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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

15th October 2023

Pastor's Message

This weekend's scriptures invites us all to raise our sights, and our hearts, when thinking of the future. Beyond this present life, God has planned a great future for all of us. Isaiah's prophecy of the heavenly banquet is an invitation to think of our eternal destiny. There is more to live for than what we see in this present world, interesting and challenging though it is. What really counts, indeed, is whether we succeed in reaching our eternal happiness with God. Perhaps our predecessors in the faith had a stronger sense of the afterlife than we have today. Like Saint Paul, they believed that history is in God's hands and that divine justice will have the last say. Difficulties in one's present life could then be seen as growth-pains, or as a means of purifying the spirit from selfishness and sin. Under it all, the world was "in travail," in process of bringing a new era into existence. So it was that Paul—and many other men and women of faith—could be inwardly at peace, no matter how hard the circumstances in which they found them-selves. We can "do all things in Him who strengthens us," if we hold on to the hope of everlasting life.

The eternal banquet must not be abandoned as so much "pie in the sky"! Christians don't literally expect to sit down to an everlasting meal, an eternal eating and drinking festival somewhere in space. While heaven is described in vivid images, we realize that "eye has not seen ... nor can the human heart imagine, what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor 2:9.) Still, the banqueting atmosphere of friendly relations is a good image for that perfect loving communion with God and with others towards which our lives are destined.

Jesus emphasises that this wedding-banquet is open to all people indeed, that God sends his messengers out to scour the highways and byways in order to fill his house with guests. It is a comforting thought that God wants us to be saved, even more than we do ourselves. On the other hand, there is a special wedding-garment that must be worn. This is the level of personal commitment required, in order to accept our place at the wedding feast. I like to think that this refers primarily to community spirit, an ability to share our well-being with other people, in the presence of God. Though founded on faith in God's creative love, Christian hope retains a strong ethical dimension. Our wedding-garment is therefore being woven daily, by the quality of our interaction with others. In this sense, we hold tomorrow in our own hands, as with the help of God's grace we build our own eternal future.

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin

Parish Diary

Monday 16th October – *Parish Office Closed*

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

Tuesday 17th October – *St Ignatius of Antioch*

- 7:00pm Parish Finance Council, Kenmore

Wednesday 18th October – *St Luke*

- 8:30am Little Rosie's Play Group, OLR School
- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm Christmas Carols Committee Meeting

Thursday 19th October

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:00am Funeral (Teresa Greenaway) OLR Kenmore
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group, Kenmore

Friday 20th October

- 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 21st October – *Catholic Mission Appeal*

- 9:00am Altar Servers Training, OLR Kenmore
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Kenmore
- 11:45am Baptism, OLR Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Kenmore

Sunday 22nd October – *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Catholic Mission Appeal

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Kenmore (Morning Tea)
- 11:30am Readers of the Word Preparation Session, OLR Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Kenmore

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**St Vincent de Paul Helpline Phone 1800 846 643
Email helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au**

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20231008/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 **Teresa Greenaway, Margaret Wright, Bob Fleming** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Francis Ribeiro, Stewart Behan, Alicea Longford, Mary Logan, Kay Bernoth, Pat Nelson, Eli Bartlett, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Stephen Jones, Noupanh 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.

Funeral Notice

A Funeral Service for Teresa Greenaway will be celebrated on Thursday 19th October at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. May she rest in peace.

Hospitality

Morning Tea at St Catherine's Moggill after 8:00am Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month and at OLR Kenmore after 9:45am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Please bring along a plate to share. All welcome.

Readers of the Word Workshops

- Sunday 22nd October from 11:30am – 12:30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore.

If you have not already signed up to attend a workshop, all new and current readers are invited to attend the remaining workshop being provided by the Parish.

If you have not notified us of your planned attendance at this final sessions, please email us at: kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

New Baptismal Font at OLR

Some time ago we were generously gifted a marble baptismal font from another Parish which had been sitting in storage unused. The intention was to install it permanently at Our Lady of the Rosary Church as a piece of liturgical furniture befitting the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism. Repair and restoration works were needed on the font which have been completed by Queensland Heritage Masonry who will be installing the font in the coming week. It will be placed in a prominent position at the foot of the sanctuary and will be a physical reminder of our baptismal promises. We are on track to celebrate over eighty baptisms this year and this new font will greatly enhance the celebration of the sacrament here at Our Lady of the Rosary as we initiate & welcome new Catholics, their families & friends.

Catholic Mission Appeal (21st/22nd October)

In one week, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale.

This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.

Car Wash Fundraiser (28th Oct – 8am – 12pm)

This year our youth will once again be running a car wash to raise funds for the important work that Emmanuel City Mission are doing for the vulnerable. The Car Wash will operate between 8:00am and 12:00pm on Saturday the 28th of October. Please put that date in your calendar and bring your dirty car or cars along. There will be a sausage sizzle and soft drinks for sale and tunes while you wait for your shiny car, all for a great cause. Parents, if your high schooler is willing and able to help, please contact the Youth Coordinator, John, at youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

Feast of All Saints & All Souls

All Saints' Feast Day Mass:

- Wednesday 1st November – 9:15am Mass, Kenmore

All Souls' Feast Day Masses:

- Thursday 2nd November – 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill & 6:30pm Mass, Kenmore

November Intention Envelopes

This weekend, November envelopes will be at the Churches for the Month of the Holy Souls and the Book of Life. Please place them in the Collection Boxes at Mass or drop them into the Parish Office before the 2nd November.

Daily Mass Book & Break Open the Word 2024

Cost of each book is \$26.00

If you are interested in purchasing one of these books, please email the Parish at kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

Your Parish Offering

Your financial support of the Parish is important.

Your giving provides for our Clergy, Mass, sacraments, ministries, evangelisation, outreach, properties, and administration which supports our vision:

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

NEW TAP DEVICES AVAILABLE AT OLR KENMORE

These two new devices will allow you to select from three predetermined donation amounts of \$10, \$20 or \$30 or another amount of your choice! They will supplement the existing tap devices which will continue to enable a simple tap to give a fixed amount of \$10.

EFT Giving to OLR Parish

BSB 064 786 – Account Number 100001192

Reference – Name & Giving or Purpose of Gift

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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