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2nd Sunday of Advent

Year B

10th December 2023

Pastor's Message

The call of John the Baptist is challenging but, ultimately, it is a consoling word, because the Lord to whom John calls on us to turn our hearts is not one who is here to judge us. Rather, he is one who has come to heal and renew us. The voice crying in the wilderness is, ultimately, a voice of consolation. In the opening words of Isaiah in today's first reading, 'Console my people, console them. Speak to the heart of Jerusalem.' At the end of that reading, Isaiah declares, 'Here is the Lord coming with power.' The word 'power' can have negative connotations for us.

It can suggest some kind of overbearing presence or a determination to dominate. Yet the power of the Lord that Isaiah speaks about is of a different kind altogether. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast, and leading to their rest the mother ewes who are soon to give birth. This is a very tender power; it is the power of a faithful and enduring love, a love that gathers and nurtures and gives rest. This is the God whom John the Baptist invites us to rediscover this Advent. It is this God who comes to us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

In the gospel, the Baptist refers to Jesus as 'more powerful than I am.' He is the more powerful one, in the sense that the first reading defines power. It is Jesus who gives full expression to God's tender love that brings healing to the broken, strength to the weak and rest to the weary.

It is this adult Jesus, now risen Lord, who's coming towards us and present to us we celebrate at Christmas. The Baptist calls us this Advent to prepare a way in our lives for the coming of this Lord, this Shepherd, in whom, as the Psalm says, mercy and faithfulness have met, justice and peace have embraced. This is the one we are called to meet this Advent, who can give meaning and depth to all our other encounters.

God Bless, Fr Mark

2nd Sunday of Advent *Our Gift to Jesus*

At Christmas time we exchange gifts with the people we love. So, this Christmas what will be our **gift to Jesus**, whose birthday we celebrate? Will it be a kind word to a family member or friend, a smile for a stranger, connecting with someone we haven't spoken to for a while, spending time with the Lord, letting go of past hurts or asking forgiveness? For our younger parishioners it might be helping out at home, playing nicely with brothers and sisters, cheering someone up by visiting them or giving them a hug. As we re-light the candle of hope, we also light the second **purple candle** of LOVE. We know that God is love. We remember with thankful hearts the gift of Jesus, who came as a babe in a manger, lived and loved among us, was killed on a cross, and arose! *Love endures forever.*

Parish Diary

Monday 11th December – *Parish Office Closed*

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

Tuesday 12th December

Wednesday 13th December – *St Lucy*

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

Thursday 14th December – *St John of the Cross*

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill

Friday 15th December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore

Saturday 16th December

- 8:30am Christmas Carols Set Up, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Kenmore
- 11:45am Baptism, OLR Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Kenmore

Sunday 17th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Kenmore
- 2:00pm Combined Christmas Carols, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Kenmore

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve 24th Dec

- 4:00pm Vigil Mass (Children's Mass) – Kenmore
- 5:30pm Vigil Mass – Kenmore
- 5:30pm Christmas Carols – Moggill
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass – Moggill
- 7:30pm Vigil Mass – Kenmore

Christmas Day 25th Dec

- 8:00am Mass – Moggill
- 9:45am Family Mass – Kenmore

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Is 40:1-5,9-11*

2nd Reading: *2 Pet 3:8-14*

Gospel: *Mk 1:1-8*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 2nd Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20231210/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 **Marina Petroni, Bill Rienecker, Paddy Murphy, Allan Warnick** 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.

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, 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 16th December at 8:30am, please let the Parish Office know via kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

Christmas Nativity Play

Christmas Nativity Play at **4:00pm Vigil Mass 24th 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.

Practice will be held on Saturday 23rd December at 9:30am at OLR Church, Kenmore.

Bridge Group

Bridge will break for Christmas from Monday 25th December, returning 22nd January 2024. Contact: Christine – 3378 4326

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

The Chapel at Kenmore is open Monday to Friday, 8:30am – 2:00pm, for private prayer. After-hours access is also available on application through the Parish office. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel is held on the first Friday of each month 6:00pm – 9:00pm – *All Welcome*.

SVDP Christmas Appeal

The Annual St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal will be taken up next weekend on the 16th/17th December at all the Parish masses.

Envelopes will be at both churches next weekend or you can go online to donate.

Position Available - OLR Kindergarten Assistant Educator

There is an Assistant Educator position available at the Our Lady of the Rosary Kindergarten Kenmore.

If you would like more information or to apply, please go to: <https://rb.gy/gj5lmu>

OLR Youth Groups

Primary School (Yr.4-6): Launch Pad Youth Group is held on Friday afternoons during the school term, from 3:00 – 4:30pm @ the CCC, OLR Primary School. **Recommencing Term 1 in 2024.**

High School (Yr.7-12): Magnify Youth Group is held on Friday evenings during the school term, from 6:30 – 8:30pm @ the CCC, OLR Primary School. **Recommencing Term 1 in 2024.**

Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

The Sacrament of Penance is held on Saturday afternoons (4:30pm – 4:50pm) or by appointment.

Simply email Fr Mark pp.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au or phone the Parish Office to book a time. Appointments are available following weekday Mass or at other times that are mutually suitable.

Reconciliation Mass

A Reconciliation Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 20th December at 6:00pm. Confessions prior to Mass from 5:00pm – 6:00pm – *All Welcome*.

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:

*“To be a welcoming and inclusive community,
sharing God’s kingdom with all.”*

We have various methods available to make your financial gift; bank deduction, electronic funds transfer, Mass collections, giving boxes and electronic tap devices at our churches.

For more information, please contact the parish manager on finchm@bne.catholic.net.au

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

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

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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