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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Year A

11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Pastor's Message

“Be strong and do not fear! Here is your God.” Today is called Rejoicing Sunday. The candle on the Advent Wreath is pink, not purple as on the other three Sundays of Advent. It is meant to express our joy at the nearness of Christ’s birthday.

Here are three impressions about happiness.

First, that happiness is right here and now.. We convince ourselves that life will be better when we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids are not old enough and we will be more content when they are. After that we are frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together. The truth is there is no better time to be happy than right now.

Second, ‘If you are happy, let your face know.’ Maybe we could begin to be more joyful by taking a peek in the mirror and asking ourselves: does my face look like the face of someone who has heard the good news of the Gospel, namely, that I am loved unconditionally by God?

Third, joy will come to us if we set about actively trying to create it for others. If I go about my life demanding that others carry me rather than seeking to carry them; feeding off others rather than feeding them; demanding that others meet my needs rather than trying to meet theirs, joy will never find me no matter how hard I party or try to crank up good cheer. **God Bless, Fr Mark**

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### Parish Diary

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – St Lucy (martyr)

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – St John of the Cross

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- 11am **Funeral Mass** for Evelyn Keane, OLR Church Kenmore

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- Parish Office closed from 12noon today

#### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December

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

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</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

### 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 35:1-6, 10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading James 5:7-10

Gospel Mt 11:2-11

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/20221211/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 **Marina Petroni, Evelyn Keane** and all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Please remember **Uthai Tansacha, Allan Warnick** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick:** Please pray for, 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.**

### 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> of 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)

### St Catherine's Kitchen Refurbishment

Over the next few weeks our builder will be on site and as such weekday Mass & social groups have been suspended to enable him to get the work done in the quickest time possible. Sunday Mass is unaffected. Please keep clear of the works when at Mass. All enquiries to the Parish manager, thanks.

#### **NOW AVAILABLE AT BOTH CHURCHES**

- SVDP Christmas Cards \$2.50 for a pack of 5 cards.
- Daily Mass Book & Break Open the Word for 2023 \$20 each

### Message from Matt Foxon

Hi all,

It's strange for me to think that this Friday (the 9<sup>th</sup>) I'll be running my final youth group in my role as youth ministry coordinator. Firstly, I want to emphasise "as youth ministry coordinator" in that last sentence because I don't see myself going too far, at least for now. After all, for as long as I can remember Our Lady of the Rosary Kenmore has been my parish community. God has taught me many beautiful lessons since 2020.

For starters I think I learnt karate through the "wax on wax off" action of sanitising church pews. Honourable mentions among the lessons also include a very basic understanding of excel spreadsheets, knowledge of the vast vocabulary of Mr. Michael Finch, and an introduction to the art of writing emails. But I'd argue that chief among these lessons has been learning the truth that if you make room for God to work, he will. Anything that's gone well while I've been in this role is because God has been working behind it all mysteriously. He's put the right people in the right places at the right times. He's had a plan and I've just been blessed enough to have a courtside seat to witnessing it unfold. There are too many people to thank but I want to have a go at naming many of them. To the dedicated team of leaders whom I've had the pleasure of serving with over the past 3 years. Fabian Petroni, Miguel Onate, Tom Sherratt, Matthew Arendse, Matthew Choy, Grace Cooke, Xavier Foxon, John Foxon, Joel Mifsud, Tess Brennan, Gabby Brennan, Amelia Harman. I'd like to give a special mention to Vince Connolly, an unsung hero of youth ministry in this parish. God sees all the sacrifices these leaders have made and their reward will not be lost. A massive thanks to Fr. Mark for having a gamble back in 2019 and hiring me for the role. Through his support he's always made me feel confident and capable in my role. I've always felt that he's known the perfect balance of when to trust my youth ministry experience and when to impart wisdom and guidance.

Thanks, is also due to the Parish Staff, Michael Finch, Natali Cirillo and Fabian Petroni. They have been a joy to work alongside. Thank you of course to the wider parish and school community for supporting the youth ministry through thick and thin. I know this parish has a heart for its youth. I cannot forget to thank all the youth that I've been blessed to journey with over the past three years. It's humbling to see how individuals and the group has grown and changed. To the youth... If you don't remember anything else from my occasional all-over-the-place-chaotic-rants-about-God... remember that God is already closer to you than the air you breathe, he sees you, he cares more than you know. He has a beautiful plan for your life beyond your wildest dreams. You can trust him. Thank you everyone.

It's been an honour and a privilege to play a role in serving the youth of my parish. **Peace, Matt Foxon**

### 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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