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4th Sunday or Ordinary Time

Year C

Youth Coordinator

30th January 2022

Pastor's Message

'A great prophet has arisen among us' the people shouted in villages of Galilee, surprised by Jesus' words and actions. However this isn't what happens in Nazareth when he appears among his neighbours as the one anointed as Prophet of the poor. Jesus observes first their admiration, and later their rejection. He's not surprised. He reminds them of a well-known saying: 'In truth I tell you, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country'. Later, when they throw him out of the town and try to do away with him, Jesus abandons them. The narrator says that 'he passed straight through the crowd and walked away'. Nazareth is left without the Prophet Jesus.

Jesus is and acts like a prophet. He isn't a temple priest or a teacher of the law. His life is marked by the prophetic tradition of Israel. In contrast to the kings and priests, the prophet isn't named or anointed by anyone else. His authority comes from God, insisting on encouraging and guiding the beloved people with God's Spirit, when the political and religious leaders don't know how to do that. It's not by accident that Christians confess a God incarnated as a prophet.

The marks of the prophet are unmistakable. In the middle of an unjust society where the powerful seek their welfare, silencing the suffering of those who mourn, the prophet dares to read and to live reality from the perspective of God's compassion for the least. His whole life becomes an 'alternative presence' that criticises injustice and calls for conversion and change.

On the other hand, when religion itself gets comfortable with an unjust order and its interests no longer respond to God's interests, the prophet shakes up our indifference and selfdeception, criticises the illusion of eternity and absolutes that threaten every religion, and remembers all those that God alone saves. His presence introduces a new hope since he invites us to think about the future from the perspective of God's liberty and love.

A Church that ignores the prophetic dimension of Jesus and his followers, runs the risk of being left without prophets.

- We bother ourselves a lot about the lack of priests and we pray for vocations to the priestly ministry. Why don't we pray that God raise up prophets? Don't we need them? Don't we feel the need of raising up the prophetic spirit in our communities?
- A Church without prophets: doesn't it run the risk of walking deaf to God's calls to conversion and change?
- A Christianity without prophetic spirit: isn't it in danger of remaining controlled by order, tradition and the fear of God's newness? God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 31st January - St John Bosco

Tuesday 1st February

9:15am Daily Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Wednesday 2nd February – *The Presentation of the*

Thursday 3rd February

9:15am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill Maranatha Prayer Group, OLR, 7:00pm Kenmore

Friday 4th February

• 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore 6:00pm Adoration, OLR, Kenmore

Saturday 5th February – St Agatha

Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore • 5:00pm

Sunday 6th February – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

2nd Reading 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 4th Sunday Ordinary Time: https://universalis.com/20220130/mass.htm

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 **Peter Ling** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Ray Lally** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Ellen Farkas, 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 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 4th February from 6:00pm - 9:00pm at OLR Church, Kenmore. *All Welcome*

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

Youth News

Youth groups will resume on February 11th, the Friday of the first week that students are scheduled to go back to school. This date may be subject to change depending on the situation with COVID.

See below for all the key info:

Primary School (Yr. 4-6) - Launch Pad Youth Group Resumes Feb 11th

Friday afternoons during the school term, 3:00-4:30pm @ The Carroll Community Centre (CCC), OLR School

High School (Yr. 7-12) - Magnify Youth Group Resumes Feb 11th

Friday evenings during the school term, 6:30-8:30pm @ The Carroll Community Centre (CCC), OLR School

Young Adults (18+) - To be advised

Looking forward to a good year!

Peace, Matt Foxon, Youth Coordinator

Maranatha Prayer Group

The Maranatha Prayer Group will be resuming on Thursday 3rd February at 7:00pm at the OLR Church, Kenmore. Maranatha Prayer Group is held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Contact: Sonia - 0431 259 150

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/

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" (*Psalm 46*). Amen

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.

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