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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

5th November 2023

Pastor's Message

In today's second reading of St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians St Paul issues a challenge to all Christians. We are supposed to live up to what we say we are, followers of Christ. We are, in a single word, called to live by love, love in its deepest and Christian sense.

This word "Love" is much bandied about but less frequently understood and practiced. Jesus gave the supreme example of its real meaning in his life, death and resurrection. But he did not die and rise in order to prevent or excuse us from sharing personally in his selfless experience. If we are to be redeemed, if we are to be Christians with Him, we must in our turn undergo death and resurrection. We must practise what we preach! We must mean what we say and do what we mean. In the play 'A Man for All Seasons' there is a scene in which Margaret, the daughter of Thomas More, pleads with her father to cease his opposition to Henry VIII and swear to the Act of Succession. So, a lie will save his life and be released from jail. But More is unwilling to do something he doesn't believe in. He says: *"If we lived in a State where virtue was profitable, common sense would make us good and greed would make us saintly.. But since in fact we see that avarice, anger, envy, pride, sloth, lust and stupidity commonly profit us far beyond humility, chastity, fortitude, justice and thought, and we have to choose to be human at all.. why then perhaps we must stand fast a little—even at the risk of being heroes."* Margaret, emotionally, still begs him to compromise: *"Haven't you done as much as God can reasonably want?"* And her father replies in words that should be written in gold: *"Well.. finally.. it isn't a matter of reason; finally it's a matter of love."*

This is the love that Christ spoke about and practised. In the end we shall be judged on that alone. Our often failed efforts to bring direction and meaning to our aimless lives will—if touched by the love of God and expressed through genuine service of our fellow human beings—have an eternal value.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 6th November – *Parish Office Closed*

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

Tuesday 7th November

Wednesday 8th November

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

Thursday 9th November – *The Dedication of the Latern Basilica*

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:00pm Youth Band Practice, OLR Kenmore

Friday 10th November – *St Leo the Great*

- 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 11th November – *St Martin of Tours*

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

Sunday 12th November – *32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20231105/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 **Marian Sequeria** 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, 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.

Parish Hamper Appeal

Commencing this weekend (4th/5th Nov)

It's time again for our Christmas Hamper Appeal! Last year we had an outstanding effort to help 95 families, with some support for Emmanuel City Mission as well. This year we are using the same process as last year, supporting the Saint Vincent de Paul Conferences in Kenmore, Inala, Toowoomba and Roma. Hampers for the Kenmore-Moggill families will be made up from donations from the school. Those donations – which are always very generous – will also support Inala and ECM. Thank you, in anticipation, for your generosity again this year!

With Expectant Hearts Book 2023

A 22-day reflection resource for Advent during the 2023-2024 liturgical year. This year's Advent resource invites us to explore more deeply what it means to allow God to come to birth in us. We have developed "With Expectant Hearts" to help us enter a new liturgical year, the journey of faith that stretches before us. The spiritual nourishment God seeks to give us now will come to birth in us through the entire year if we can open our hearts in response to it.

These books are available from this weekend at both churches - \$6.00 each.

Car Wash Fundraiser – Thank You

The annual car wash was a smashing success, with lots of fun, clean cars and a great community atmosphere.

Thanks to the parishioners and wider community that supported our fundraiser.

Thanks to all the volunteers who came to help out on Saturday morning. Because of their efforts we were able to raise **\$1459 for Emmanuel City Mission.**

God Bless, John Foxon

Christmas Choir

Calling all singers to register for the Combined Churches Carols on Sunday 17th December 2:00pm to 4:30pm at the OLR Parish School.

Young and old are invited to contact the Parish Office on kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au to register your interest.

Choir Practices are set down for Saturday 2nd December 9:00am – 10:30am and Saturday 9th December 9:00am – 10:30am at the OLR Church, Kenmore.

Vinnies QLD Bushfire Appeal

As bushfires continue to destroy homes across the Western Downs, our Society has [reinstated the Bushfire Appeal](#) to help those who have lost their homes and livelihoods in the blaze.

The funds raised from the Bushfire Appeal will help our Members and Volunteers as they continue to support fire-impacted Companions with their long-term recovery. This is the second time this year this region has been devastated by bushfires. If anyone asks you how they can help our Society support victims of these bushfires, more information and a donation link for the Appeal is available at qld.vinnies.org.au/bushfire2023

As many areas across Queensland are currently at a high fire risk, we are continuing to monitor the situation in case further support is needed in other regions. Our experience with disaster support has told us that help is especially needed for longer-term recovery in the weeks and months following the event. Our teams in the Toowoomba and Brisbane Diocese are currently working together to continue assistance to fire-impacted families in the Western Downs. My thanks to our members and staff from nearby Conferences in Dalby, Chinchilla, Miles and Toowoomba for their continued support of families in impacted communities. If you have any questions about the Bushfire Appeal, please contact disaster.fund@svdpqld.org.au

The Catholic Leader

The November 2023 edition of the Catholic Leader will be available at both churches this weekend - \$4.00 each.

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.

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.

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