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

Year B

11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Pastor's Message

The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday. On this special day of reflection, Catholics wear a marking of the cross in Ash on their foreheads. The ashes symbolize our mortality – “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” But you might be wondering, where do the ashes for Ash Wednesday come from?

Usually, the Ash Wednesday ashes are created by burning palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. Palm Sunday is the last Sunday of Lent and leads into Holy Week. It is on this day that people laid palms to cover Jesus's path as he arrived in Jerusalem, just days before he was crucified. Since the palms have been blessed, instead of throwing them away after the celebration, they are saved to create ashes for Ash Wednesday. You might also be wondering, why do we celebrate Ash Wednesday in the first place?

Ash Wednesday begins the 40 days of Lent, a time when we remember that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and resisting temptation. The day before Ash Wednesday, known by many as “Shrove Tuesday” is a chance to feast and indulge – maybe even eat a pancake or two. We do this in preparation of our own fasting on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent. As Jesus grew hungry from fasting in the desert, he was faced with the first of three temptations. Satan appeared before him and told him to turn stones into bread. But Jesus resisted, knowing that he was being tempted to do something God did not want. He knew the word of God was just as important as bread to survival. He was then brought to the top of a building in Jerusalem and told that, if he truly was the Son of God, he should jump from the building and angels would carry him to safety. Jesus once again resisted, knowing not to challenge God. On the third temptation, Jesus was brought to the top of a mountain and told that all the kingdoms he saw would be his if he knelt before Satan. But Jesus resisted again, proclaiming that it is only right to give worship to God. Just as Jesus faced temptations in the desert, we too face many temptations in our everyday lives. As we celebrate the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, I encourage you to think about how you can better yourself during this important time of the year.

Along with reminding us of our mortality, the Ashes on Ash Wednesday are also symbolic of forgiveness and God's Love for us. We may not always be able to resist temptation as Jesus did, but Lent provides an opportunity to reflect, pray and repent for our sins. In doing so, many people make sacrifices or commit to life changes throughout the 40 days of Lent. It's a time for spiritual fasting so that we can cleanse our souls and renew our faith as we prepare for the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

God Bless, Fr Mark

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 1:00pm Mah-jong Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm Parish Advisory Group Meeting, OLR Church Kenmore

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

- 11:00am Funeral Mass (**Don O'Donoghue**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 6:00pm P&F Meeting, OLR School

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – **Ash Wednesday**

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:15am School Liturgy, OLR Church Kenmore
- 6:45pm Mass, St Catherine's Moggill

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 6:30pm NET Ministries 2024 Commissioning Mass, Darra-Jindalee Catholic Parish
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group, OLR Church Kenmore

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

- 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 17<sup>th</sup> February

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

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February – **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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

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### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Lev 13:1-2, 44-46**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1**

Gospel: **Mk 1:29-39**

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240211/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 **Donald O'Donoghue, Dorothea Kamata** and all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Please remember 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, 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 **Donald O'Donoghue** will be celebrated on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. May he rest in peace.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:45am Mass OLR Kenmore. Children's Liturgy of the Word team is looking for a couple of more people in the Parish to help with this ministry.

As we sometimes can have over 25 children in attendance, we do need at least 4 adults to lead and assist with the celebration of CLOW. You will need a Blue Card and Police Check to work with children.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office on [kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au).

### 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.

### 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.

**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.

If you are new and are looking to join in please register via the QR codes on the posters or hit the link on the button below.

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)

**God Bless, John Foxon**

### Project Compassion

This 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. Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate), or by calling 1800 024 413.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

<b>Parish Primary School</b>	Principal - Paul Rees	07 3378 2412	<a href="mailto:prees@bne.catholic.edu.au">prees@bne.catholic.edu.au</a>
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<b>Outside School Hours Care</b>	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	<a href="mailto:kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au">kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au</a>

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