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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Year C

27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Pastor's Message

Each Sunday in the Advent Season, a candle is lit in our Advent wreaths, one of the purple candles that surround the single white candle in their centre till, when all four are lit, the Feast is proclaimed with the lighting of the fifth candle. The wreath, placed on the floor of the sanctuary is a reminder of our journey. In the meantime we ask a question.

*Child- Where have you come from?*

*Men from fields stood in silence.*

*Strangers.*

*Child – Where have you come from?*

*After journey time, a shared space.*

*Homeless.*

*Child – Where have you come from?*

*Promised from eternity arriving unnoticed.*

*In a stable*

*Child – Where have you come from?*

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It is a question that we must ask and attempt to answer each time the Season of Advent is upon us. The story of that journey to Bethlehem is mirrored so often in our present day society. Stories of refugee families in transit, struggling to care for young children or newly born infants abound in News programmes. Those living on the streets of this country are a constant reminder of the poverty that exists in our own affluent society. It is easy for these days to become cluttered with shopping, presents, cards and parties that are some distance from the real significance of the Season. It can become claustrophobic, so much to do and so little time in which to do it. As we greet the First Sunday in Advent this year, let us pause awhile and reflect on what it is really all about. We know little of the actual event that night in Bethlehem but enough to know it was an occasion of brilliant significance. The Child of the stable would grow to maturity, who died and rose again, a sign for his people, one who has been revered in the faith of Christians in subsequent centuries. There is a starkness in the story that can easily be lost under the tinsel and glitter of our modern age. When we decorate our trees, write our cards and wrap our presents, remember the hard journey undertaken by a young, heavily pregnant woman and her husband through the open hills of Palestine. May this Advent Season touch our heart and spirit, sustaining us on the journey that each of us has to make.

*God Bless, Fr Mark*

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November

- 8:30am Our Little Rosie's Club, OLR School
- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 1:00pm Mahjong Group, St Catherine's, Moggill

#### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Yr 6 Graduation Mass, OLR, Kenmore

#### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – St Andrew

- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill

#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

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

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School (Launch Pad) Youth Group, CCC, Kenmore
- 6:00pm Adoration, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 6:30pm High School (Magnify) Youth Group, CCC, Kenmore

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – St Francis Xavier

- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

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### Christmas Mass Times 2022

#### Christmas Eve – 24<sup>th</sup> December

- 4:00pm Vigil Mass – OLR, Kenmore
- 5:30pm Vigil Mass – OLR, Kenmore
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass (5:30pm Carols) – St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:30pm Vigil Mass – OLR, Kenmore

#### Christmas Day – 25<sup>th</sup> December

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass – OLR, Kenmore

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Is 2:1-5

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Rom 13:11-14

Gospel Mt 24:37-44

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/20221127/mass.htm>

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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 **June Kent, Frances Leggat** and all those who have died recently.

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

**Sick:** Please pray for **Christine Nolan**, Hayley Shatkovsky, Peter McNamara, Lois Kerwick, Ruddy, Glenda Dowd, Lyn Crowley, Lex Ross, Mario Garza, Amy Deans, Carol Green, Juliet Quiterio, 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.

### RCIA Congratulations

Congratulations to **Yosephine Gumulya** who was received into the Church this weekend. Yosephine received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion and is now in communion with the Faith Community. Please keep Yosephine in your prayers this weekend and in future as she lives out her faith within the Catholic Community.

### Graduation Congratulations! to our Year 6 Class at Our Lady of the Rosary School Kenmore

This coming Tuesday evening, the students, families and staff will gather for Mass at OLR Church at 5:00pm, followed by a graduation ceremony at the Carroll Community Centre at the school. Well done to all the students on your completion of primary education and to the school leadership, teachers and staff for the many years of commitments to these students.

### Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Kenmore

The Chapel is open during office hours 8:30am to 2:00pm Monday to Friday, for all to visit. After hours private visitation is also available - see Parish office for access requirements. **Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is held on the first Friday of each month 6pm - 9pm. All Welcome.**

### NOW AVAILABLE

- St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards for 2022 are available at both churches – \$2.50 each (pack of 5 cards)
- The Columban Calendars for 2023 are available at both churches – \$10 each
- Daily Mass Book & Break Open the Word for 2023 are available at both churches – \$20 each

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – We watch and wait

Our **Advent wreath** is rich in symbolism. The circle of the wreath, without a beginning or an end, reminds us that God is eternal; His love for us is unending. The green of the wreath represents growth, renewal, the hope of eternal life. The candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His Son. As we light an additional candle each Sunday the growing light reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, dispelling the darkness of our lives; it also calls us to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's love and grace to others. As we watch and wait for the coming of Jesus we will also see a story unfolding in the commemoration of the birth of Jesus. This week we light the first **purple candle** symbolising HOPE. For many years the faithful looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. We look forward with eyes of faith to when He comes again.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the OLR Church, Kenmore.

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am at **OLR Church, Kenmore.**

### Combined Churches Community Christmas Carols & Family Fun Afternoon

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Kenmore Anglican Church, Moggill Rd, Kenmore. There will be activities for all ages from 4:00pm, with Carols commencing at 5.30pm.

### Mass of Reconciliation for the Forgiveness of Sins

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 6.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore. Times for confession will be from 5:30pm to 6:15pm then after Mass on the 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### Alpha Course – Date Claimer

Alpha course for Adults starting on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at St Catherine's Church, Moggill and running for 8 weeks. All Welcome! Please contact Leanne Chappell - 0431 830 991 [leannemc66@gmail.com](mailto:leannemc66@gmail.com) Or Quentin Sherratt - 0426 837 572 [qjs@sherratt.co.za](mailto:qjs@sherratt.co.za)

### Heart of the Disciple Book

**Available at both churches - \$5.00 each**

"Heart of the Disciple" is a new 28-day reflection resource that can be used during Advent by individuals and groups, or at any time during the 2022-2023 liturgical year. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust God to lead us forward.

## 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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