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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

19th November 2023

Pastor's Message

Next weekend, on the last Sunday of the liturgical year (26th November this year) the Church celebrates the solemnity of Christ the King, or "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe", as it is now called in the Roman calendar. The feast was instituted by Pius IX in 1925 as a way of countering the increasing atheism and secularisation of society. It was an assertion of Christ's sovereignty over all human societies and institutions.

The kingship of Christ is not about the power or splendour often associated with royalty. The Preface for the Feast describes Christ's Kingdom as "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace".

The emphasis on the cosmic nature of Christ's kingship is seen in today's Collect: Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe; grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

With so much division and conflict in the world at present, the Prayer over the Offerings is particularly appropriate:

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace.

In the Prayer after Communion we look forward to eternal life with Christ our King:

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom.

The first reading and the psalm for the feast this year (year A) use the image of God as shepherd of Israel who defends the just and upholds the weak. The concluding verse of the reading from Ezekiel presents the shepherd as judge and provides a link with the Gospel reading for the day in which Christ judges all people according to how they have treated the poor and the powerless.

The second reading from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians makes the connection between Christ's kingship and his resurrection. Death came through Adam; resurrection comes through Christ. Paul proclaims his conviction that, at the end of time, the risen Christ will do away with every other authority and have power even over death itself. This will be the final establishment of the kingdom of God. **God Bless, Fr Mark**

Parish Diary

Monday 20th November – *Parish Office Closed*

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

Tuesday 21st November – *The Presentation of BVM*

- 7:00pm Parish Finance Council Meeting, OLR Kenmore

Wednesday 22nd November – *St Cecilia*

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm Christmas Carols Meeting, OLR Kenmore

Thursday 23rd November

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 2:15pm John Bates Farewell Liturgy, OLR Kenmore
- 6:00pm Youth Adoration, OLR Kenmore

Friday 24th November – *Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and companions*

- 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 25th November

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

Sunday 26th November – *Christ the King*

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

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Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Proverbs 31:10-13*

2nd Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20231119/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 **Stan Churchill** and all those who have died recently.

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

Sick: Please pray for **Matty Gleeson**, 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.

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.

Safeguarding News

Over recent weeks we have been following up on a review of the Parish safeguarding audit of earlier this year. This has resulted in a rationalisation of roles and requirements which will streamline our compliance processes and simplify the documentation required of our volunteers. Many volunteer roles not directly engaging with children or at-risk adults will no longer need to complete documentation previously required.

Over the last week those volunteers who continue to need Blue Cards, Police Checks, Safeguarding Training and other documentation, as part of their volunteer roles, have been contacted where these items are in need of updating. This is determined based on the latest Safeguarding Matrix.

We thank all those who have responded to requests to update their documentation and ask those yet to respond to do so in the coming week.

Every volunteer is valued and appreciated, and we all have a responsibility to make our Parish a safe place for all. Should you have any concerns or questions regarding your volunteer role and any safeguarding requirements to perform that role, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish office.

Thank you on behalf of Fr Mark to all our volunteers.

Regards, Michael Finch, Parish Manager

OLR Young Adult Adoration Evening

Thursday 23rd November from 6:00pm – 7:30pm at OLR Church, Kenmore. The vision behind this event is pretty simple, we just want to get together as a young adult community to spend some intimate time with the Lord. We'll have a time of praise, accompanied by music as well as a quiet time to be still in Jesus' presence. There will also be the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confession. Afterwards you're more than welcome to join us as we go out for dinner. Hope to see you there. *God Bless, John Foxon*

NET Ministries – Joshua Foxon

Hello fellow parishioners, my name is Joshua Foxon, if you're not already familiar with myself and my family we are long time parishioners of the OLR parish, and I am writing this short message to introduce myself and tell you a bit about NET Ministries. I am 18 years old and have very recently graduated my senior year at Marist College Ashgrove, I have also been involved with magnify, our parish youth group, as well as attended numerous youth targeted catholic events such as Ignite Summer Camp, and conference in recent years. Over the past few years thanks to events such as these and my Parish involvement I have been able to grow in my relationship with God and explore my faith in a profound way. As a result of this I feel called to evangelise. One way that I can do this is through NET ministries, an organisation focused on delivering an authentic message of the gospel to young people through personal testimonies and shared experiences. In the coming weeks I will be speaking at the end of Mass to give you more details on my upcoming year on mission with NET ministries in 2024 and fundraising goals that must be met in order for me to participate in this mission. If you have any questions don't be afraid to ask, thank you for your ongoing support and prayers

God Bless, Josh Foxon

On 25th/26th November, Josh will be speaking at all Masses about his journey towards NET and how you can support him prayfully and financially. We will have envelopes at both churches that weekend to accept donations for his year on NET as we have for previous parish youth. Thank you for your support.

New Principal Appointment – Paul Rees

Dear Parishioners, I am pleased to inform the Parish community of the appointment of the new principal at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish school from 2024. Mr Paul Rees has been appointed to follow Mr John Bates. Paul is currently Assistant Principal Administration at Francis Xavier Primary at Runaway Bay on the Gold Coast. Paul has been an Assistant Principal Religious Education, APA and acting Principal in previous roles and is very experienced in leadership at various Brisbane Catholic Education schools. We welcome and pray for Paul as he begins his transition to our Parish school.

Fr Mark Franklin

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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