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The Ascension of the Lord

Year A

21st May 2023

Pastor's Message

In the Gospel this weekend for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord we hear Our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving his disciples, Jesus reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with *his* authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak.

In St Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." St Mark says that "the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it". And St Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name.

Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too.

Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics. The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse.

Similarly, the message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full.

You write a new page of the gospel each day, through all that you do and whatever you say. Others read what you write, be it faithful or true. So, what is the gospel according to you?

He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. This applies especially to those who believe the promise, "I am with you always." Talking with him doesn't even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that "Joy of the Gospel" so warmly described for us by our good Pope Francis.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 22nd May

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

Tuesday 23rd May

- 9:30am Salvos Nursing Home Service

Wednesday 24th May – *Our Lady Help of Christians*

- 8:30am Our Little Rosie's Club, OLR School Multi-Function Centre
- 9:15am Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's, Moggill

Thursday 25th May

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

Friday 26th May – *St Philip Neri*

Bishop Tim Visitation (Parish & School)

- 9:15am **No Mass**
- 5:00pm Confirmation Celebration, OLR, Kenmore
- 7:00pm Confirmation Celebration, OLR, Kenmore

Saturday 27th May

- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR, Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR, Kenmore
- 6:30pm Parish Community BBQ, St Catherine's, Moggill

Sunday 28th May – *Pentecost*

- 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

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading Eph 1:17-23

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the Ascension of the Lord: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20230521/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 **Denise Leong** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Brett Rienecker** 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.

Topic: How can I make the most of the rest of my life.

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Our Parish celebrates Baptisms by appointment.

One Baptism per family on **Saturdays** either at 11:00am or 11:30am at OLR Church Kenmore.

If you would like to organise a Baptism in the Parish, please contact the Office via Email or Phone.

National Volunteer Week

As we conclude National Volunteer Week, we thank all Parish volunteers, and we Pray; *For all who serve as volunteers in a multitude of settings within the Church and wider community: that their witness of faith and generosity of service will reveal the face of Christ to those for whom they care... We pray to the Lord.*

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:

Please let us know if you can assist by bringing a salad or dish to share or are available to help before or during the gathering with set up, serving & pack up.

Our sincere thanks to all those who have already RSVP'd and to those who have offered to assist in any way. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bishop Tim Norton Parish Visit

Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May

The schedule for Bishop Tim's visit is as follows.

- On Friday the Bishop will visit 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 following which he will join the Community at St Catherine's for the 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.

I ask that the whole community of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish & School avail themselves of this opportunity by making time to be part of the various activities and gatherings outlined. Yours in Christ, **Fr Mark Franklin, Parish Priest.**

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
Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au