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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

12th November 2023

Pastor's Message

In the Jewish tradition, belief in resurrection after death did not gain acceptance until the first century before Christ. But there was belief in a shadowy existence of the departed in a place called Sheol, where they could neither know God nor praise him. If we take the Book of Ecclesiastes, for example, written about 300 B.C., we find its author agreeing, yes, there can be a certain happiness in eating, drinking and being content with one's work while on earth, but because of the futility of earthly pursuits and possessions, there is in human beings a God-given yearning for something deeper, especially for the meaning of all experience and all time. And God is the only one who is wise, the only one who knows.

In a chapter full of vivid imagery, the author of Ecclesiastes describes how, without being touched in the least by the passing of man to his eternal abode, the things of nature carry on with their own pursuits. Even those who mourn the passing from this life of one of their own are already walking to and from in the street before, as the writer says, "the silver cord is snapped, or the golden lamp (of life) is broken, or before the dust returns to the earth from whence it came, and the spirit to God who gave it." There is some element in each person which this world is not worthy to retain; it is of God, and after its sojourn here it returns to God.

The greatest change in attitude to life hereafter came about with belief in the resurrection of Christ. "For us," St Paul wrote to the Philippians 3:20), "our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the Saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these lowly bodies of ours into copies of his own glorious body." We should not therefore, remain without understanding concerning those close to us who have passed away.

St Monica was always anxious to be buried alongside her husband, but when she was dying at Ostia, the port of Rome, she made this last request to her son, Augustine, "Lay this body anywhere," she said, "let it not be a care to you. This only I ask of you, that you would remember me at the Lord's altar wherever you may be." We too should keep in mind that in death life is changed, not ended. This is our Christian hope; this is our God-given trust.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 13th November – *Parish Office Closed*

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

Tuesday 14th November

- 9:00am Principal Interviews, OLR School

Wednesday 15th November

- 8:30am Little Rosie's Play Group, OLR School
- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:00am Funeral Mass (Zeny Camilleri), OLR Kenmore

Thursday 16th November

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

Friday 17th November – *St Elizabeth of Hungary*

- 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 18th November

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

Sunday 19th November – *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Kenmore (Children's Liturgy)
- 11:00am Training for Communion Ministers, OLR Kenmore
- 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: Wisdom 6:12-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20231112/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 **Zeny Camilleri** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Norma Force, Maria Carreira, Edward Thistlethwaite** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Prasad Matthew, Francis Ribeiro, Stewart Behan, Alicea Longford, Mary Logan, Kay Bernoth, Pat Nelson, Eli Bartlett, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Stephen Jones, Nouphanh 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 Mass for **Zeny Camilleri** will be celebrated on Wednesday 15th November at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. May she rest in peace.

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.

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

Communion Ministers Training

Training for Communion Ministers will be held on Sunday 19th November from 11:00am – 12:00pm at OLR Kenmore.

The Catholic Leader

From 2024 the print edition of the Catholic Leader will move to a subscription-only model. Once you have subscribed, the paper will be conveniently delivered to your door each month. Subscribe now to take advantage of the special offer and also to go into a weekly prize draw! Call (07) 3324 3555 or go to <https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe/>

Parish Hamper Appeal

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!

We ask you to select from lists of nominal families. This helps us keep track of the response. The lists, along with other information, will be available on the Church veranda after each Mass during November. You can support the entire family, as many of you have done in the past, or provide partial support.

Similar to last year, we expect to provide some assistance for Emmanuel City Mission (ECM) for the homeless, either through donations you designate specifically for ECM or through undesignated donations once we have met our targets for the other areas.

There are several ways for you to donate:

- Donation of gift cards – our aim is \$250 for each nominal family (\$200 for food items and \$50 for a Christmas gift). Please purchase gift cards that cannot be used at liquor outlets. Donations for Roma recipients are to be Woolworths or IGA Gift Cards only. For the other recipients, gifts cards for Coles or Aldi are also accepted.
- Cash donations
- EFTPOS via the Parish Office in person or by phone
- Direct Deposit Donations to the Parish Bank Account (**Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve BSB: 064 786 Account: 100001192**) to be identified as "Hamper Appeal", "Hampers ROMA", or if for a particular selected family "Hampers TWBA 1", or "Hampers ECM"

If you are not using electronic transfers, please return your donation to the Parish Giving Box in the Church, place it on the Collection Plate at Mass, or drop it off at the Parish Office. Place the colour-coded tab(s) in the envelope or write the selected family or area (e.g., TWBA 1) on the envelope. Please note that donations must be designated for the Hamper Appeal to distinguish them from regular Parish Giving. The Pay-wave option in the Churches cannot be used for the Hamper Appeal.

Whichever way you choose to donate, please provide or return donations by Monday 27th November. As every year, your generosity to the Hamper Appeal will be greatly appreciated. Just to remind Parishioners that the Parish Hamper appeal can NOT give a tax-deductible receipt for any money the Parish receives. If parishioners require a tax-deductible receipt we suggest that they contribute to the separate St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal in December.

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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