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2nd Sunday of Lent

Year A

5th March 2023

Pastor's Message

Through eyes of faith, the passing of the years looks somewhat different. We believe our journey is going somewhere: instead of simply terminating with death, we will emerge into the life of heaven. We are pilgrims, like Abraham, moving toward the land of promise. Like St Paul, we try to deal with the problems and setbacks along the way, with the help of the Lord. And in the end, if we are faithful, we will share the total joy of joining Christ in glory, as the reward of life's pilgrimage.

Pilgrim's Progress: In our many journeys today (the age of mobility) we tend to move around a lot, without showing much signs of spiritual progress; indeed, in that respect we often appear to be going backwards. Our goals and desires can be short-term, narrow, superficial. Moved by a restless urge for money, for celebrity, novelty, success and pleasure, we go round in rapid circles. But the pilgrims' sights are set on a higher destination, and like Martin Luther King they can say: "I have a dream!" However far-off and hard to reach this dream may be, it is worth more than all the short-term desires we follow. Each step on the journey takes on meaning in light of the goal God sets before us.

A personal, inward journey: Our whole life can be made a pilgrimage towards God. Just as he called Abraham, so he calls each of us to be his own. His call to us is quiet but insistent. Not exactly in the form of: "leave your country and your father's house," but "leave your old ways, the pride and selfishness, the hardness of heart, the angry temper, the envy and the falsehood. And go to the land I shall show." The direction of our pilgrimage is not geographical but moral: "Go towards charity, purity, sharing in truth and prayer and good-will. Go in the way of the gospel. Go to heaven.'

Meaningful Living: Having God's command, and submitting entirely to it, made Abraham the first great pilgrim. Henceforth all his activity took on the value of obedience to God; he was on the high road towards Yahweh, the living God. The same spirit would give the deepest meaning to our lives too. Far from being absurd or useless, the pilgrim's efforts to follow the gospel of Jesus are full of meaning. Progress along this way is the real formula for peace of mind. St Augustine said it profoundly: 'You have made us for Yourself, O Lord; and our hearts can never be at rest, until they rest in You'.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 6th March

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 1:00pm Mahjong, St Catherine's, Moggill

Tuesday 7th March

- 9:15am Penance Service (Yr 5), OLR, Kenmore
- 7:00pm Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday 8th March

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, OLR, Kenmore

Thursday 9th March

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill

Friday 10th March

- 9:15am 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 11th March

- 8:00am SVDP Meeting
- 9:00am OLR Alpha Retreat Day, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Sunday 12th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR, Kenmore (Morning Tea after Mass)
- 10:00am Alpha Course, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR, Kenmore

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helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Gen 12:1-4

2nd Reading 2 Tim 1:8-10

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 2nd Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20230305/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 all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Stan Franklin, Beryl Rienecker, Walter Finch** 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.

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

2nd Sunday of Lent – 4th/5th March

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

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 caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.

If you're new and keen to come along to the Primary School Launch Pad Group or the High School Magnify Group, please contact John at youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au.

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

Stations of the Cross

For centuries, Roman Catholic believers have celebrated the Stations of the Cross, or Way of the Cross, usually the week before Easter. The Stations of the Cross refer both to a series of depictions of Christ's journey from the court of Pontius Pilate to the tomb and to a short pilgrimage centred around these stations.

"The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death."

The practice of visiting each station to pray originated with early Christian pilgrims who visited the historic sites of the events and walked the route believed to be from Pilate's house to Christ's tomb.

During Lent the Parish will walk the way of the Cross on Wednesday's, concluding 29th March – 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore.

All Welcome to pray the Way of the Cross as a community.

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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