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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Pastor's Message

#### Reflection for Word of God Sunday by Fr Tom Elich.

For many decades, the Catholic Church in Australia has taken part in National Bible Sunday organised on the third Sunday in July by Bible Society Australia. It is good that this is an ecumenical event since all Christian Churches hold the Scriptures in common. It is always listed among the special commemorations in the official *Ordo*, but I suspect in recent times it has been largely ignored in many Catholic parishes. Towards the end of 2019, Pope Francis instituted a Sunday of the Word of God. This was put down for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. He chose this date because it is close to when the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the northern hemisphere. This timing is quite impractical for Australia. The dates get mixed up with the final weeks of the summer holidays, the return to school and the celebration of Australia Day. This is why, many years ago, we moved the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to the time between Ascension and Pentecost, which is generally in May. This raised the question of our date for the Sunday of the Word of God. It cannot easily be near to the Christian unity week because all the Sundays are taken up with Easter, Pentecost and the solemnities which follow. Should it coincide with National Bible Sunday in July? In any case, the Australian bishops have decided to keep it close to Pope Francis' day, so it will be the first Sunday in February. This means we can avail ourselves of any resources which the Holy See may produce.

**The Importance of the Word of God:** In fact, there were two documents about Scripture released by the Holy See on 30 September – one in 2019 and the other in 2020. They mark the 1600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St Jerome, the great Scripture scholar who prepared the definitive translation of the Bible into Latin. The first document institutes the Sunday of the Word of God, intended to help people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. The second gives an account of St Jerome, his scholarship, his faith and his "living and tender love" of the Word of God. Jerome is proposed as a model for inculturating the Gospel and discovering Christ for our time. Most are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: *"the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (Dei Verbum 21)."*

In the same vein, the second document quotes St Jerome: *"We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: 'whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood' (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the [eucharistic] Mystery, Christ's body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God's teaching."*

Let us embrace Sunday of the Word of God to help us launch our new year with a deeper and richer encounter with the Risen Lord. **Fr Tom Elich**

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

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

#### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

- 7:00pm School Board meeting, OLR School

#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

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

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**NO Mass at St Catherine's Moggill today, Fr Mark at COP Meeting.**

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

- 8.30am Induction of Year 6 Students, CCC Hall OLR School
- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School Youth Group (Launch Pad), CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify), CCC Hall, OLR School

#### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February

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

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- Morning Tea Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass OLR Church Kenmore

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Job 7:1-4, 6-7*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23*

Gospel: *Mk 1:29-39*

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240204/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 Peter McNamara 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.

### Children Ministered Mass

1st Sunday of the month at 9:45am Mass, OLR Kenmore. If your child would like to be involved in these Masses, please contact the Parish Office and the co-ordinator Eloise Bird will be in touch.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

3rd Sunday of the month at 9.45am Mass OLR Kenmore. Thanks to the CLOW team for leading this important faith sharing with these our young ones.

### Hospitality

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

### Wild Goose Series

*Discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.* 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). The leadership team and I 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](mailto:youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au) If you are new and wish to join in, please register here: [Youth Registration Form](#)  
**God Bless, John Foxon**

### Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

### Project Compassion

Next weekend Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal commences. During the six weeks of Project Compassion, millions of Australians come together in solidarity to help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity. Project Compassion is built around the theme of 'For All Future Generations'. This theme has been drawn from the story of the burning bush in Exodus 3:1-20. Envelopes and boxes will be at churches next weekend.

### 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. 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](mailto: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

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

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**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.

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