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3rd Sunday of Easter

Year B

14th April 2024

Pastor's Message

This weekend we hear one of the many stories of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus, except that here more than elsewhere, Jesus is at pains to convince them that he is real, that all has happened as foretold in scripture, and was part of a divine plan.

It's an extraordinary fact that one of our basic attitudes towards God is one of fear. The first time fear is mentioned in the Bible is when Adam and Eve sinned. We are told that they hid, because they were afraid. From then on, most contacts with God begin with the words Fear not; be not afraid. This was even said to Mary, as it was to the shepherds. It is reckoned that Jesus used this expression several dozen times throughout the gospels. When the apostles cried out to him in the storm, he replied, "Why did you fear, Oh you of little faith?" Today's gospel speaks of the apostles being terribly frightened. This seems strange, as the reason for the fear is the one person who had always been their best friend. This fear certainly shows up the limitations of our humanity.

Imagine Jesus pleading with them to believe him. He invites them to touch him, to give him something to eat, to examine his hands and his feet. Human nature is so fragile, and so fickle. There is no blame here. Obviously, this is the first time the apostles ever came across a situation like this. We might think that seeing Lazarus, or the daughter of Jairus, or the young man in Naim, getting up and walking after seeming to be dead, should have prepared them for this moment.

They had known Jesus on a personal basis and had felt at home in his company. This time things were different. He had broken free of the constraints of the human body, and there was a unique presence in him that they had never seen before. We cannot grasp the utter transformation they felt, when someone they knew and loved was so utterly transformed, and now has an unearthly aura about him. While they still doubted, they were filled with joy and wonder as Jesus spoke to them about the promises of scripture, and how he had fulfilled them.

Then he sent them to continue what he had begun. In the following line, that is not included in today's gospel, he promises that he will send them the Spirit and they will have a whole new power, when they will share in the new power into which he has now entered.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 15th April – Term 2 Commences

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:00am Work Health Safety Audit, OLR Parish Office
- 1:00pm Mah-jong Group, St Catherine's Moggill

Tuesday 16th April

- 3:00pm Confirmation Interviews (until 6:00pm), OLR Church Meeting Room

Wednesday 17th April

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 3:00pm Confirmation Interviews (until 6:00pm), OLR Church Meeting Room

Thursday 18th April

- 9:15am **NO MASS**, St Catherine's Moggill
- 10:00am Safeguarding Audit, OLR Parish Office
- 3:00pm Confirmation Interviews (until 6:00pm), OLR Church Meeting Room
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group, OLR Church Kenmore

Friday 19th April

- 8:45am Anzac Day Service, CCC Hall, School
- 9:15am **NO 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 20th April

- 8:30am Confirmation Interviews (until 10:30am), OLR Church Meeting Room
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 21st April – 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Acts 3:13-15, 17-19*

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

Gospel: *Lk 24:35-48*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 3rd Sunday of Easter: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240414/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 Marty Larsen** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Carmen Wilson, Richard Wilson** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Pan Leggat**, 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>

Project Compassion 2024 – Thank You

Thank you to all who supported Caritas this year through the Project Compassion Appeal, **the parish community raised just over \$11,000**. Receipts, for those who requested them, will be issued in the coming weeks.

Anzac Day Service

An Anzac Day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 25th April at 9:15am at St Catherine's Moggill, followed by Morning Tea – *Lest we forget*.

Archdiocesan Audits of Parish Operations

This coming week our parish will be visited by not one, but two, Archdiocesan auditors. We welcome Archdiocesan Work Health Safety Advisor Jeff Allen on Monday who will be reviewing our practices and properties. From this review our annual WHS audit report is issued to Fr Mark and the finance council. This audit helps to ensure we have a safe physical environment and appropriate processes in place for the benefit of parishioners, volunteers, visitors, clergy, and staff. It also informs our maintenance priorities and budgeting and ensures we are meeting our legal obligations. On Thursday we welcome Kaylene Perissinotto, Safeguarding Advisor (Volunteer) for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Kaylene will be auditing our compliance with Safeguarding Requirements for Parishes for volunteer, staff, and clergy accreditation & training and that our practices and policies meet Archdiocesan and legislative requirements. Our parish is committed to being a safe place for all and we thank all those volunteers in ministries requiring Blue Cards, Police Checks, safeguarding training and the various declarations for your cooperation and commitment in meeting these requirements.

1st Communion & Penance Registrations 2024

Families who wish to register for First Communion and Penance (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.

Confirmation Programme for 2024 is now CLOSED – Families who have enrolled, please email the Parish Office to book an interview appointment with Fr Mark.

Archbishop's Dinner for Women

The Archbishop's Dinner for Women, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, offers a chance for women discerning their vocation to connect and gain insights into their journey. The event features personal stories from the Archbishop to assist in discernment and the questions they are currently facing. It's set for April 18th at Wynberg in New Farm.

Interested attendees should email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au to submit their interest. Places are strictly limited.

When: Thursday 18th April, 2024

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Where: Wynberg, New Farm

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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