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2nd Sunday of Easter

Year B

7th April 2024

Pastor's Message

In the gospel this Sunday, we find the first disciples dispirited and terrified after the death of Jesus. They have to confront their failure to be faithful to Jesus in the hour of his passion and death. They are in a huddle, having locked themselves away in a room. Suddenly Jesus stands among them and says to them, 'Peace be with you' and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. The risen Lord was reconciling his failed disciples to himself; they came to recognize themselves as forgiven, and, so their hearts were filled with joy. Having experienced the gift of the Lord's forgiveness, they are sent out in the power of the Spirit to offer to others the gift of forgiveness they have received. 'Those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven'. That gift and mission is given to all of us who have been baptized into the risen Jesus. Having been reconciled to the Lord we are all sent out as ministers of reconciliation. The sacrament of reconciliation is, of course, a privileged moment of reconciliation, when we receive anew the Lord's forgiveness and extend that forgiveness to those who have hurt us. However, there are other, more frequent, moments of reconciliation: the daily forgiveness of our brothers and sisters; the speaking of the hard words, 'I am sorry' and the gracious acceptance of another's offer of apology. In these moments, Jesus is standing in our midst, helping us to break out of situations that can be draining of life for everyone involved. Thomas had not been in the room when the risen Lord appeared to the other disciples. He had missed out on the Lord's bestowal of the gifts of peace and forgiveness. Thomas seems to have cut himself off from the community of the disciples. He had gone off on his own to nurse his wounds, and so he missed out on the Lord's presence in the midst of the fearful and failed disciples. He is not unlike so many today who, for a variety of reasons, have cut themselves off from the church. When we cut ourselves off from the community of believers, we lose out greatly. For all its flaws and failings, the church is the place where we encounter the risen Lord. The Lord continues to stand among the community of disciples, especially when we gather in worship and pray, when we gather to serve others in the Lord's name. It is there that we hear the Lord say, 'Peace be with you', that we experience his forgiveness for our past failures, that we hear the call to go out in his name as his witnesses, that we receive the Holy Spirit to empower us to be faithful to that mission. The community of disciples reached out to Thomas; they shared their newfound faith with him, their Easter faith, 'We have seen the Lord'.

Those first disciples remind us of our calling to keep reaching out in faith to all those who, for whatever reason, have drifted away from the community of believers and no longer gather with us. If we do so, we may encounter the same negative response that the first disciples experienced from Thomas, 'I refuse to believe'.

Yet, even though our efforts may fail, as the efforts of the disciples failed, we know that the Lord will keep reaching out to us when we cut ourselves off from the community of faith, just as the Lord reached out to Thomas. 'Doubt no longer', he said to him, 'but believe'. Then, out of the mouth of the sceptic came one of the greatest acts of faith in all of the gospels, 'My Lord and my God'. Thomas Merton wrote in his book *Asian Journal*, 'Faith is not the suppression of doubt. It is the overcoming of doubt, and you overcome doubt by going through it. The man of faith who has never experienced doubt is not a person of faith'. There was a great honesty about Thomas; he didn't pretend to believe when he didn't. The gospel suggests that such honesty is never very far from authentic faith.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 8th April – *Annunciation of the Lord*

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 1:00pm Mah-jong Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:00pm Youth Band Practice, OLR Church Kenmore

Tuesday 9th April

Wednesday 10th April

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

Thursday 11th April – *St Stanislaus*

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

Friday 12th April

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Saturday 13th April

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

Sunday 14th April – *3rd Sunday of Easter*

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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Acts 4:32-35*

2nd Reading: *1 Jn 5:1-6*

Gospel: *Jn 20:19-31*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 2nd Sunday of Easter: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240407/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 **Brian West** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Auguste Cavalerie** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for John Wells, Pat Dryden, 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, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

On Sunday 14th April at the 9:45am Mass, the Parish community will welcome **Jenna Hanson** into the Catholic Community as she receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion. Please continue to pray for and support Jenna in her journey of faith.

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

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

Note of Thanks from Fr Mark

My sincerest thanks to all those who attended throughout the Holy Week and Easter Masses, liturgies and services across the Parish. It was indeed heartening to see the many faces of regular and new parishioners and the many visitors filling our churches and participating in what is the summit of our liturgical and faith year. To all those who helped prepare our churches and liturgies and all those involved in the many ministries which enable these celebrations to occur, thank you.

Your efforts to ensure our churches are a welcoming and enjoyable place to celebrate the Risen Christ is the essence of our community of faith.
Fr Mark, P.P.

Good Friday

Emmanuel City Mission Collection

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Good Friday Special Collection, taken up during the Veneration service on Good Friday, at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. We raised \$1,552.00 on the day plus a further \$900 in online donations totalling **\$2,452.00** which will be sent to ECM. This annual collection is part of our ongoing support of the important work Emmanuel City Mission do, providing a daytime sanctuary for the homeless and vulnerable.

For more information about Emmanuel City Mission go to their website <https://emmanuelcitymission.com/>

Sacrament of Baptism

Our Parish celebrates Baptisms by appointment.

One Baptism per family on Saturdays either at 11:00am or 11:45am at OLR Church Kenmore. To arrange a Baptism please email or phone the Parish or complete the online enquiry form at <https://www.oler.org.au/baptism-enquiry/>

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Kenmore

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

The Chapel is open to all for private prayer during office hours. After-hours access is available individually by application through 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*.

Registering for Confirmation, Penance and 1st Communion in 2024

Families who wish to register for Confirmation (children in year 3 and above), Penance, and First Communion (children in year 4 and above). Please contact the Parish Office via email and provide the following information:

- Name of Parents
- Name of Child/ren
- Class level
- Sacrament registering for

We will respond to your email with further information regarding this years' Sacramental programme.

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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