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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Year B

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

### Pastor's Message

Advent reminds us of the three comings of the Lord — the coming in history over 2000 years ago; the coming in glory at the end of time when God's dream for humankind will be realised; the coming in mystery in the happenings of daily life.

If we can learn in these weeks of Advent the importance of patient waiting we have learned one of the great lesson in life. This is hard for us, especially in the West. We live in an instant age — instant food, instant this, that and the other. We even speed up nature: with artificial light we fool the hens to lay two eggs a day! We are in too much of a hurry in having every possible experience too early in life. The most important things in life cannot be rushed and require patient waiting. Patient waiting is required from the mother to bring the child to birth, and then from babyhood to adulthood; the teacher requires it with students; our leaders requires it when making important decisions, and everybody requires it to build loving relationships. We wait not mournfully, but in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*God Bless, Fr Mark*

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
We watch and wait*

Our **Advent wreath** is rich in symbolism. The circle of the wreath, without a beginning or an end, reminds us that God is eternal; His love for us is unending. The green of the wreath represents growth, renewal, the hope of eternal life. The candles symbolise the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His Son.

As we light an additional candle each Sunday the growing light reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, dispelling the darkness of our lives; it also calls us to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's love and grace to others.

This week we light the first **purple candle** symbolising HOPE. For many years the faithful looked forward to the coming of the Messiah. We look forward with eyes of faith to when He comes again.

### Parish Diary

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Parish Office Closed**

**Vacation Care Commences**

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

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – St Ambrose**

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

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Immaculate Conception BVM**

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify), CCC, OLR School

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

- 8:00am SVDP Meeting, OLR Kenmore
- 9:00am Christmas Carols Practice, OLR Kenmore
- 9:30am Prayer Gathering (Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane), St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Kenmore
- 11:45am Baptisms, OLR Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Kenmore

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Kenmore (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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8* 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Gospel: *Mark 13:33-37*

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20231203/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 **Cosmas De Saram** and all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Please remember **Uthai Tansacha** 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.

### Christmas Hamper Appeal – Thank You

**Thank you to our parishioners and the OLR School community for your amazing support of those needing help this Christmas season!**

In another difficult year for everybody, you have demonstrated your extremely generous spirit once again, even surpassing last year's generosity. Congratulations and **THANK YOU** for all of your donations to our OLR Christmas Hamper Appeal! The participation from the OLR Parish at Kenmore and Moggill and the School was truly outstanding. You donated **\$21,340** to support 88 families in the local area, in Toowoomba, and in Roma, as well as the homeless served by Emmanuel City Mission (ECM). The Christmas goodies and gifts donated by the school and others supported 15 families in the local community and made up 26 boxes of items for many needy families in Inala and those served by ECM. The many support groups receiving these donations are very, very grateful. Your donations have supported a truly wide range of people to have a brighter Christmas this year. Thank you so much for your generosity! May God bless you and your families over this Christmas season! *from the Christmas Hamper Committee*

### Christmas Nativity Play

Christmas Nativity Play at **4:00pm Vigil Mass 24<sup>th</sup> December at OLR Church 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](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au). Practice soon to be confirmed.

### The Catholic Leader

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

### OLR Parish & NET Ministries

Last weekend, Josh and Xavier Foxon spoke at the Masses about their upcoming year on mission with NET in 2024 and how you can support them prayerfully and financially. There are at both churches this weekend to accept donations for their year on NET as we have for previous parish youth. **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 "NET". Thank you for your support.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

### Christmas Choir

Calling all singers to register for the Combined Churches Carols on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au) to register your interest.

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

### Kenmore Combined Churches Christmas Carols & Fair

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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, snow cones & 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 16<sup>th</sup> December at 8:30am, please let the Parish Office know via [kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au)

### The Swag Magazine

**The Swag Magazine (Summer edition) will be available at both churches this weekend.** Features: Catholic school: Australia's ecclesial future; Has ACU has lost its right to be called Catholic; Children's Confession: constructive or destructive.

### Prayer Gathering – Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane

Come and be with God, praising, worshipping and listening. **Where:** St Catherine's Moggill  
**When:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 9:30am to 12:30pm  
For further details contact Len Airey, Mission Coordinator, CCR Brisbane. Email: [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com) or Phone: 0421 977 849.

## 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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