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1st Sunday of Lent

Year B

18th February 2024

Pastor's Message

Many years ago, on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with a group of Priests we followed in the footsteps of Christ. We visited Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem; climbed the Mount of the Beatitudes and swam in the Sea of Galilee and even in the Dead Sea (not a pleasant experience!). We walked from Jerusalem to Jericho, looked into Jacob's Well, stood on the place in Cana where Jesus changed the water into wine and even knelt at the place where he was crucified. Everywhere we went, we took our gospel with us and read the appropriate passage. It was a moving experience all the way. But the strongest impression I have retained is that of the desert where Christ spent forty days before starting his public life. During our pilgrimage, we spent a day and a night in the desert.

It is not surprising that the three great world religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, were all born in the desert. It was through the desert that Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It was from that desert that John the Baptist came to herald the Messiah and soon after Jesus followed to proclaim himself Messiah. After my visit there, I came to realise the significance of the desert. The desert is a purgatory man must pass through to reach paradise. What is impressive about the desert is its sheer aridness. There is no vegetation, no bird life and, apart from the odd tiny lizard, almost no animals.

The silence is almost total. In that bleak landscape, nothing comes between man and his God. One either discovers God or succumbs to despair. It is no wonder that those Bedouins who ply the salt trade following their caravans across the desert are deeply religious. No life thrives here except the inner life. It is not surprising that it was the Desert Fathers who created that great institution dedicated to fostering the inner life, Western monasticism. It has so profoundly marked Christianity that we are all now, in a sense, children of the desert.

Living now as many of us do, in built-up areas, piled high on top of each other in high-rise apartments, bombarded day and night with the roar of city traffic and the blare of electronic music, we are in danger of losing our desert roots. And with that our inner life. We need to create a time and a space to nurture our spiritual lives. Lent is such a time. The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained there for forty days. Like Jesus, we should let the Holy Spirit lead us out into the desert this Lent where we can confront the devils that haunt our lives, and like him too, triumph over them. That is the freedom, dignity, and gift that is offered in today's gospel.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 19th February

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

Tuesday 20th February

- 9:00am Penance Service (Yr. 4), OLR Church Kenmore
- 7:00pm Parish Finance Council Meeting, OLR Church Kenmore

Wednesday 21st February

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, OLR Church Kenmore

Thursday 22nd February – *The Chair of St Peter*

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

Friday 23rd 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 24th February

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

Sunday 25th February – 2nd Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (Message Stick Welcome & Morning Tea)
- 5:30pm Mass OLR Church Kenmore

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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: **Gen 9:8-15**

2nd Reading: **1 Pet 3:18-22**

Gospel: **Mk 1:12-15**

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 1st Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240218/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 **Fr Ian Wren, Kerri Pigeon** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Ben Van Kaathoven** 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, John Green, Jackie Rutter, Cherry Austin, Denise Reeves, Brian West, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Held on the 3rd Sunday each 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.

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

God Bless, John Foxon

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.

Project Compassion 2024

Over the next five weeks of Project Compassion, millions of Australians will 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. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the churches, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. Commencing Wednesday 21st February, until 20th March.

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

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")

St Stephens Cathedral 150th Anniversary Message Stick

The Message Stick is an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome which began its journey through the deaneries of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in August 2023. The Message Stick holds an invitation to attend the 150th Anniversary of the completion and opening of St Stephens on the sacred lands of Meanjin Brisbane at Pentecost 2024. The symbol to the right of the Message Stick denotes a meeting place and the feet and serpent represent moving to the meeting place. For the next three weeks the Message Stick will be travelling through Brisbane West deanery, arriving in Kenmore on Tuesday 20th February.

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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