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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

25th September 2022

Pastor's Message

Imagine that life's major goal suddenly reverses. In a card game called Fluxx, the objective might abruptly switch from 'World Peace' to 'Bread and Chocolate', and players need to adjust accordingly. And in the readings today, we Christians are called to be part of God's Great Reversal, to realign and to live differently. The passage from Amos, from around the 8th Century BC, still speaks to us powerfully today. It paints a picture of wealthy and uncaring citizens from the capital cities of the southern and northern kingdoms. They live in luxury while "the ruin of Joseph" occurs all around them. Inevitably, they will be taken away into exile; their prosperity cannot last. In Australia right now, we see the same attitude in those who want to preserve "our way of life" at the expense of the desperate and the destitute. The wealthy and privileged may appear to have a pristine environment, but it will not last. Eventually, illness, violence, the effects of climate change and death will affect us all. Residents who are migrants and refugees can alert us to the realities of injustices in our world, and the obligations we all have to address them. One day, we will all experience hurt and we will all need to change, so let us learn from the stranger about how to survive and grow. From the affluent to the apprentice: this is a Great Reversal. Psalm 145 follows the theme of justice, and clearly names God as a champion both of the oppressed and the needy; they are known and loved in God's sight. In the ancient world, the stranger was one of the three categories that lacked legal protection. But what moves us to challenge the systems that maintain these wrongs today? The words from the First Letter to Timothy can help us. Christians are called to be "saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle." Yet that does not mean being subservient or silent. Rather, the next sentences encourage us to fight and witness to the truth: that good must triumph over evil. From the passive to the passionate: this is a Great Reversal. Finally, the Gospel shares this message in the form of a story. Jesus only once names a character in his parables, and this one is Lazarus. He does not say that Lazarus is especially virtuous or 'deserving' or that the rich man is mean or greedy. However, the rich man's fault in the eyes of God is to ignore the suffering that is before him. So are we also surrounded by Lazaruses at our gates, both in person and in the immediacy of the media. Each one has a name and a story. Perhaps it is the elderly neighbour who came to Australia as a professional, but was only able to find menial work. Perhaps it is the stranger praying earnestly at Mass, who gradually reveals their refugee journey. Each person can become for us not just an outsider, but a hero. Australia's Plenary Council challenged us all to listen to the experiences and wisdom of those on the margins of our society and our Church. And just like the rich man, these encounters will also bring us life.

We will flourish in our cultural diversity, and we will be enriched in our celebrations and liturgies. As Pope Francis says in his Message, "the arrival of Catholic migrants and refugees can energize the ecclesial life of the communities that welcome them." From the irritation to the inspiration: this is a Great Reversal. So let us realign our goals today, and celebrate those who have come as migrants and refugees. May we help raise up those who are bowed down, so that "the Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age."

Reflection for Migrant and Refugee Sunday

Parish Diary

Monday 26th September

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 1:00pm Mahjong Group, St Catherine's, Moggill

Tuesday 27th September – St Vincent de Paul

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Wednesday 28th September

- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:30am Anointing Service, Cairns Aged Care Centre, Chapel Hill

Thursday 29th September – Sts Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

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

Friday 30th September – St Jerome

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Saturday 1st October – St Therese of the Child Jesus

- 9:00am SVDP Meeting
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Sunday 2nd October – 27th 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

To receive the electronic Parish newsletter emailed each week, subscribe at: <http://bit.ly/olrflock>

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Amos 6:1, 4-7

2nd Reading 1 Tim 6:11-16

Gospel Lk 16:9-31

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/20220925/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 all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Mary Curran**, Gabriel Ruddy, Vincent Cirillo, Glenda Dowd, Lyn Crowley, Lex Ross, Mario Garza, Amy Deans, Carol Green, Danielle Keymer, Juliet Quiterio, Terry Selva, Mary Matthews, Ellen Farkas, Harry Deans, Denise Venables, Brenda Carlos, James McGrath, Graham Jackson, Madeleine Brown, Leonard Cox, Prida Dibbayawan, Nicole Dyer, Clint Quinlivan, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, 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.

Prayer for World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn. Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow. Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries. Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 9 May 2022 FRANCIS
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJM8GXvTN4U&t=5s>

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month, during the 9:45am Mass at Kenmore. The next Children's Liturgy will be held on Sunday 16th October.

Children from prep to year six all welcome.

Anointing Mass

For those who are unwell and wish to receive the sacrament of anointing, you are invited to attend our Anointing Mass on **Friday morning 28th October at 9.15am** at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore.

NOW AVAILABLE

- Daily Mass Book & Break Open the Word for 2023 now available for order – \$20 each
- Living Faith (Daily Catholic Devotions) Book now available from Church Piety Stall – \$5 each

Youth News

Primary School (Yr. 4-6) - Launch Pad Youth Group resumes on Friday 7th October.

High School (Yr. 7-12) – Magnify Youth Group resumes on Friday 7th October.

Young Adults – YA Holy Hour is held on the last Thursday of each month from 6:00pm – 7:00pm @ OLR Church, Kenmore (No September Event)

Update on last term's youth activities...

Throughout term 3 at Magnify, our Friday nights have consisted of some games, dinner, hearing a talk, a time to stop and pray as well as a chance to intentionally catch up and discuss some topics in small groups. The theme we have been focusing on during our talks this term is the Church. We've learnt more about what the Church does, her mission in this world and the active role we can play in this mission. We've heard about the Church's commitment to upholding the dignity of every human life and the notion that every life is precious, regardless of age, ability, wealth or any other factor. We have also looked at the role the Church plays in stewarding God's creation. We've seen a pretty consistent group of regulars come through each night and it's really awesome to witness the youth grow in faith together.

On Friday afternoons at Launch Pad it's been great to see a new group of year 4 students come through and bring some new life to the youth group! Our usual session includes some afternoon tea, a few games a discussion time where we unpack the Sunday Gospel readings for each week. We also have a time of prayer and usually some opportunity for some creativity with a craft activity. I'm always surprised by the great insights and questions that the youth are able to bring to our discussions.

I hope the youth enjoy their well-deserved school holiday and we'll see everyone back in term 4. For those attending Ignite Conference I really hope that it's an amazing and transformational experience, and we'll see you there!

Peace,
Matt Foxon
Youth Coordinator

Your Parish Offering

You are most welcome to make your parish offering through electronic means. The Parish Account details are:

BSB Number: 064 786

Acct Number: 100001192

Acct 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

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