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5th Sunday of Easter

Year B

28th April 2024

Pastor's Message

A celebrity was asked on a T.V. religious programme about the place of religion on his life, and if he could easily do without it, and he answered, "Yes, maybe, but then it is always a guide to help one keep in line." For him religion was a code to help him regulate his conduct. People of that mindset often want religion to be mummified, like a static signpost in their lives. But, if it means anything, Christianity must be a living, a vibrant force in one's life. Not only does Christ live on in the community of believers, but through them, he carries on his mission of ministering to people in need of his mercy and love. In those who spread the words of the gospel to others, whether in the mission fields, in the parish, in our schools, we have the fulfilment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper, "That they may know the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." In every instruction in the faith, given and received, we have a figure of Christ restoring his sight to the poor man, who at first beheld people dimly, as if they were trees, and then came to see clearly. In every sinner who comes to repentance we see, as it were, Lazarus raised once more from the dead, casting off the shroud of sin that enveloped him. In every coming together around the Table of the Eucharist, we, like the Apostles are witnesses before the whole world to the task, entrusted to us by Christ, of proclaiming his death and resurrection until he comes at the end of time. Christianity is not, and never should be, mere code or mere cult. If you see Christianity as a code — "you must do this, you must avoid that, you must be present at this Mass" — is one often heard — then it is possible to begin to credit your account before God by claiming, "I attend Mass, I observe this law, I have progressed so much on the way you require of me." It is possible to reach the stage where you begin to see yourself as being perfect, with no further need of a saviour. But, alas, such an assessment of one's standing before God is precisely that of the Pharisees, of whom Christ said to his listeners, "I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:20). True Christianity is the vision of ourselves as being covered by God's love, that despite our faults, God loves us to the point of foolishness, to the point of death on a cross. If we believe in Christ, God is ready to regard us as his children and friends. Friends do not ask for literal commands, but from their personal acquaintance with the one that loves them, they try and understand his half-words. From love of him they try and anticipate his wishes. If we see our lives as a response to the immense love God has for us, then there will no longer be constraint. Rather will religion have a liberating effect in our lives. We will enjoy what scripture describes as "the liberty of the children of God." But then again, so great is the love of God for us that we will see our efforts at responding to that love as always falling short of what we desire. The trouble with those who see their lives as blameless is that they have limited vision. They do not raise their eyes above themselves. Why should we continue to strive after something which seems beyond us? The answer from St Augustine is that we must do so because we have an inbuilt need for God, and nothing short of him will ever satisfy that inner seeking which is with us all our lives. **God Bless, Fr Mark**

Parish Diary

Monday 29th April

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

Tuesday 30th April

- 9:00am Prayer Service (Yr 3), OLR Church Kenmore
- 7:00pm OLR School Board, OLR School

Wednesday 1st May

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

Thursday 2nd May

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

Friday 3rd May

- 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
- 6:00pm Adoration, OLR Chapel, Kenmore

Saturday 4th May

- 8:30am SVDP Meeting, OLR Kenmore
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Church Kenmore
- 3:30pm Baptism, OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 5th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:00am Morning Tea followed by Adult Education Session, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (Youth Band)
- 11.15am Confirmation Preparation Meeting, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: **Acts 9:26-31**

2nd Reading: **1 Jn 3:18-24**

Gospel: **Jn 15:1-8**

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 4th Sunday of Easter: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240428/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 **Jenny Crowley, John Wells** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Kathy O'Sullivan**, Robert Loseby, Kitty Foxon, Pam Finch, Pan Leggat, Felicity McPhee, Carlos Leyden, Joan Halvorson, Francis Ribeiro, Stewart Behan, Alicea Longford, Kay Bernoth, Pat Nelson, Eli Bartlett, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Nouphanh Phanthavong, Elizabeth Shand, Hayley Shatkovsky, Lex Ross, Mario Garza, Amy Deans, Juliet Quiterio, Ellen Farkas, Harry Deans, Denise Venables, 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will be held on Friday 3rd May from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 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")

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>

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 have any queries, don't hesitate to reach out, my email is youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

God Bless, John Foxon

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

Annual Mass Count in May

During the four weekends in May, we will be participating in the Annual Mass Count, as requested by the Archdiocese. This information provides valuable insight into trends of attendance at both a local level and an Archdiocesan level. The count is not about who, but how many, are present and we thank you for your continued participation in the Mass.

Parish Carpark at Kenmore

Parishioners, school families, staff & visitors using the church car park at OLR Kenmore are asked to please slow down to walking pace and be alert to pedestrians when driving into and out of the site. There has been an increase in irresponsible driving of late which is of great concern. As a caring community, the parish and school wish to promote a safe space for all users. Thank you.

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.olar.org.au/baptism-enquiry/>

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.

Hospitality at St Catherine's Moggill

Currently, morning tea is held at St Catherine's Moggill after the 8.00am Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month. If you are interested in helping out with a roster to offer this on other Sundays, please contact the Parish Office.

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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