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3rd Sunday of Lent

Year A

12th March 2023

Pastor's Message

The thirsting soul: Our need to drink regularly is obvious; without water we would quickly die. Not so easily recognized is the soul's thirst for meaning, for vision and purpose in life. We can be fully preoccupied with the surface of things, and quite neglect our spirit's obscure longing for eternal life. Like the Israelites, we worry constantly about physical needs, but are often unaware of God who provides them. Today, Jesus offers us the refreshing water of eternal life, a power of faith and union-with-God which is our deepest need, and can satisfy the thirst of our soul. How the desert blossoms when water is brought to it. If you go to the Holy Land today, you can see how the irrigation of the land has turned a once arid land into a lush land of Plenty. The same miracle of growth can take place in the parched soul if God lets his Spirit flow over me. All the ravages of doubt, fear and sin will yield to the new life of grace. A sacramental washing: Already in baptism, the sacramental washing with water by the Christian Church was a first contact with the grace of Christ. I was given a good start, planted well in the garden of God, with room to put down roots, and draw vital nourishment from the living spring of the Saviour. Yet, I need continuing help, to keep my spirit alive and pleasing to God as life goes on. Like the desert-wandering Jews, I suffer from thirst; I grow weary in confronting problems and temptations of life. Jesus guarantees me the "living water" I need. His own Spirit is always at hand, as a force of encouragement and fidelity. "To dwell in the house of the Lord": Our deep desire remains, something not confined to Christians but shared by the mystic tradition in other religions: namely, the yearning to come into the presence of God, and be welcomed by God. All of us are called by him to drink of that "fountain of water, springing up to everlasting life." In times of widespread religious scepticism, the hope of heaven as eternal life after death is often cast in doubt as wishful thinking. But we cling to this hope, relying on the word of Jesus. For Paul and the early Christians, the hope of eternal life breathed joy into all their efforts and sacrifices. Fidelity until death seemed well worthwhile, "for the weight of glory that will be revealed in us." Our part to play is turning aside from sin, and trying to live by the gospel. God can be absolutely relied on to fulfil his promise, and will in time satisfy the deep thirst of our spirit.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Reappointment as Parish Priest of Kenmore/Moggill Catholic Parish

This week Archbishop Mark Coleridge has reappointed Fr Mark Franklin to Kenmore/Moggill for another 6 years, effective 13th December 2022.

Parish Diary

Monday 13th March

- 8:45am Blessing of the Refurbished OLR Pool
- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 1:00pm Mahjong, St Catherine's, Moggill

Tuesday 14th March

- 9:15am Penance Service (Yr 4), OLR, Kenmore

Wednesday 15th March

- 8:30am Our Little Rosie's Club, Multi-Function Centre, OLR School
- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, OLR, Kenmore

Thursday 16th March

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group & Healing Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Friday 17th March – St Patrick

- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 11:00am Funeral Mass (Patricia Morrissey), OLR, Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School Youth Group (Launch Pad), CCC, OLR School
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify) CCC, OLR School

Saturday 18th March

- 11:00am Baptism, OLR, Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Sunday 19th March – 4th Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR, Kenmore (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
- 10:00am Alpha Course, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR, Kenmore

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Sunday Readings

1st Reading Ex 17:3-7

2nd Reading Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Jn 4:5-42

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 3rd Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20230312/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 **Patricia Morrissey, Riley Walsh, Peter Ling, Kamala Das** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Roger Antonio Bueluas, Gary Miggotto, Grant Parker, James Manas Vongphakdi, Julius Magarn Vongphakdi, and Pui Maneerath Vongphakdi, Cyril Warnick, Maria Phillips** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Domenico Petroni, Denis Moretto, Robyn Nicholson, 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 Kazmierczuk, 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.

Thank you message from Fr Mark

I would like to thank the many Parishioners who offered their condolences at the death of my brother Paul. It was very comforting to me and my family to know that many people were praying for my family at this time of sadness and sorrow.

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

3rd Sunday of Lent – 11th/12th March

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought. While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis. **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/donate, 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

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