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Christmas Season

Year A

25<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Pastor's Message

Words are often a weak method of communication. However, we have to use words, and the Christmas gospel story is an attempt, in simple language, to describe what happened on that extraordinary day, so long ago. It speaks of Jesus being born, and of the second meeting of heaven and earth, on that same night, when the angels appeared to the shepherds. This was the beginning of a process that is still on-going, as I speak. It is an old story that is ever new.

"Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and always." With God there is no such thing as time. All of time is totally present to him right now. God's work among us is always in process, it never comes to an end. In God's eyes, Christmas is an everyday event, that involves Jesus knocking on the door of my heart, seeking admission. The God-dimension never changes, the offer is always there, the good news is delivered with greater consistency than the morning newspaper. What happens after that is totally dependent on whether I accept the offer, open the door, and make my heart available as a manger. One important point: when the shepherds heard the message they said, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see it for ourselves." The life of the Christian is a journey of discovery. It involves coming to find out for myself the truth and the reality of what I had been told by my parents, teachers, or preachers in church. I have to cross that bridge. The gospel is in between two phrases. At the beginning, we are invited to "Come and see," and, at the end, we are instructed to "Go and tell." I would like to express to each and everyone of you and your families my thanks and Christmas Blessing of the Infant Jesus. **God Bless, Fr Mark**

### Christmas Message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

May the blessings of the newborn child come upon the world and upon you at Christmas and through the New Year.

*"Peace in a violent world, light in a darkened world,  
joy in a sorrowing world."*

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December – St Stephen

- Public Holiday

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December – St John

- Public Holiday

#### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Holy Innocents

#### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December

#### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of the Holy Family

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore

#### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December

- 4.30pm Confessions, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January – Mary Mother of God

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 5.30pm Mass, OLR, Kenmore

### Parish Office Closure

#### For Christmas New Year Period

The Parish Office will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 2:00pm and reopen on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 8:30am. For all urgent calls between 23<sup>rd</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January, please call Fr Mark on 0418 785 440.

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

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

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Is 9:1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Lk 2:1-14

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for The Nativity of the Lord: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20221225/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 those who have died recently, especially **Lyn Crowley**.

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

**Rest of the Soul:** Please remember **Michael John McMahon**.

**Sick:** Please pray for **Pat Morrissey**, Suresh Pathak, 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, 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.

### Funeral Notice

A Funeral Mass for **Lyn Crowley** will be celebrated on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00am** at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. Our condolences to his wife Jenny and Family. May he rest in peace.

### Your Parish Offering

You are most welcome to make your parish offering this Christmas through electronic means.

For electronic funds transfer our bank details are:

**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve Account**

**BSB Number: 064 786**

**Account Number: 100001192**

*(Please include your name, planned giving number if applicable, or purpose, such as "Parish Giving" or "Christmas Offering")*

You are also welcome to place your offering in the collection boxes as you arrive at Mass or on the collection plate during Mass.

If you prefer cashless giving when at Mass, then we also have Pay Wave devices at the entries of both churches which you can make use of to give \$10 per tap with Eftpos or credit card.

Your financial support of the Parish is essential in our vision to be a welcoming and inclusive community, sharing God's kingdom with all.

Thank you for your generosity during 2022 and God's blessings on you and your loved ones for the new year.

### St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you for your generosity this Christmas, which 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.

- Any appeal envelopes yet to be returned can be placed in the collection plate/boxes at Mass.
- You can still make a direct deposit donation to our local Vinnies bank account: BSB 064786 - Acc No: 100027603 - Ref: "your name" & SVDP Xmas

Michael Fitzgerald, President OLR SVDP Conference

### Christmas Isn't Just One Day Free Activity Book for Kids

This Christmas Activity book is available at the Christmas Masses in the Parish for children to enjoy. Through stories, puzzles, colouring-in, recipes and prayers – as well as a few ideas for parents – this little book covers most of the scripture stories and feasts of the whole of the Christmas season. Most importantly, it shares the message of God's love, revealed through the birth of Jesus our Lord.



A special Christmas Edition of the Catholic Leader is available at both churches this weekend – \$4.00 each.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

The next Children's Liturgy will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January during the 9.45am Mass. Children from prep to year six all welcome.

### 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](http://qjs@sherratt.co.za)

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

### 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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