed
- No Daily Mass

Saturday 1st January – Mary, Mother of God

- 9:00am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Sunday 2nd January – The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 11:15am Baptisms, 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 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

2nd Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel Lk 2:41-52

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for Holy Family: <https://universalis.com/20211226/mass.htm>

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

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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 **Reg Monteiro** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember 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.

Rest In Peace

A Funeral Mass for **Reg Monteiro** will be celebrated on Wednesday 29th December 2021 at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. Current COVID Restrictions apply.

We pray for all those impacted by COVID-19, especially those whom have died.

We ask our community to remain vigilant in keeping one another safe and thank you for your patience as the Parish continues to adhere to our Covid Safe

Mass Attendance Protocols

- Arrive early so we can start on time.
- Check in with Qld Check In App.
- Please wear a mask in our Churches.
- No physical contact during Sign of Peace.
- Communion under one kind, in the hand only
- If sick, stay home.
- Attendance limits, physical distancing, hand & respiratory hygiene and Qld QR Code Check In - as per current COVID Safe requirements.

Please Note:

You cannot enter our premises if in the previous 14 days you have been in close contact with an active COVID-19 case, visited at an exposure site, returned to Australia from overseas (other than a safe travel zone country) or have experienced any cold/flu like symptoms in the last 72 hours.

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.

Booking for Weekend Masses Discontinued

Due to recent changes in Covid restrictions for Places of Worship we have decided to cease the requirement for online booking for weekend Masses in the Parish.

We appear to be able to accommodate the number of people attending regular weekend Masses within the capacity regulations as they stand.

As such we will cease asking you to book online through TryBooking for other than special Masses where attendance will be greater, such as Christmas & Easter.

This change does not negate the need to book for this years Christmas Masses. Please do so as soon as possible as certain Christmas Masses are filling fast and once fully booked you will need to choose a different Mass with availability.

Fr Mark and the parish staff thank you for your cooperation with the ever changing Covid landscape. We ask that you to continue to care for each other by heeding the government advice during this worrying period of increased Covid cases. We hope and pray that we can all continue to come together safely to celebrate Mass here in our Parish.

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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