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The Transfiguration of the Lord

Year A

6th August 2023

Pastor's Message

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

This year the 6th of August falls on a Sunday, so the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time is replaced with the celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast has a rather chequered history. It dates from about the 5th century in the Eastern Church and the 10th in the West. It was only in the 16th century however that it was added to the calendar of the universal Church as a mark of thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Muslim Turks near Belgrade on August 6. August 6 is also commemorated around the world as Hiroshima Day, the anniversary of the day in 1945 when the terrifying new technology of atomic weapons was used for the first time, altering the course of history. In the Eastern tradition the first subject that icon painters tackle on entering into their calling is the Transfiguration, using brilliant gold colours to depict Jesus as Light from Light, true God from true God. The light from Christ's robes is always shown cascading onto the clothes of the apostles as a sign of their (and our) share in Christ's glory.

The first reading for the feast of the Transfiguration is an apocalyptic passage from the Book of Daniel which speaks of the splendour of the Son of Man. As with all solemnities and feasts, and in contrast to most Sundays of the year, the second reading is chosen to fit with both the first reading and the Gospel. The passage comes from the second letter of Peter which was written in times of persecution and false teaching. The writer encourages his readers to be faithful to Jesus and his way until he comes again. Because the Gospel reading for the second Sunday of Lent is always the account of the Transfiguration of Christ, next Sunday we will hear Matthew's version (17:1-9) for the second time this year.

The Transfiguration offers hope – then and now. At the end of his time on earth Jesus went up a mountain and there was nailed to a cross. The earlier events on a mountain were intended to give the disciples a glimpse of who Jesus really was and hence sustain them. We too have already been shown what awaits the faithful follower – transfiguration into glory. We can take up the cross of discipleship with courage because we have the promise of resurrection and know that by 'listening to him' we help establish the reign of God. This is expressed (somewhat convolutedly) in the Preface of the feast: For he revealed his glory in the presence of chosen witnesses and filled with the greatest splendour that bodily form which he shares with all humanity, that the scandal of the Cross might be removed from the hearts of his disciples and that he might show how in the body of the whole Church is to be fulfilled what so wonderfully shone forth first in its Head. *From Liturgy Lines, Elizabeth Harrington*

Parish Diary

National Vocation Awareness Week, 6th to 13th August

Monday 7th August

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11am-1pm Orange Sky Laundry, OLR Kenmore
- 1:00pm Mah-jong, St Catherine's Moggill

Tuesday 8th August – *St Mary of the Cross*

- 9:15am Feast Day Mass, OLR Kenmore

Wednesday 9th August – *Clergy Convocation 2023*

- 8:30am Little Rosies Play Group, OLR School
- 9.15am **No Mass** – All clergy at convocation
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill

Thursday 10th August – *St Lawrence,*

Clergy Convocation 2023

- 9:15am **No Mass** – All clergy at convocation
- 7:00pm Youth Band Practice, OLR Kenmore

Friday 11th August – *St Clare*

- 9:15am **No Mass today**
- 3:00pm Primary School Youth Group Launchpad, CCC Hall OLR School
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group Magnify, CCC Hall OLR School

Saturday 12th August

- 8am-12pm Working Bee, OLR School Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Kenmore

Sunday 13th August – *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Youth Band Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 11:00am Morning Tea, OLR Kenmore
- 11:30am 1st Communion & Penance Session, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Kenmore

Our full electronic Parish newsletter is emailed each week by subscribing at <http://bit.ly/olrflock>

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for The Transfiguration of the Lord <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20230806/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 **Marjorie Bond, Matthew Avery**, and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Dr Frances Leggatt** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Pat Nelson**, Thomas Abraham, Eli Bartlett, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Stephen Jones, Noupahn Phanthavong, 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, 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.

Mass for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross

This **Tuesday 8th August** we celebrate a special **9:15am Mass at OLR Church Kenmore** for the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, in honour of the first and only Australian saint. We invite you to join us as we take time to reflect on Mary's life and the immeasurable impact her devotion and calling has had throughout this country.

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of BVM

Monday 14th August, Vigil Mass will be held at 6:45pm at St Catherine's Mass Centre, Moggill.

Tuesday 15th August, Mass will be held at 9:15am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore

Clergy Convocation

This coming week the clergy of the Archdiocese gather with Archbishop Mark Coleridge for their annual convocation. This year's focus will be the sustainability of communities and the future path for parishes, deaneries, and the Archdiocese. We pray for this important gathering on Wednesday and Thursday.

Maranatha Prayer Group

OLR Church Kenmore at 7pm - 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday of the month. Contact Sonia 0431259150 All welcome.

Parish Connect Faith Formation Series

Includes morning tea, video presentation, discussion, quiet time for reflection/prayer. First Sunday of each month at Saint Catherine's Mass Centre at Moggill from 9am to 11am. All welcome.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms by appointment. One Baptism per family Saturdays 11:00am or 11:45am at OLR Church Kenmore. Contact the Parish office via email or phone to enquire.

Youth Ministry

Primary School Launch Pad 3:00pm & High School Magnify 6:30pm Fridays in the CCC Hall at OLR School in Term 3. If you're new and keen to come along to Launch Pad or Magnify just fill out a quick [online registration form](#)

Scam Text Alert

Please be aware that some parishioners have recently received scam text messages from an international phone number purporting to be from Fr Mark requesting an urgent response or the purchase of gift cards. Do not respond, simply delete these messages.

Christmas Fair and Carols

Our Lady of the Rosary is hosting and co-ordinating the Community Christmas Fair and Carols on **Sunday 3rd of December at the CCC Hall and surrounds at OLR School** with more details to follow soon. This event is supported by the combined Kenmore Christian Churches and the Brisbane City Council. If you would like to be part of the organising group or can assist in other ways, please email the Parish on kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

Your Parish Offering

Your financial support of the Parish is important. Your giving enables the provision of Mass, sacraments, ministries, evangelisation, outreach, property upkeep and administration services which support our vision:

"To be a welcoming and inclusive community, sharing God's kingdom with all."

We have various methods available to make your financial gift, including regular bank deduction, electronic funds transfer, Mass collections, giving boxes and electronic tap devices at our churches. Contact the office for more info.

EFT Giving: OLR Parish Bank Details

BSB 064 786 – Account Number 100001192

Reference – Name & Giving or Purpose of Gift

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

On behalf of the Our Lady of the Rosary Kenmore conference, I would like to thank parishioners for their generosity this year in giving to the recent Winter Appeal. **In excess of \$5,750.00 was raised** and will assist the conference with its work in the Kenmore Moggill Parish. Michael Fitzgerald, President

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: Phone 1800 846 643

Email helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au

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
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