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4th Sunday of Lent

Year B

10th March 2024

Pastor's Message

A grimy painting hung for decades in the dining room of a Jesuit house in Dublin. Nobody paid it much attention until a visitor, an art expert, recognised it as a work of great value. Under close investigation, it turned out to be the work of the great Roman painter, Caravaggio. His painting of the arrest of Jesus now hangs in the National Art Gallery of Ireland, and is one of the Gallery's great treasures. All those years when it hung in the dining room, it was no less a masterpiece, but its real value went unrecognised.

In today's reading Paul says that "we are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life." Like that Caravaggio painting, our worth can go unnoticed even to ourselves. We hardly think of ourselves as works of art; yet God sees us as works of art, in progress. Like the person who spotted the painting's value, God knows our true worth, and through the inspired words of Isaiah says, "You are precious in my sight, and I love you." If we know ourselves as precious in God's sight, it gives foundation to our hope. We can think of others as works of art too, in this way. These are people whom we value, whom we treasure, whose worth to us is beyond price. When someone is precious to us, we don't treat them as customers or clients. We will do anything we can for them. We will travel a distance to see them; we will stay up half the night with them if they are ill; we will defend and protect them as best we can. We keep faithful to them, even at cost to ourselves. We value them, simply, for who they are.

Our experience of loving others gives us a glimpse of how the Lord relates to us. God loves us in a way that does not count the cost. The gospel says it wonderfully: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." Or as Paul puts it, "God so loved us that he was generous with his mercy." We are so valued that God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to save us all. So, it is not surprising that the cross became Christianity's dominant symbol. It is not that we glorify suffering, but that we recognize in the cross just how far God is prepared to go for love of us.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 11th March

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

Tuesday 12th March

- 9:00am Penance Service (Yr 4.), OLR Church Kenmore
- 6:00pm P&F Meeting, OLR School
- 6:00pm Parish Sustainability Meeting, Francis Rush Centre

Wednesday 13th March

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 10:00am Baptism, OLR Church Kenmore
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, OLR Church Kenmore

Thursday 14th March

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

Friday 15th March

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Funeral Mass (**Denis Kent**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm **School Welcome BBQ**, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify), CCC Hall, OLR School

Saturday 16th March

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

Sunday 17th March – 5th Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (Children's Liturgy of the Word)
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

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

1st Reading: 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23

Sunday Readings

2nd Reading: Eph 2:4-10

Gospel: Jn 3:14-21

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 4th Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240310/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 **Denis Kent, Valaitip Prapavat** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Maria Phillips, Winifreda Fernando** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Robert Loseby**, 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, 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.

Funeral Notice

A Funeral Mass for **Denis Kent** will be celebrated on Friday 15th March at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. May he rest in peace.

Project Compassion 2024 – Week Four

Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees. Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry. **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

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

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.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Kenmore Chapel is held on the first Friday of each month from 6:00pm until 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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Our Parish celebrates Baptisms by appointment. One Baptism per family on Saturdays either at 11:00am or 11:45am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. To arrange a Baptism please email or phone the Parish Office.

Maranatha Prayer Group

Maranatha Prayer Group is held on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Thursday of each month, at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore – *All Welcome*.

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")

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

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