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6th Sunday of Easter

Year A

14th May 2023

Pastor's Message

The feast day of Mary Help of Christians (24th May) has been celebrated in Australia since 1844. The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness. St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral. When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title. In fact, the altar at St. Mary's, with its statue of Mary Help of Christians, was erected as a memorial to Fr. Therry's name. Traditionally, the Church has focussed on two aspects of Our Lady's help on this feast day.

Firstly, upon the role of Our Lady's intercession in the fight against sin the life of a believer. Secondly, Our Lady is one who assists Christians as a community, through her intercession, in fighting against anti-Christian attitudes. In the Opening Prayer for Our Lady Help of Christians, the Church prays that through Our Lady's intercession God will "grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens", so that "under her protection Australia may be granted harmony, justice and peace". Therefore, on such an occasion as this, Our Lady's feast day, we thank our heavenly Father for Mary, our protector, who gives us the perfect model of love, understanding and compassion.

Mary Help of Christians patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection, may the light of Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 15th May

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

Tuesday 16th May

- 9:00am Liturgy (Yr 2), OLR, Kenmore

Wednesday 17th 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
- 3:15pm Pie Drive Collection, OLR Church Meeting Room

Thursday 18th May

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

Friday 19th 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 20th May

- 11:00am Baptisms, OLR, Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 7:00pm Trivia Night, CCC, OLR School

Sunday 21st May – *The Ascension of the Lord*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR, Kenmore (Children's Liturgy)
- 11:30am Confirmation Session 3, Kenmore
- 1:00pm Baptism, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR, Kenmore

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Sunday Readings

1st Reading Acts 8:5-8

2nd Reading 1 Pet 3:15-18

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 6th Sunday of Easter: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20230514/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 **Margaret Miller, Claire Hickey** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Katherine Parsonage, Alana McNamara, Molly McNamara, Peter McNamara** 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.

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. Format: morning tea, video presentation, discussion, quiet time for reflection/prayer – All Welcome.

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: kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au to enrol.

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.

On Mother's Day we thank God for placing in our lives mothers and mothering figures who are images of grace, love, tenderness, strength and courage. We also pray for God's comfort and care for all those who struggle on this day.

Pie Drive Collection

Thank you for your pie orders. A reminder that your Parish orders will be available to pick up from the Parish Meeting Room under the Church at Kenmore between 3:15pm and 5:45pm 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.

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](#).

Parish Community Welcome BBQ

A Parish Community Welcome BBQ will be held on Saturday **27th May 6.30pm** 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.

Call for Helpers:

The BBQ committee is asking if people could bring salads or other dishes to share, please let us know what you intend to bring along.

If anyone has a gas heater they can drop off on Saturday afternoon at St Catherine's, Moggill, please contact the Parish office.

We are asking for some volunteers to help with the set up for the BBQ from 4:00pm on the 27th May at St Catherine's Moggill. If you can assist, please let the Parish Office know via email: kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au.

Bishop Tim Norton Parish Visit

Visitation schedule:

- On Friday the Bishop will visit the OLR School starting with an assembly, then a morning tea with parents, visiting the Kindy and classes, meeting with school leadership and lunch with the school staff.
- On Friday evening the Bishop will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 69 of our Parish children and youth.
- On Saturday the Bishop will be meeting with various groups, Parish Finance Council, Parish leadership group, School Board, SVDP conference, Youth Ministry team. Bishop Tim will then celebrate the Vigil Mass at 5:00pm then join the Community at the Moggill Church for a Parish welcome BBQ that evening.
- On Sunday the Bishop will celebrate Morning Masses at Moggill and Kenmore followed by a morning tea at Kenmore.
- Bishop Tim will then have a final meeting with the Parish Priest.

The Catholic Leader

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

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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