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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Year A

16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Pastor's Message

Some people who cannot believe profess to envy those who do. They would like to experience the certainty of believers and share the faith of their parents. And indeed, most ordinary mortals have moments of doubt during our spiritual journey. Thomas's recovery from his doubts offers a valuable insight into God's mercy and kindness.

Are we sometimes like those disciples, indecisive, inactive, unwilling to promote the faith. The "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" have dented our confidence. Are we tempted to abandon our faith journey, unable to see a way forward? Our past failures make us hesitant to try again. Today's gospel offers a solution. The Lord himself has power to revive our courage and our faith. No locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep him out.

At first, Thomas refused to believe that the others had seen him. He demanded definite and demonstrable, tangible proof. Jesus gave him the proof he needed. "Put your finger here," he said, "and feel my wounds." He forgives our fears and doubts too and offers us a fresh start. We need to say in our turn, "My Lord and my God."

Today we meet with the risen Christ, just as St Thomas did. Sharing in the Eucharist is our statement of loyalty, our act of personal and shared faith. In praying the Eucharist together, we help each other's faith and strengthen our Christian community. It was because the members of the early Church in Jerusalem met in public for prayer and seemed such a joyful little community, that so many others came to believe, and the church grew steadily in those early, Spirit-filled days.

No-one else can do our believing for us. Eventually Thomas came to believe in the resurrection when he saw the risen Jesus with his own eyes. The story ends with a message for all who have received the gift of faith: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Our faith is a gift from God. But it is not an inert gift that can we lock away like some precious heirloom. It is a living gift that needs nurturing, to grow and mature. Like other life-forms, faith can wither from neglect. We need to pray about it, think about it, and express it in actions arising from love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. But if like Thomas we continue seeking, we too will come into the presence of Jesus and say, "My Lord and my God!"

**God Bless, Fr Mark**

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – School Term Two Resumes

- 7:00am Pack down of private function, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 1:00pm Mahjong, St Catherine's, Moggill

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April

- 11:00am Memorial Mass (Marie Ulcoq), OLR, Kenmore

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

- 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
- 3:00pm Confirmation Interviews, OLR Church Meeting Room
- 7:00pm OLR School Board Meeting

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 3:00pm Confirmation Interviews, OLR Church Meeting Room
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group, OLR, Kenmore

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

- 8:30am Anzac Day Liturgy, OLR School
  - 9:30am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- Note Mass time change today only.*
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify) CCC, OLR School

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

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

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

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### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Acts 2:42-47

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1 Pet 1:3-9

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20230416/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 **Domenico Petroni, Betty Handasyde** and all those who have died recently.

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

**Sick:** Please pray for **Eli Bartlett**, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Stephen Jones, Nouphanh Phanthavong, Denis Moretto, Robyn Nicholson, Elizabeth Shand, 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, 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

To the many people involved in preparing and assisting with the numerous tasks and ministries involved in providing the Holy Week and Easter liturgies, services, and Masses. Holy Week through to Easter is the summit of our liturgical and faith year and would not be possible without your invaluable help. Your efforts ensure our churches are a welcoming and enjoyable place to celebrate the Risen Christ. **Fr Mark, P.P.**

### Good Friday Collection

This year's Good Friday Appeal resulted in a total of \$1,342.20 being collected at our Veneration Service on Good Friday. These funds will be sent to Emmanuel City Mission as part of our Parish outreach program, supporting ECM's valuable work as a daytime sanctuary for Brisbane's homeless and vulnerable. Thank you for your support. <https://emmanuelcitymission.com/>

### St Catherine's Access Restricted

Due to a private function being held this Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April volunteers are asked to avoid St Catherine's that day. All preparations for Sunday Mass which haven't already taken place will need to be attended to on Sunday morning prior to 8am Mass. There will also be some pack down activity by contractors on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April which we ask you to also avoid for everyone's safety. Any queries please contact Michael, Parish manager on 0452 618 278 or email [finchm@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:finchm@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023 **Time:** 11:00am – 3:30pm **Where:** Twelve Apostles Catholic Church 111 Yallabee Rd Jindalee  
No cost, bring your own lunch – tea/coffee will be provided. Please bring your friends and family along! Contact: Patrick Arendse – 0435 844 420 Gem Gulyer – 0414 341 506

### Project Compassion

Thank you to all those who have supported Caritas through Project Compassion 2023. To assist the Parish office staff in finalising this year's appeal we ask you to return all outstanding Project Compassion envelopes and boxes at Mass this weekend or to the Parish office by this Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. We hope to advise the total amount donated in next week's newsletter.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

The next Children's Liturgy will be held this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, during the 9:45am Mass at Kenmore. Children from prep to year six all welcome.

### Anzac Day – Vigil Mass

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore. All welcome to remember the fallen and pray for Peace in our World.

### Kenmore Church Laundry Roster

We are asking for people to volunteer for the Kenmore Church Laundry Roster. The purpose of the Roster is to launder the cloths used at Mass each week. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office on [kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Sacrament of Penance & Communion 2023

If your child has received Confirmation and is in year 4 or above they can be registered for the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. Registrations are now open, email the Parish office on [kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au) to enrol.

### Youth Groups

**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. **N.B. Primary Youth recommences Friday 28th April (Week2 Term2)**

**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. **N.B. High School Youth recommences Friday 21st April (Week1 Term2)**

*If you're new and keen to come along to Launch Pad or Magnify just fill out a quick [online registration form](#).*

### Hospitality After Mass

Morning Tea after 9:45am Mass (OLR, Kenmore) is held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month - All welcome to attend. We invite parishioners to contribute to these Morning Teas by bringing along a plate to share.

### Welcome Back to our School & Kindy

Term two commences on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, welcome back to the children, parents, and staff.

### The Catholic Leader

The April Edition of the Catholic Leader is available at both churches this weekend - \$4.00 each, get yours now.

## 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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