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2nd Sunday of Advent

Year A

4th December 2022

Pastor's Message

Does the idea of Advent being a time of preparation for Christmas affect us? Isn't it being blared from the rooftops that we should enjoy being out partying as if our lives depended on it. Yet on the other hand some people are facing a Christmas of misery, homelessness and want. But isn't that the world we live in?

The lead up to Christmas can draw us into places we sometimes do not find comfortable. The constant pressure to out-do others. We exhaust ourselves trying to make everything perfect and please everyone.

We can surprise ourselves in not buying into the hype of Christmas and look at the needs of others. An example of this is how the Parish / School community have just completed our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal and the generosity has been overwhelming again this year.

In a few weeks' time we can also contribute generously to the St Vincent de Paul annual Christmas appeal held on the 17/18 December. These are important demonstrations of our rejection of the Christmas hype that tends to only focus on gifts, the right food and fairy lights.

We have heard John the Baptist quoting from Isaiah: "A voice cries in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." And in the response to the psalm, we read: "In his days justice and peace shall flourish." Makes me wonder, have we lost our way, with our preparation for Christmas? It's the ideal topic for a good rant. But does it not seem that what we do by exaggerated Christmas preparation is more or less what we do with all aspects of our lives, an element of talking out of both sides of our mouths at the same time?

John the Baptist called for change as he pointed the way towards Christ. Of course, our world is never going to be a paradise, but are we not running riot with double-speak, nowadays? And every organisation, every state, every religious tradition is prone to such behaviour. It requires the prophet, the wise person to stand back and question the culture of the day. Just because we are so caught up in a frenzy of buying and following the fashionable tide does not mean it's what's best for us.

Of course, Christmas, our preparations for it, have great aspects also. But it's too easy to lose all sense of what we are actually celebrating and recalling. These are days of waiting, days of wonder. **God Bless, Fr Mark**

Parish Diary

Monday 5th December

- 11am Funeral Mass, June Kent, OLR Kenmore.

Tuesday 6th December

- **NO MASS TODAY**

Wednesday 7th December – *St Ambrose*

Thursday 8th December – *Immaculate Conception*

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore

Friday 9th December

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

Saturday 10th December

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

Sunday 11th December – *3rd Sunday of Advent*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 11:15am & 12pm Baptisms, OLR, Kenmore
- 4:00pm Family Fun afternoon and Carols Anglican Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR, Kenmore

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Christmas Mass Times 2022

Christmas Eve – 24th 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 – 25th December

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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Is 11:1-10

2nd Reading Rom 15:4-9

Gospel Mt 3:1-12

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 2nd Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/20221204/mass.htm>

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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 those who have died recently, especially **Mary Shand, Naomi Onaca and Brian Holcombe.**

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

Sick: Please pray for **Evelyn Keane, Elizabeth Shand,** 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.

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.**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

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

Mass of Reconciliation for the Forgiveness of Sins

Wednesday 21st 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 21st December.

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

2nd Sunday of Advent – Our Gift to Jesus

At Christmas time we exchange gifts with the people we love. So this Christmas what will be our **gift to Jesus**, whose birthday we celebrate? Will it be a kind word to a family member or friend, a smile for a stranger, connecting with someone we haven't spoken to for a while, spending time with the Lord, letting go of past hurts or asking forgiveness? For our younger parishioners it might be helping out at home, playing nicely with brothers and sisters, cheering someone up by visiting them or giving them a hug. Are you going to ask for something special this Christmas from your heavenly Father—good health, a joyful heart, a new job, a reconciled relationship? Expect the unexpected, then wait in faith and hope... As we re-light the candle of hope, we also light the second **purple candle of LOVE**. We know that God is love. We remember with thankful hearts the gift of Jesus, who came as a babe in a manger, lived and loved among us, was killed on a cross, and arose! *Love endures forever.*

Thank You from Fr Mark

Dear Parishioners, I would like to thank each of you for your kind wishes, cards, and gifts on the 30th Anniversary of my Ordination last Monday. I remember fondly, the many parishioners from the Parishes I have served in, over those 30 Years, from my early years spent as a curate in Booval and Burleigh Parishes, my first Parish Priest role in Murgon, followed by my time as PP of Noosa District and now Kenmore. This coming weekend marks the 6th Year of my arrival at Kenmore, where I hope to remain for some time yet. May God continue to bless you all as we move towards the birth of Jesus, Fr Mark

Postscript: For those not present at the morning tea last Sunday, the parish community presented Fr Mark with a gift of a 50 bottle Vintec wine cabinet thanks to the generous donations received. Fr Mark was most appreciative and will make good use of it in the storage of his wine collection. Tina Miranda spoke beautifully on behalf of the community and shared our gratitude for Fr Mark's ministry and priestly vocation. With thanks, Michael Finch.

Cancellation of Weekday Mass & Activities at St Catherine's for December

Due to the long-awaited kitchen refurbishment at St Catherine's, it has been necessary to cancel all weekday Masses along with the Bridge, Mah-Jong, and Craft groups for the remainder of December.

We apologise for the inconvenience; however, we look forward to the completion of the refurbished kitchen facilities which will be of great benefit to all.

Please do not enter the work site at any time for everyone's safety and to allow the builder to complete the works quickly and without interference.

All enquiries should be directed to the Parish manager through the Parish office.

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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