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Divine Mercy Sunday

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24th April 2022

Pastor's Message

It's Easter Sunday and the disciples are huddled together in a locked room. After what happened to Jesus just two days before, they dare not venture out because of fear for their lives. But Jesus himself does not hide away. Suddenly he comes among them. His greeting is peace. Their response is joy. For the story-teller John, Easter Sunday is Pentecost, and the gift of the Spirit is the breath of the Risen Christ. The disciples breathe in the Spirit and the Spirit becomes part of their lives. Soon they will leave the Upper Room changed persons — fearless and courageous, energetic and zealous people. In short they will leave as persons animated, fired and propelled outwards by the Holy Spirit.

But one of their group is missing. His name is Thomas. He is one of the apostles, part of the group. When the others say, 'We have seen the Lord', he declares strongly and emphatically that before he is willing to believe that Jesus is really risen and alive he must see and test the evidence for himself.

We learn from the gospel story that Thomas comes to believe in the Risen Jesus in the same way as the other disciples, i.e. when he sees the Lord for himself. But in the way John tells the story Thomas stands for all those who have not yet seen the Lord in the flesh but who are called to believe in him just the same. That's where we come into the story. We are among those many generations of believers ever afterwards of whom it may be said: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Jesus has given the Spirit to you and me, first at Baptism, then at Confirmation, and subsequently at every Eucharist we celebrate. The Spirit which Jesus gives is the Spirit of truth. It's the same Spirit that empowers us to say to Jesus with Thomas: 'My Lord and my God!'

Our faith is one of the main gifts the Spirit has given us. But it is not a one-off gift that we lock away in a safe like some precious jewel. As a form of life we must let our faith grow and mature. On the other hand, like other forms of life, our faith can wither and die from neglect and lack of exercise. We need to pray about our faith, think about our faith, and express it in works of love.

This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. After all even great and saintly characters like Mother Teresa had to struggle with doubts her whole life long. But if like Thomas we care about what we believe, surely sooner or later our faith, revived by the Holy Spirit, will bring us into the presence of God in the person of Jesus, whom our 2nd Reading today calls 'the Living One'. **God Bless, Fr Mark**

Parish Diary

Monday 25th April – Anzac Day (Public Holiday) Office Closed

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:00pm Confirmation Planning Meeting, OLR Parish Office

Tuesday 26th April

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 3:00pm Confirmation Interviews (until 5:00pm)
- 7:00pm OLR Primary School Board Meeting

Wednesday 27th April

- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 3:00pm Confirmation Interviews (until 5:00pm)

Thursday 28th April

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

Friday 29th April

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 6:30pm High School Youth (Magnify), CCC Hall, Kenmore

Saturday 30th April

- 9:00am Confirmation Interviews (until 12:00pm)
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Sunday 1st May – 3rd Sunday of Easter

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 11:15am Baptisms, OLR Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR, Kenmore

To receive the electronic Parish newsletter to your inbox each week, subscribe at: <http://bit.ly/olerflock>

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 5:12-16

2nd Reading Rev 1:9-13, 17-19

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 2nd Sunday of Easter: <https://universalis.com/20220424/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 **Theresa Tuppen** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Peter Curran** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Terry Selva, Ted Dean, Lucas Reekes-Parsons, Mary Matthews, Ellen Farkas, 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, Clint Quinlivan, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Hans & Ursula 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, Annette Boyle, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

Your Parish – Your Say

Our Parish Survey can be accessed via the website: <https://www.oler.org.au/> and has been emailed to all those receiving the eNewsletter. A hard copy version will be available in coming weeks at Mass. This short survey is an opportunity for you to give the Parish Leadership Team some feedback to assist the group in discerning the future direction of our Parish life. Please take this opportunity to have your say.

Project Compassion

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

You can still donate online by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Please return your envelopes to the Parish ASAP.

St Vincent de Paul

To request assistance from Vinnies Qld, call our Helpline on [1800 846 643](tel:1800846643)

Our call centre staff can forward your request to the volunteer members located nearest to you. You can also submit your request via our online [Help Form](#). Our Support Centres can provide information and referrals, food and food vouchers, clothing vouchers and other support options to help those in need. Some Support Centres may offer services either by walk in or appointment only – contact your local Centre for more information.

Please note our volunteers may ask for personal details, such as address and date of birth, before assistance can be provided. Enter your suburb or postcode below to find your nearest Support Centre and their opening hours. If you live in Queensland and your town or region is not listed, we can still assist – call us on [1800 846 643](tel:1800846643) or visit:

<https://qld.vinnies.org.au/services/housing/call-centres>

Youth News

Primary School (Yr. 4-6) - Launch Pad Youth Group is held on Friday afternoons from 3:00-4:30pm @ the Carroll Community Centre (CCC), OLR School.

High School (Yr. 7-12) - Magnify Youth Group is held on Friday evenings during the school term, 6:30-8:30pm @ the Carroll Community Centre (CCC), OLR School.

Young Adults (18+) YA Holy Hour is held on the last Thursday of each month, 6:00-7:00pm @ OLR Church

High School Youth Camp

I'm excited to share that on the 24-26th of June, we will be running a youth camp for our high-school youth! The camp will be held at Camp Moogerah, an hour's drive from Kenmore. I believe this will be an amazing opportunity for the youth to encounter God, come to know themselves better and connect with each other. When I was in high school I was lucky enough to attend a few youth camps, where I can honestly say I had some life-changing experiences. I'd love to offer our youth something similar! There will be more information to come in the next week or so but if your child is in high school please consider sending them! We would love to make this camp as affordable for our youth as possible so if you would be interested in supporting the youth of this parish, soon we will be running some fundraisers to subsidise the cost!! also ask that you pray for this camp. I have seen how God moves powerfully in the lives of young people at events such as these so please ask that he would be with us as we prepare, and that he would bless all those who will attend! Peace, Matt Foxon - Youth Coordinator

Giving through your Will to the Parish Bequest Program

Please consider a gift to Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish, Kenmore & Moggill to support our faith, our churches and our community into the future. **A Gift in your Will** keeps the light of your faith flickering in our parish well into the future. For more information about bequests and memorial gifts please contact the Parish Manager on 3324 3630

Your Parish Offering

You are most welcome to make your parish offering through electronic means.

The Parish Account details are:

BSB Number: 064 786

Accnt Number: 100001192

Accnt 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 plate during Mass. 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. Thankyou for your generosity.

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
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