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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Year A

18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Pastor's Message

King Ahaz could be honoured as the patron of skeptics. He simply would not rely on God to help him through the greatest crisis in his life. In the crisis facing his kingdom, he preferred to trust in his soldiers and his military plans. Are we much the same? Do we trust only the range of our own power and resources, and turn to the true God only as an extra insurance, a vague source of possible help in moments of crisis? But such faith is weak and inadequate. A fuller kind of faith would see us relying on God's invisible, helping presence, not just in those moments when human support fails us. Real faith accepts the reality of God in every moment of life. It sees God as a dimension of all our experience, literally, the Emmanuel, God-with-us. The promise that God is with us was not for Isaiah's time only, it is for our own. Even now the sign of that continuing presence is a young woman and her child, the Virgin Mary and her son Jesus. For Joseph the unexpected pregnancy of Mary was not a sign to confirm his trust either in her or God, it was a contradictory sign. In the hours of his darkness he found the enlightening Spirit of God, the Spirit who teaches us not to judge by what our eyes see or by what our ears hear (cf. Is 11:3.) This gospel shows us that the signs God gives are not always the ones we would choose for ourselves. He gives signs for those who are willing to take on the darkness of doubt in openness and sincerity. What can a name tell us about a particular person? Not much, usually. Names like Helen, Paula, Sharon or Jason are useful for distinguishing various members of a family, but they don't *describe* the people themselves. With some Biblical names it is different. For instance, Abraham meant "Father of a great people" (Gen. 17:5) and Moses meant "Rescued from the Waters" (Ex. 2:10.) Above all, our blessed Lord has names which are full of meaning. "Jesus" means "God saves," "Christ" means "God's Anointed Messiah" and the name "Emmanuel" in today's Gospel, means "God in our midst." How important is Jesus for our religious belief? Be honest. Ask the question what is the heart of Christianity and what will people say? Something to do with loving your neighbour; keeping the law; going to church on Sunday? Will there be any mention of Jesus Christ, who is at the very centre of our faith. Ghandi once said, "If only you Christians took your Christ to heart."

God Bless Fr Mark

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 9:45am Confessions after Mass, OLR, Kenmore

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December

- 9:30am Anointing and Communion, Salvo's
- 5:15pm Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 6:30pm Mass of Reconciliation for the Forgiveness of Sins, OLR, Kenmore
- 7:15pm Confessions after Mass, OLR, Kenmore

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 10:00am Nativity Play Practice, OLR, Kenmore

**Parish Office closes 2:00pm reopens  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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

- 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

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

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- **No 5:30pm Mass**

### Mass of Reconciliation for the Forgiveness of Sins

The Mass of Reconciliation for the Forgiveness of Sins will be held on Wednesday 21st December 6.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore.

Individual confession prior to Mass will be from 5:15pm to 6:15pm and then following Mass on the 21st of December.

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

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Is 7:10-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Rom 1:1-7

Gospel Mt 1:18-24

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20221218/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 those who have died recently.

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

**Sick:** Please pray for **Suresh Pathak, Lyn Crowley, James Pedley, Luigi Socal**, Elizabeth Shand, Christine Nolan, Hayley Shatkovsky, Peter McNamara, Lois Kerwick, Ruddy, Glenda Dowd, 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.**

### Parish Office Christmas/New Year Closure

The Parish Office will close **2:00pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** and reopen **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 8.30am**.

For all urgent calls between 23<sup>rd</sup> December and 1st January please call Fr Mark on **0418 785 440**.

Fr Mark will be on leave from 2<sup>nd</sup> January to the 17<sup>th</sup> January so after hours calls should be directed to Michael Finch on **0452 618 278** during this period.

### 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

*To request assistance from St Vincent de Paul, call their Helpline on 1800 846 643*

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – The Prince of Peace

Today, with the candles of Hope, Love and Joy, we light the **fourth purple candle**—the candle of PEACE. Christ is the Prince of Peace come to reconcile us with God and others. Christ helps us to see that peace is possible. Have we allowed this peace into our lives this Advent? Are we ready to welcome our King with hearts full of hope, love and joy this Christmas? It's not too late! Visit the manger, reflect on the meaning of **Emmanuel**—God with us.

### St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Your generosity this Christmas will help families survive the cost of living crisis.

We all know about the cost of living increases. This year has been tough for many families, no matter how hard they work, or however they cut back, they simply don't have enough to get by.

I thought I would share a couple of stories your local Vinnies conference here in Kenmore - Moggill has encountered recently:

- A mother with 4 children who was employed casually and had her hours cut back which meant she had difficulty putting food on the table, paying electricity and meeting childcare costs.
- An abandoned mother of 3 children who had to stop working to provide high needs care for one of her children, needed assistance with food and financial/budgeting advice.
- A mother with 2 children who hadn't needed assistance from Vinnies for nearly 12 months but who suddenly needed assistance to put food on the table this Christmas.

These are some of an ever increasing number of companions we are seeing each week in our own community, who are already struggling. Things are likely to get worse before they get better. With so many vulnerable people in our community depending on Vinnies for support, can we count on your help?

Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible and you can donate by:

- Appeal envelopes on your church seat this weekend – fill out and place on the collection plate/boxes at Mass or return via the Parish office.
- Making a deposit to our local Vinnies bank account: BSB 064786 - Acc No: 100027603 - Ref: Kenmore SVDP Christmas Appeal.

**Michael Fitzgerald**

**President Our Lady of the Rosary Conference SVDP & President South West Regional Council SVDP**

### 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

<b>Parish Primary School</b>	Principal – John Bates	07 3378 2412	pkenmore@bne.catholic.edu.au
<b>Parish Kindergarten</b>	Director – Rebecca Handasyde	07 3720 1777	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
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