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3rd Sunday of Advent

Year B

17th December 2023

Pastor's Message

Today's readings are full of joy and hope. Israel radiates as a joyful bride coming to her bridegroom adorned for a lavish, oriental wedding. Paul's words to the Thessalonians continue the theme of hope and joy in a community that lives by the life of Christ. And St John, in the gospel, pictures the work of John the Baptist, who came to witness to God's light upon this earth. This is not a joyousness without responsibility. It's a joy that is found when people find and carry out their true mission in life. Isaiah speaks of one anointed and sent to bring good news to the oppressed – words that were adopted by Jesus to describe his own life's purpose – just as they should also be made real in the life of every Christian. Those privileged to share in Jesus' spiritual life must also share in his concerns and desires. The spiritual joy that marks the Christian faith, we are waiting for the coming of the Lord, and our entry into a life of eternal communion with God and our willingness to bear our share of the Christian work-load, to do our bit, in our time, to realise the goals of Jesus in our world. In these times of economic austerity and budget cuts that are endlessly debated, is no harm to be reminded of the blessings in our lives, our reasons to be joyful. For example the love we enjoy with our family and friends, the pleasure of meeting new people, of awakening some dormant talent by taking a course of adult education; the solidarity we feel in our local community when people willingly help their neighbours in their needs; the consolation to be found in prayer. There are many examples to illustrate God's blessing in our lives: reasons to be joyful. Like the writer C.S. Lewis, we too can be "surprised by joy," and re-discover gladness and meaning in life.

God Bless, Fr Mark

3rd Sunday of Advent
We wait with joy

The **third candle** we light today—the pink candle—symbolizes JOY at the approaching Advent of the Christ. It marks a shift from the more solemn tone of the first two Sundays of Advent that focus on preparation and hope, to a more joyous atmosphere of anticipation and expectancy.

The joy of Advent is different from the joy of Christmas. It is the **joy of anticipation** that builds over time ultimately coming to fruition on Christmas morning. It is Mary's joy that Luke describes in his Gospel. The joy she treasured in her heart, a memory of what Gabriel said to her. We can assume these memories were a joy to her in the quiet moments while she waited for the fulfilling of Gabriel's prophecy. Like Mary, we have the opportunity to fill our hearts with joy-filled moments spent with God as we too wait for the coming of the Saviour promised by Gabriel. These will become a storehouse of joy that will overflow into the celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. How will you share your joy?

Parish Diary

Monday 18th December – Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday 19th December

Wednesday 20th December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore & Confessions
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:00pm Confessions, OLR Kenmore

Thursday 21st December

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

Friday 22nd December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore (Confessions)

Saturday 23rd December

- 9:30am Nativity Play Practice, OLR Kenmore
- 11:00am Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Kenmore

Sunday 24th December – 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- **9:45am NO MASS**
- [See Christmas Mass Schedule](#)

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

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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Is 61:1-2, 10-11*

2nd Reading: *1 Thess 5:16-24*

Gospel: *Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 3rd Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20231217/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 **Angelita Casaysay** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Anthony Thomas, Lyn Crowley** 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, Noupanh Phanhavong, 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.

Confession Times

Confessions will be held on:

- Wednesday 20th December after 9:15am Mass and from 5:00pm to 6:00pm OLR Kenmore
- Friday 22nd December after 9:15am Mass at OLR Kenmore.
- Saturday 23rd December from 11:00am – 12:00pm at OLR Kenmore

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.

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.

Parish Office Closure for Christmas/New Year

Please note the Parish Office closes on Friday 22nd December at 2:00pm and reopens on Tuesday 16th January.

After Hours emergency phone 0418 785 440 will be active from 23rd December to the 6th January.

Fr Mark will be on leave from the 6th January to the 16th January so urgent calls should be directed to the Parish Manager on 0452 618 278 during this period.

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

SVDP Christmas Appeal

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

Envelopes will be at both churches or you can go online to donate: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

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>

Deanery News

In the new year, three Jesuits – Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Fr Greg Jacobs SJ and Fr Paul Fyfe SJ – will commence their ministry to Brisbane, with responsibility for the parishes of St Lucia, Toowong and Indooroopilly. We welcome them to both the Deanery and the Archdiocese.

Weekend Mass times will also change in those three Parishes in the New Year.

Saturday

- Vigil Mass 6:00pm – St Lucia

Sunday

- 7:00am – Toowong
- 8:00am – Auchenflower
- 8:30am – Indooroopilly
- 9:30am – St Lucia
- 5:00pm – Toowong

NET Fundraising – Thank You

Over recent weeks our Parish held an appeal in support of two young parishioners, Josh and Xavier, who are heading out on mission with NET Ministries in 2024. Josh and Xavier both spoke at Masses about their journey towards NET and how you can support them prayerfully and financially.

We are very pleased to advise that funds raised to help send these young men on mission next year total \$6,470.00 to date. Thank you to all those who responded so generously in support of Josh and Xavier. These funds will be shared equally between them towards their fundraising total of \$6,900 each.

Early next year we will have a special commissioning for Josh & Xavier before they head off to bring Jesus to the young people they encounter through NET.

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.

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

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
Parish Kindergarten	Director – Rebecca Handasyde	07 3720 1777	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au

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