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3rd Sunday or Ordinary Time

Year C

23rd January 2022

Pastor's Message

The mission of Jesus is expressed with great force in today's Gospel. The Spirit that had come upon him in the Jordan River was leading him to proclaim a message and a way of life to teach. He had moved away from home, and had made such an impression that word about him had got back to his home place of Nazareth. We are told that he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, as he usually did... and announced the start of a new age!

His sermon would be understood by anyone who was familiar with the words of the prophets. Isaiah had stated clearly what would happen when the Messiah came. Jesus read that wonderful passage to them, then rolled up the scroll and announced "Today these words are coming true even as I speak." When he announced that he had come to replace the old Jewish love of law with a new law of love, it caused quite a commotion. At first we are told that everyone was pleased with his basic message; but in next Sunday's gospel, we hear how this encounter ended up. Not too well, actually, but you'll have to tune into the next episode next week!

Human nature has some in-built resistance to God that results from original sin. There is some basic rebelliousness within us, a stubborn pride leading to the blindness and the oppression spoken of in today's gospel. By myself it is impossible for me to lift myself out of the quicksand of my own selfishness. But Jesus has come to join me, to lead me, to save me, and this is the powerful Good News announced in the Nazareth Synagogue.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Prayer for the People of Tonga

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Tonga who have been devastated by the recent volcanic eruption and tsunami disasters. Let us remind ourselves that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge" (*Psalms 46*). Amen

Parish Diary

Monday 24th January – St Francis de Sales

Tuesday 25th January – The Conversion of St Paul

- 6:30pm Vigil Mass for Australia Day, OLR, Kenmore

Wednesday 26th January - Australia Day (Public Holiday)

- Parish Office Closed

Thursday 27th January

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

Friday 28th January – St Thomas Aquinas

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Saturday 29th January

- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Sunday 30th January – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 11:15am Baptism, 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 Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

2nd Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30

Gospel Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/20211226/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 **Michael Pennefather, Kurt Ebert** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Dan Winkel** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Carlos Leyden, Harry Deans**, Ian and Denise Venebles, Brenda Carlos, John O’Dea, James McGrath, Graham Jackson, Lara Dunn, Brian Rohweder, Madeleine Brown, Leonard Cox, Prida Dibbayawan, Kerry Lannoy, Nicole Dyer, Mary Robba, Wayne Waters, Clint Quinlivan, Krystyna Kazimierzczuk, 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 and all those who are sick.

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.

Parish Groups

Craft, Bridge & Mahjong Groups Currently suspended from Gathering at St Catherine's

Please be aware that during the current peak in Covid cases these groups will not be meeting at St Catherine's Moggill until further notice.

We apologise for any inconvenience however for everyone's safety these measures are necessary. If you have particular queries the contact people are:

- Craft Group - Jan on 0408 713 785
- Bridge Group - Christine on 3378 4326
- Mahjong Group - Shirley on 0403 220 236

Christmas Hamper Appeal Thankyou

We received a wonderful thank you note just recently which we now share with the Parish community. This is just one of a number of acknowledgments received which shows your generosity is truly appreciated by those we assist every Christmas.

“To all the Parish. I just wanted to say a huge thankyou for helping my family out last year at Christmas. I am a full time carer to 2 teenagers with multiple disabilities and was in great need of help when I asked St Vincent de Paul in Roma to help me and was very shocked to receive what we got in vouchers. Thank you for all your help, it was very much appreciated from my family. May God bless each and every one of you. Annette.”

Australia Day Celebrations

This year Australia Day falls on a Wednesday 26th January. The Parish will be celebrating our National day at a Vigil Mass on Tuesday the 25th January 6:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore.

Restricted Parish Office Opening

The Parish Office has reopened, however due to the current rise in Covid cases we ask that contact with staff be restricted to phone and email rather than in person.

Where attendance at the Parish office is essential only one person is permitted in reception at any time, Qld Check In App and wearing of masks will apply.

Essential meetings will be held outside the Parish office in the OLR Church meeting room with limited attendance and with all Covid safe precautions in place.

These measures are to ensure we can continue to operate with minimal risk to staff and parishioners during this difficult time. We thank you for your patience and cooperation.

If you have any concerns please contact Michael, the Parish manager, on 3324 3630 or email finchm@bne.catholic.net.au

Volcanic Eruption and Tsunami in Tonga

Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha’apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications, contaminated water supplies and blanketed the Pacific island nation in ash.

You can donate now to **Caritas Australia** to provide vital relief to the Tongan communities impacted by this natural disaster:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/>

Container Recycling PODS not Clothing Bins

Your continued support of our recycling initiative, in partnership with Kenmore Rotary, at St Catherine's Moggill and OLR Kenmore is greatly appreciated.

Of late we have found numerous bags of second hand clothing being placed in the chutes, which is not the purpose of these facilities and is a concern for our operators emptying the pods.

Donations of clothing should be directed to Vinnies at Kenmore, or similar organisations, where they will actually get to those intended. Please contact the Parish manager with any queries.

Appointment of new ambassador to Australia

Pope Francis has announced that American Archbishop Charles Balvo, a veteran of the Vatican’s diplomatic service for more than 30 years, will serve as the next Apostolic Nuncio to Australia. Archbishop Balvo succeeds Archbishop Adolfo Yllana, who last year completed six-and-a-half years in Australia when Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to Israel and Cyprus, and Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine.

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
Parish Kindergarten	Director – Rebecca Handasyde	07 3720 1777	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au