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Christ the King

Year A

26th November 2023

Pastor's Message

Next weekend is the first Sunday of the Season of Advent and violet vestments and hangings will be used instead of the green of Ordinary Time (actually, white replaced green this Sunday for the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe).

Advent is a period of four Sundays, not four weeks as we sometimes think, and this year Advent is just 23 days long. On Sunday 24th December we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Vigil Masses begin that evening.

There was a tendency in the past to consider Advent to a penitential season like Lent, but the document "General Norms of the Liturgical Year and the Calendar" describes Advent as "a period for devout and joyful expectation" (GNLYC # 39, emphasis added).

Watching in joyful hope is what the Season of Advent is all about. We are "in-between" people: we live in the time between Christ's incarnation at Bethlehem and his return "in glorious majesty" at the end of time.

In this interim age we have much cause for rejoicing. Salvation, redemption, the hope of eternity is ours. If we focus on reliving history, on baby Jesus in the manger, we may miss Christ speaking to us today in our everyday lives.

The texts of Advent – the scripture readings, prefaces and prayers – are some of the richest treasures of the Church's liturgy and can draw us into the true spirit and purpose of the Advent season.

During Advent, as in every liturgy, we offer thanks and praise for the saving actions of God in the past, we celebrate the presence of the risen Christ with us today and we look for the day when Christ will return in glory.

In all three years of the lectionary cycle, the Sunday readings for Advent follow the same pattern: on the first Sunday, the return of the Lord; on the second, John the Baptist's call to conversion; on the third, the relationship of John to Jesus; on the fourth, Mary and the events immediately preceding Christ's birth.

As these readings show, the first three weeks of Advent focus on Christ's second coming at the end of time. It is only from December 17th that the readings and prayers of the Mass start to refer directly to the birth of Christ.

God Bless, Fr Mark

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Parish Diary

Monday 27th November – *Parish Office Closed*

- 9:00am Christmas Hamper Sorting, OLR Kenmore
- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 1:00pm Mahjong, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 6:00pm Year 6 Graduation Ceremony, CCC, OLR School

Tuesday 28th November

- 6:30pm Memorial Mass (Zeny Camilleri), OLR Kenmore

Wednesday 29th November

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:00pm School Christmas Carols Concert

Thursday 30th November – *St Andrew*

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

Friday 1st December – *Last day of School and Kindy*

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 11:00am End of Year Liturgy OLR School
- 12:00pm OLR School Closes – Student Pick-Up
- 6:00pm Adoration, OLR Chapel
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify), CCC, OLR School

Saturday 2nd December

- 9:00am Christmas Carols Practice, OLR Kenmore
- 11:00am Baptisms, OLR Kenmore
- 11:45am Baptisms, OLR Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Kenmore

Sunday 3rd December – *1st Sunday of Advent*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:00am Morning Tea and Adult Education, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Kenmore (Children's Lead Mass)
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Kenmore

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Ezekial 34:11-12*

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

Gospel: *Matthew 25:31-46*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the Christ the King: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20231126/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 all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Les Pedley** and 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, 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 Christmas Hamper Appeal

This is the final weekend for our Christmas Hamper Appeal!

Thank you to all the parishioners who have once again responded so generously to the appeal so far. If you would still like to donate to the Appeal, please use a donation envelope at the Church entrance or make a direct deposit to the Parish Bank Account. No matter how small, every donation helps towards our goal of supporting 85 needy families from Toowoomba, Roma, and Kenmore as well as the homeless served by Emmanuel City Mission.

As a reminder, there are several ways to donate:

- **Gift card donations** (Woolworths, Coles, IGA, Aldi): preferably purchase *gift cards without liquor outlets* listed on the back of the cards. Please place the gift cards in a Hamper Appeal envelope and place it on the Collection Plate or in the Parish Giving Box at Mass this weekend.
- **Cash donations:** If you would like to make a cash donation at Mass this weekend, please take an envelope as you enter the Church and place your donation in the Parish Giving Box.
- **Direct Deposit Donations to the Parish Bank Account** (Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve BSB: 064 786 Account: 100001192). Please identify the donation as "Hamper Appeal."

Whichever way you choose to donate, please return donations by this Monday 27th November. May God reward your generosity to the Hamper Appeal with abundant blessings this Christmas season.

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

NET Ministries

This weekend, Josh and Xavier Foxon will be speaking at all Masses about their upcoming year on mission with NET in 2024 and how you can support them prayerfully and financially.

We will have envelopes at both churches this weekend to accept donations for their year on NET as we have for previous parish youth.

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Thank you for your support.

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.

Christmas Nativity Play

Christmas Nativity Play at **4:00pm Vigil Mass 24th December at Kenmore**. If your children would like to be part of the nativity play, please register by emailing the Parish Office: kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au. Practice soon to be confirmed.

Graduation Congratulations

Congratulations to the Year 6 Students at Our Lady of the Rosary School who will celebrate their graduation on Monday evening. We pray for them and their families and wish them well.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on **Friday 8th December at 9:15am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore**.

Kenmore Combined Churches Christmas Carols & Fair

Sunday 17th December from 2:00pm, Carols from 3:00pm at the Carroll Community Centre, Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kenmore. Activities for all ages, fun Christmas things to do, carols, face painting, crafts, free sausage sizzle, refreshments, ice cream & much more!

Helpers need to set up for Combined Churches Christmas Carols & Fair

If you can assist with setting up the CCC Hall for the Carols on Saturday 16th December, please let the Parish Office know via kenmore@bne.catholic.net.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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Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au

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