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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

28th January 2024

Pastor's Message

In the not-too-distant past, Catholics felt confident that God's will for our faith and conduct is infallibly communicated by Pope and bishops, with the teaching authority given them by Christ himself. The doctrine of papal infallibility proclaimed in 1869, stressed the principle of authority so strongly that many felt unfree to make up their own minds on issues of faith or morals. Whenever controversy arose, we could expect a statement from the Magisterium to put the issue beyond doubt. Recently, many ordinary Catholics show a much lower respect for Church authority. Some welcome this greater freedom for individual conscience, while others long for a return to the clean-cut edge of dogma, defined and unquestionable. Perhaps we can get some light from today's Gospel, where Jesus "teaches with authority, and not as their scribes."

Our knowledge of God comes to us primarily from Jesus, the Word of God, who makes the Father known to us. If we pay attention to his gospel read at Mass, or give time to the private reading of holy scripture, the main lines of Our Lord's teaching will be clear enough. Apart from reading or hearing the word of the Gospel, we have the prompting and guidance of Christ's Spirit, if we take time to pray, reflect and let our conscience come awake in God's presence. And finally, to help us apply the message of Jesus to definite areas in our lives, we have the teaching ministry of the Church.

The only valid purpose of authority among Christians is to keep the Lord's word alive in the community, to keep us reminded of what Jesus said, and still says, to us his followers. God knows, we need such a reminder often enough, we tend to lower our ideals, and cool our devotion. We're often like a flock of straying sheep, needing the care of alert shepherds to hold us together, and keep us moving on the upward path. Yet, after listening with respect to what our leaders say — whether it be the Pope and bishops, or more locally the parish priest — each adult Christian must look into his or her conscience, to blend the official teaching into our personal faith in God. Under several papacies in the recent past, many worried about an excessive dogmatism, seeking to stretch of the boundaries of defined doctrine. Surely it is right to expect our leaders to ground their teaching in the well-springs of the Gospel. Yet somehow, beyond and beneath all authority in the Church, it is the prophetic authority of Christ himself, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Through him, in faith and loyalty, we can know with certainty what God the Father expects of us, and what we must do in order to gain eternal life. Just one thing is needed: to be willing to undertake whatever he shows us, no matter how difficult.

If Christ is God's fullest Word to us, we can have no reservations about doing what he says.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 29th January

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

Tuesday 30th January

- 9:00am OLR School Liturgy, OLR Kenmore
- 12:00pm Funeral Mass (**Therese Wickham**), OLR Kenmore
- 5:30pm School Parent Info Night, CCC, OLR School

Wednesday 31st January

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

Thursday 1st February

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 2:00pm Christmas Carols Review Meeting, OLR Kenmore
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer, OLR Church

Friday 2nd February – **The Presentation of the Lord**

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School Youth Group (Launch Pad), CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, OLR Chapel
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify), CCC Hall, OLR School

Saturday 3rd February

- 8:00am SVDP Meeting, OLR Kenmore
- 10:30am Baptism, OLR Kenmore
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Kenmore
- 11:45am Baptism, OLR Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Kenmore

Sunday 4th February – **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill (Morning Tea)
- 9:30am Wild Goose Series, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass OLR Kenmore

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Deut 18:15-20*

2nd Reading: *1 Cor 7:32-35*

Gospel: *Mk 1:21-28*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240128/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 **Gabriel Ruddy, Therese Wickham, Prasad Matthew** and all those who have died recently.

Rest of the Soul: Elizabeth Irene Paul

Anniversaries: Please remember **Alfonso Velosa** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Carlos Leyden**, Joan Halvorson, Francis Ribeiro, Stewart Behan, Alicea Longford, Mary Logan, Kay Bernoth, Pat Nelson, Eli Bartlett, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Stephen Jones, Noupahn Phanthavong, Elizabeth Shand, Hayley Shatkovsky, 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.

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.**

Primary & Secondary Youth Groups

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

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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")

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will be held on Friday 2nd February from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Kenmore.

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.*

There's Nothing Ordinary about Ordinary Time

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the last day of the liturgical season of Christmas Time. The Church's liturgical calendar then moves into Ordinary Time.

There are two parts to Ordinary Time. The first falls between the end of the Christmas season and the start of Lent, and the second between the Monday after Pentecost and the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent. Previously these Ordinary Time Sundays were designated Sundays "after Epiphany" or "after Pentecost". The name "Ordinary Time" for that part of the church year outside the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter is rather an unfortunate one. The word "ordinary" normally means something unexceptional or uninteresting. There is no such thing as "ordinary time" in Christian worship. The word "ordinary" as used in "Ordinary Time" means that the Sundays after the seasons of Christmas and Easter are counted in order, using *ordinal* numbers.

Ordinary Time is one of the liturgical seasons – the longest season of the church year. Its liturgical colour of green points to our Christian hope and life, entering into the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. Ordinary Time calls us to celebrate the presence of God in the ordinary patterns of human life.

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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