



Parish Office – 1 Kenmore Road, Kenmore.

PO Box 54 Kenmore Qld 4069 | 07 3324 3630

Office Hours: Tues – Fri | 8:30am – 2:00pm

www.oler.org.au | www.facebook.com/oler.org.au

CONTACT INFORMATION		
Very Rev Mark Franklin P.P. V.F.		0418 785 440
Parish Priest & Dean Brisbane West Deanery		pp.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au
Parish Manager	Michael Finch	0452 618 278 finchm@bne.catholic.net.au
Admin Asst.	Natali Cirillo	kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au
Admin Asst.	Fabian Petroni	kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au
Youth Coordinator	John Foxon	youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au
Safeguarding Rep	Kate Richards	lsr.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year B

3rd March 2024

Pastor's Message

Jesus was aware of the huge religious and political significance of the temple in his day, and yet he challenged it, and he challenged those responsible for it, because he recognized that the temple was not in fact serving God's purposes. As Jesus says in today's gospel reading, 'Stop turning my Father's house into a market'. There is a big difference between a house and a market. A house has the potential at least to be a home. A market could never really be a home; people go to markets to buy and sell. Buying and selling are not activities you associate with home. The temple was to be God's house, God's home, a place where all people could feel at home in God's presence. The activities associated with the market were preventing the temple from being the home that God wanted it to be, a spiritual home for all the nations. Jesus saw that here was an institution in need of reform.

Every institution, including every religious institution, is always in need of reform. The church, in so far as it is a human institution, is in need of ongoing reform. The church exists to serve the purposes of God, the purposes of God's Son, in the world. However, inevitably, because the church is composed of human beings, it can also serve as a block to God's purposes. The church is called to be the sacrament of Christ, to reveal the powerful and life-giving presence of Christ to the world. However, invariably, it will often hide Christ or revealed a distorted image of Christ to the world, one that is not fully in keeping with the gospels.

In the 2nd Reading, Paul sets God's wisdom over against human wisdom, God's power over against human strength. The church can sometimes substitute God's wisdom with human wisdom, God's power with human strength. Just as in the gospel reading Jesus wanted to purify the temple, the risen Lord is constantly working to purify the church. All of us who make up the church need to be open to his purifying presence. In the works of the book of Revelation, we need to be listening to what the Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Lord, is speaking to us the church.

Those in positions of leadership in the church have a special responsibility to listen to what the Spirit may be saying to the church, so as to bring it more into line with what God intends. However, we are all called to listen to the challenging word of the Spirit and to be open to the purifying presence of the risen Lord. We are all the church, and we all have our part to play in ensuring that the church is what the Lord intends it to be.

Lent in particular is a time when we try to listen to what the Spirit may be saying to us about our lives; it is a time when as individuals and as a community we are called to allow the Spirit to renew our lives so that we conform more fully to the image and likeness of Christ.

The fiery Jesus of the gospel reading who is passionate about what God wants remains alive and active at the heart of the church today. The relationship between the Lord and the church, between the Lord and each one of us, will always be marked by a certain tension, because the Lord will always be working to purify and renew us. In the light of the gospel reading we might ask ourselves in what ways we have allowed the values of the market place to override the values of the gospel in our own lives, in the life of our society, in the life of our church.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 4th March

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

Tuesday 5th March

- 9:00am Penance Service (Yr. 5/6), OLR Church Kenmore
- 7:00pm School Board Meeting, OLR School

Wednesday 6th March

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

Thursday 7th March

- 9:00am OLR School Open Day
- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group, OLR Church Kenmore

Friday 8th March

- 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 9th March

- 8:00am Emmanuel Community Alpha Retreat Day, St Catherine's Moggill
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 10th March – 4th Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Ex 20:1-17*

2nd Reading: *1 Cor 1:22-25*

Gospel: *Jn 2:13-25*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 3rd Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240303/mass.htm>

Vision: To be a welcoming and inclusive community, sharing God's kingdom with all.

Privacy Policy - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy>

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 **Walter Finch, Beryl Rienecker, Grant Parker, Paul Franklin** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Felicity McPhee, 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.

Thank You Message from Fr Mark

Over the last 2 weeks parishioners would have noticed my absence from Masses. This is the first time I have contracted coronavirus. Thanks to many people who offered prayers, support, food and other assistance during this period. With the help of my doctor and plenty of rest I am feeling much improved. It will most likely take a few more weeks for me to fully recover from the virus' impact. Thanks again for everyone's concern.

Regards, Fr Mark

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, until 20th March.

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

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

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.

OLR Primary School Open Day

Thursday 7th March from 9:00am – 9:45am

Our Lady of the Rosary School is dedicated to providing a holistic education experience that fosters academic excellence, personal growth, and lifelong friendships. Attending the OLR Primary School Open Day will provide you with the opportunity to meet the principal and leadership team and explore the classrooms and extensive facilities including the library and STEAM centre, where young minds are encouraged to innovate and create, as well as the swimming pool, tennis courts, and running track, where aspiring athletes build confidence and showcase their athletic talents.

To register go to:

<https://www.olrkenmore.qld.edu.au/enrolments/Pages/open-day.aspx>

Project Compassion 2024 – Week Three

Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry. Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions. "We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier," Leaia said.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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 at the churches, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate, or by calling 1800 024 413. **We thank you for your generosity.**

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

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
Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au

Office for Safeguarding - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>