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5th Sunday of Easter

Year A

7th May 2023

Pastor's Message

Acts 6, our 1st reading at Mass this weekend, shows how differences and disputes were resolved in the church's early days. The Hellenist (converts whose language was Greek), complained that their widows were not getting a fair share of the church's social services. The apostles' solution to the problem shows how changes of practice are not only possible but necessary for the health of the church. The solution shows two important dimensions of church life: prayer and service; and that living our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two. Each of us is personally called to prayer, to a dialogue of worship with God; and we are also called to service. No matter what we do in life, our work affects others in some way. We should be of service to our neighbours; and provided we have an attitude of respect, no task we do is a menial task. Prayer and preaching the Word was of primary importance to the apostles; but service to the widows and the needy in the community was also vital, so they appointed seven trusted men to attend to it, and initiated them by a now familiar ceremony – the laying on of hands. As a result, the disciples in Jerusalem increased in numbers. We may wonder how this kind of growth in the church could be revived in our day. Is the Word of the Lord still spreading or the number of disciples increasing? In the 2nd reading this weekend, St Peter's letter, the church is imagined as a spiritual temple, with us as living stones making up a living house of God. Every time we say the Lord's Prayer we say 'thy kingdom come.' This implies taking some responsibility for spreading the Word and doing something to build up the church? We can work for God's kingdom by our daily conduct and attitudes. The cornerstone of the church is Christ himself, and he offers us encouragement even today. If he is going away, it is to prepare a place for us in his Father's house, which has many rooms. So, there is a place for us all in the kingdom. Each person has gifts of nature and grace, each should have a say in church life, as exemplified by the apostles in the first reading of our Mass. Many people today regard faith as irrelevant because their notion of God is faulty or distorted. For an authentic picture of what God is like, we should look to Jesus who said "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." He shows what the invisible Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone, calling sinners back home. This welcoming God is the one that our church worships, and we renew our trust in Him.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

A Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Saturday 13th May at 9:00am Mass at OLR Church, Kenmore.

Parish Diary

Monday 8th May

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 1:00pm Mahjong, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 7:00pm P& F Meeting, OLR School

Tuesday 9th May

- 9:00am Prep Liturgy, OLR, Kenmore

Wednesday 10th May

- 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

Thursday 11th May

- 9:00am OLR School Open Day
- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill

Friday 12th May

- 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 13th May

- 8:00am SVDP Monthly Meeting
- 9:00am Mass (Our Lady of Fatima), OLR, Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore

Sunday 14th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

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

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

To request assistance from St Vincent de Paul, call the Helpline on 1800 846 643 helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au

Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 6:1-7

2nd Reading 1 Pet 2:4-9

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 5th Sunday of Easter: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20230507/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 **Maureen Thomsen** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Earle Denning**, Eli Bartlett, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Stephen Jones, Noupahn Phanthavong, 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.

World Youth Day 2023

Xavier Foxon one of our young members of the Parish community and a leaders of the Youth Ministry will be attending World Youth Day in Lisbon in late July. Xavier is seeking support from the Parish both financially and through prayer. If you can assist Xavier in raising some funds to attend WYD 2023 it would be greatly appreciated. You can either use the WYD donation envelopes at the churches this weekend and return them via the collection plate at Mass, or by the parish electronic deposit.

Please reference your payment 'WYD'

BSB Number: 064 786

Account Number: 100001192

Account Name: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve

Connect Faith Formation Series

Connect with God ... Connect with inner self ... Connect with community

Join us for a Parish faith formation series on the first Sunday of each month at St Catherine's Moggill 9:00am to 11:00am, commencing 7th May. Format: morning tea, video presentation, discussion, quiet time for reflection/prayer.

Topic: How does God guide us? – All Welcome.

Mother's Day Morning Tea

A Mother's Day Morning Tea will be held on Sunday 14th May after the 9:45am Mass at OLR Church, Kenmore. Please bring a plate to share on the day.

Bishop Tim Norton Parish Visit Parish Community Welcome BBQ

A Parish Community Welcome BBQ will be held on Saturday 27th May at St Catherine's, Moggill. Bishop Tim Norton will be in attendance and this will be an opportunity to welcome new members of our Parish community and to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Please RSVP by Tuesday 23rd May via email: kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au.

The Catholic Leader

The May 2023 edition of the Catholic Leader is available this weekend at both churches for \$4.00 each.

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 Launch Pad or Magnify just fill out a quick [online registration form](#).

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month, during the 9:45am Mass at Kenmore. Children from prep to year six all welcome.

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 to enrol.

Project Compassion 2023

Thank you to all those who contributed to this year's Caritas Appeal "Project Compassion". Your generosity amounted to a magnificent total of **\$9,409.85** being collected from all donations through Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kenmore & Moggill. For those who made credit card donations, your receipts will be forwarded direct from Caritas once the donation has been processed. All other receipts are prepared by the Parish and will be emailed or available for collection from the Parish Office later next week.

Yatala Pie Drive 2023

Fundraiser supporting OLR School P&F

Due to the popularity of last year's event our Parish is again participating in the OLR School P&F Pie Drive. Funds raised will benefit OLR School through the P&F. Simply place your order using the form attached to the electronic newsletter or the print copy at both churches and return it to the Parish office with your payment as detailed. Paid orders close midday Monday 8th of May. You can return your completed order form to the Parish office in the following ways:

EMAIL to kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au provided you have made payment by electronic funds transfer to the Parish bank account as detailed on the order form or have paid via Eftpos by phoning the Parish office on 3324 3630 or in person during office hours. (Mon-Fri 8:30am to 2:00pm)

SEALED ENVELOPE with your order and cash placed in the collection boxes or on the collection plate at Mass.

Your order will be available to pick up from the Parish Meeting Room under the Church at Kenmore between 3:15pm and 5:15pm on Wednesday 17th of May. All orders must be collected at this time as they are delivered fresh on the day and cannot be kept unrefrigerated at the Parish.

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
Parish Kindergarten	Director – Rebecca Handasyde	07 3720 1777	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
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