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3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year B

21st January 2024

Pastor's Message

January 26th is of course Australia Day. Many parish communities will schedule Mass or another form of liturgy to celebrate Australia's national day and pray for our country. The focus of the liturgy is on praise and thanks for God's blessing on our land and people, the need for reconciliation for past and present injustices and divisions, and on seeking God's continued guidance for the future. Special texts incorporating images from the Australian landscape are provided for Mass on Australia Day including the Collect, Prayer over the Offerings, Preface, Prayer after Communion and Solemn Blessing. Those who are unable to participate in liturgy or Mass might like to incorporate the following in their personal prayer. "Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives." (Collect) "For from ancient times you made this land a home for many peoples, and became their rock of strength; when they were hungry, you gave them food, and when thirsty, water even in the desert." (Preface) "May God who formed our southern land be for you a rock of strength. May God who rules the great seas keep you safe in every storm. May God who made the skies above turn your darkness into light." (Solemn Blessing) The prayer after communion asks that our sharing in Communion might "grant us strength to walk together in the ways of justice". The Scripture readings approved for Australia Day speak of peace and justice, gentleness and mercy: "Integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings." (Isaiah 32: 17-18) There are numerous realities which might be included in the Prayers of the Faithful: Australians away from home, including troops serving overseas; the oppressed, poor and homeless; indigenous people; migrants and refugees; rural communities; our politicians and spiritual leaders; social justice issues. It is usual to see the Australian flag prominently displayed in the church on January 26th. Aboriginal motifs, Australian colours and Australian flowers and greenery can be incorporated in the worship environment on this day. The liturgy leads us into the rituals of sun, beach, races and family picnics which are also celebrated religiously on Australia Day. This year the Parish will come together for a Vigil Mass on Thursday 25th January 6.30pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore – this Vigil avoids the clash of the Australia Day Citizenship ceremony at OLR School on Friday morning.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 22nd January – OLR Kindy Recommences

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

Tuesday 23rd January – OLR School Recommences

Wednesday 24th January – St Francis de Sales

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 11:00am Funeral Mass (Mervyn Jarvis), OLR Kenmore

Thursday 25th January – The Conversion of St Paul

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 6:30pm Vigil Mass for Australia Day, OLR Kenmore

Friday 26th January – Australia Day Public Holiday

- 9:15am **NO Mass**
- 9:30am Citizenship Ceremony, CCC, OLR School

Saturday 27th January

- 8:30am Music Practice, OLR Kenmore
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Kenmore
- 11:45am Baptism, OLR Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Kenmore

Sunday 28th January – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Australia Day

A Vigil Mass for Australia Day will be held on Thursday 25th January at 6:30pm at OLR Kenmore – **All Welcome.**

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

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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

2nd Reading: **1 Cor 7:29-31**

Gospel: **Mk 1:14-20**

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240121/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 all those who have died recently.

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

Sick: Please pray for Joan Halvorson, 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, 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.

Funeral Notice

A Funeral Mass for **Mervyn Jarvis** will be celebrated on Wednesday 24th January at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. May he rest in peace.

Craft Group

Wednesdays at 9:15am at St Catherine's, Moggill.

Bridge Group

Resumes 22nd January

Mondays from 9:15am – 12:00pm at St Catherine's, Moggill.

Mah-jong Group

Resumes 22nd January

Mondays from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at St Catherine's, Moggill.

OLR Seniors Social Group

The OLR Seniors Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 10:00am at One Table Kenmore (41 Brookfield Rd, Kenmore). New members always welcome.

Hospitality

Morning Tea at St Catherine's Moggill after 8:00am Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month and at OLR Kenmore after 9:45am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Please bring along a plate to share. All welcome.

Wild Goose Series

Discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit

The Wild Goose series recommences on Sunday 4th February and will be held on the **first Sunday of each month at Saint Catherine's Mass Centre at Moggill from 9:00am to 11:00am**. The sessions are independent of each other so attendance at the whole series is not essential. **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.

As we head into 2024, we thank you for your financial support. For more information or to review your level or method of giving please feel free to contact the parish manager on finchm@bne.catholic.net.au

For electronic funds transfer our bank details are:

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve Account

BSB Number: 064 786

Account Number: 100001192

(Please include your name, planned giving number if applicable, or purpose, such as "Parish Giving")

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

The Chapel at Kenmore is open during office hours, Mon to Fri, 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.*

Year of Prayer 2024

The Holy Father has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee in 2025. Dioceses and Parishes are invited to promote initiatives to remind people of the centrality of both individual prayer and community prayer.

One idea might be for "pilgrimages of prayer" to be organised at a diocesan level – these would be effectively courses or 'schools of prayer' with monthly or weekly meetings, presided over by the local bishops, but open to the entire People of God. In addition, to help mark this year more fruitfully, the Dicastery for Evangelisation will publish a series of "Prayer Notebooks", with material taken from the many forms of prayer to be found in the rich Catholic tradition. Please keep a look out in the Parish Newsletters for prayer initiatives and celebrations in 2024.

Primary & Secondary Youth Groups

Resume Friday 2nd February

We will be recommencing both youth groups on the second Friday of the term (2/2/24). Myself and the leadership team are well rested and eager to get back into journeying alongside the young people of the parish. If you have any questions or enquiries, don't hesitate to reach out, my email is youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

If you are new and are looking to join in please register here:

[Youth Registration Form](#)

God bless, John Foxon

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 – Paul Rees	07 3378 2412	prees@bne.catholic.edu.au
Parish Kindergarten	Director – Rebecca Handasyde	07 3720 1777	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
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