Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
KENMORE – MOGGILL

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	**Year A**	**19th February 2023**

Season of Lent

As we enter the season of Lent starting on Ash Wednesday this coming week here is a reminder of the powerful symbols of Lent. Three powerful symbols are associated with liturgy in Lent. **Ashes** – the use of ashes stems from Christianity's Jewish heritage. The Hebrew scriptures refer to ashes in a number of different ways. Abraham says of himself: "I am dust and ashes" (Gen 18:27). Job tells his friends: "Your maxims are proverbs of ashes" (Job 13:12). Ashes here suggest humility and human insignificance. In the book of Numbers, we read that the ashes of a red heifer were used as a purification offering to ritually cleanse the unclean (Num 19:9). Ashes were also used in scripture to express mourning and sorrow. When the city of Nineveh was confronted with its sin the king "covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes" (Jonah 3:6). The ritual use of ashes was carried over into Christian liturgy. The foreheads of public sinners who entered the "order of penitents" at the beginning of Lent were marked with ashes. This practice extended to the entire community in acknowledgment of the fact that we are all sinners in need of God's forgiveness. The understanding of ashes as a symbol of humility, purification and sorrow is reflected when we are marked with ashes on the first day of Lent as a sign of our willingness to cleanse our heart through prayer, fasting and self-denial.

Cross – no other sign so clearly symbolises Christianity as the cross. This puzzled many people at the time of the early church because they saw the cross in a totally different light. Crucifixion was the cruellest means used by the Romans to execute criminals; it symbolised hatred, despair, pain and degradation. Jesus' resurrection from the dead meant that the cross took on a completely new meaning for his followers; it became a symbol of victory over death and salvation from sin. Besides being a primary symbol of Christianity, the cross is a central object in our liturgy. During Lent the cross leads the procession of psalms on Psalm Sunday, is the focus of Stations of the Cross devotions, and is venerated on Good Friday.

Purple – purple or violet is the prescribed liturgical colour for Lent. It should be a sombre blue-violet in contrast to the lighter purple of Advent. The aim is to visually evoke a mood of simplicity and austerity, so adding symbols to purple hangings is unnecessary and distracting. The colour is the symbol.

Liturgy planners don't have to go searching for suitable symbols for Lent. Ashes, cross, purple – they say it all!

Elizabeth Harrington – Liturgy Lines

Parish Diary

Monday 20th February
- 9:15am — Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 1:00pm — Mahjong, St Catherine's, Moggill

Tuesday 21st February

Wednesday 22nd February – *Ash Wednesday*
- 9:15am — Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 9:15am — Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 2:00pm — OLR School Liturgy, OLR, Kenmore
- 6:45pm — Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill

Thursday 23rd February
- 9:15am — Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill

Friday 24th February
- 9:15am — Anointing Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 3:00pm — Primary School Youth Group (Launch Pad), CCC, OLR School
- 6:30pm — High School Youth Group (Magnify), CCC, OLR School

Saturday 25th February
- 11:00am — Baptisms, OLR, Kenmore.
- 4:30pm — Confessions, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm — Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Sunday 26th February – *1st Sunday of Lent*
- 8:00am — Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am — Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 10:00am — Alpha Course, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 5:30pm — Mass, OLR, Kenmore

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Sunday Readings

1st Reading Lev 19:1-2, 17-18   **2nd Reading** 1 Cor 3:16-23   **Gospel** Mt 5:38-48

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20230219/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 **Paul Franklin** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Ferdinand De Marigny, Fredrick Wiehe, the deceased members of the Lee, Burn & Gigante families** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Domenico Petroni, Denis Moretto**, Robyn Nicholson, Suresh Pathak, Elizabeth Shand, Christine Nolan, Hayley Shatkovsky, Gabriel 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**,** 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.

Alpha Course

The Alpha course for adults will be running through to the 5th Sunday of Lent (26th March) at St Catherine's Church, Moggill. All Welcome! Please contact Leanne Chappell - 0431 830 991 leannemc66@gmail.com Or Quentin Sherratt - 0426 837 572 qjs@sherratt.co.za

Please use the following link to enquire/register: https://www.alpha.org.au/try

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

If your child has received the sacrament of Baptism and is in year 3 and above, you can register for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please email the Parish office on kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au for details and dates of the program.

Project Compassion Sunday
18th/19th February

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow." Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate or by calling 1800 024 413.

Anointing Mass

For those who are unwell and wish to receive the sacrament of anointing, you are invited to attend our Anointing Mass on Friday morning 24th February 2023 at 9:15am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore.

OLR Youth Ministry

Primary School (Yr. 4-6) - Launch Pad Youth Group is held on Friday afternoons during the school term, from 3:00 – 4:30pm @ the CCC, OLR Primary School.

High School (Yr. 7-12) – Magnify Youth Group is held on Friday evenings during the school term, from 6:30 – 8:30pm @ the CCC, OLR Primary School.

Liturgical Ministers

What is a Reader of the Word?
A Reader of the Word is the parishioner selected by the Pastor who proclaims the first or second reading at Mass. This person also leads the Psalm (while the cantor or choir leads the response) and the introduction and Prayers of the Faithful at Mass

What is a Eucharistic Minister?
A Eucharistic / Communion Minister is a parishioner, selected by the Pastor and mandated by the Bishop, who serves, distributes, and administers the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during the Holy Communion or Eucharist of the Church Service and take communion to the sick when required.

What is a Mass Coordinator?
A Mass Coordinator coordinates the liturgical minister roles, making sure the worship space is ready for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

If you are interested in any of these Ministries in your Parish, please contact the Parish Office to register and Fr Mark will arrange training and the Parish Office will arrange for you to be registered as a Parish Volunteer (if needed). 3324 2630 - kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

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

Parish Primary School	Principal – John Bates	07 3378 2412	pkenmore@bne.catholic.edu.au
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Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au