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5th Sunday of Easter

Year C

18th May 2025

Pastor's Message

Was the Last-Supper commandment of Jesus to love one another really all that new. Is there not an Old Testament requirement to love my neighbour as myself (Lev 19:18). The really new ideal is that we are to love in the way that Jesus loves us, and that is totally, to the last drop of his blood, poured out in the sacrifice of Calvary. Another sense in which his love-commandment is new is how he defines who is my neighbour, whom I should love. His parable of the Good Samaritan shows that everyone is my neighbour, even those of different nationality or religion. So now, love for our neighbour is very demanding, and goes beyond all racism or prejudice.

The really hard question is whether such love is possible. While giving a hesitant yes to this as a possibility, it is clear that most of us, most of the time clearly fail to live this new commandment fully. We can only love in this way by cooperating very generously with the grace of God. But the power to do is based on the new image of humanity given us by Christ, and because we have his living presence with us, to help us love others in his way.

It is a very demanding ideal to love our neighbour as ourselves or even to love our neighbour in any way at all. In the face of Islamic extremism or any other forms of terrorism, or in time of war, we are strongly tempted to dehumanise the enemy and regard them as no longer part of the human family, and so unworthy of any kind of love or respect. But Jesus' commandment to love, and his own example of forgiving those who crucified him, constantly call us to reconsider things and seek for reconciliation rather than total victory.

It is only by living in spiritual contact with Jesus that we can love our neighbour deeply. It is by living close to him that we can love as Jesus taught. If not, we will be relying only on our human efforts alone, and we will love with some other type of love but not the unconditional love Jesus asked for when he said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you."

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin

Parish Diary

Monday 19th May

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's Moggill

Tuesday 20th May

- 9:00am Liturgy (Yr. 1), OLR Church Kenmore
- 10:30am Anointing and Communion Service, Carinity Home, Brookfield

Wednesday 21st May

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

Thursday 22nd May

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

Friday 23rd May

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary Youth Group, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group, CCC Hall, OLR School

Saturday 24th May – *Our Lady, Help of Christians*

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

Sunday 25th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

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

Flocknote Sign Up – Our Parish Census

Please complete our online Parish census at <https://OLRKM.flocknote.com/register> and provide or update your information. A paper census form is also available at the churches. This information will allow us to serve you better. **Thank you.**



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

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Sunday Readings

2nd Reading: Rev 21:1-5

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 5th Sunday of Easter: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20250518/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 **Vincent Ghisleni** and those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Katherine Parsonage** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time; and for the **Repose of the Souls of Alan McNamara, Molly McNamara, and Peter McNamara.**

Sick: Please pray for Matt Wallace, Sandia Ryan, John Ditchburn, Edwing Ling, Olivia Pinwill, Robert Burton, Camilla Cowley, Eric Olsen, Chantal-Maree Deveraux, Mary McGuinness, Deanna McNamara, Doris Fern, Ian Turner, Sandra Dickson, Sian Fitzpatrick, Olivia Williams, Kitty Foxon, Pat Dryden, Joan Halvorson, Stewart Behan, Alicea Longford, Pat Nelson, Eli Bartlett, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Stephen Jones, Elizabeth Shand, Hayley Shatkovsky, Mario Garza, Amy Deans, Juliet Quiterio, James McGrath, Graham Jackson, Leonard Cox, Prida Dibbayawan, Clint Quinlivan, Rosemary Foxon, Judy Kocho, Pat Clohessy, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, John Green, Cherry Austin, Denise Reeves, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, and all those who are sick.

Baptism

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of **Isabella Ryan**.

Let us pray for her and may she be guided in faith with the help of her parents, godparents, and this parish community.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Congratulations to **Zac, Rebecca, Lewis** and **Rhys** who will receive their 2nd Blessing and will be presented with the Lord's Prayer this weekend.

Please keep our four candidates in your prayers as they continue on their journey towards full communion with the Church on Sunday 22nd June.

Happy 90th Birthday – Mary McGuinness

The Moggill Community will honour her with a special morning tea after the 8:00am Mass this Sunday, and there will be a birthday card for people to sign on the day.

We give thanks to Mary for the many years she has served the Parish in the Music Ministry, playing for weddings, funerals, Sunday Masses and special Parish celebrations, both at the Kenmore and Moggill Churches.

Piety Stall Coordinator - OLR Church Kenmore

The Parish is in need of someone who can take care of the Piety Stall at OLR Church Kenmore. The jobs include:

- Keeping the stall tidy
- Stock management
- Pricing items

Please see Fr Mark if you have any queries, or to express interest.

Pope Leo XIV – Coat of Arms

Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms offers a clear reflection of his Augustinian roots and the values he seeks to promote during his pontificate, particularly unity and communion within the Church. The shield is divided diagonally into two sections. The upper half features a blue background with a white lily. The lower half of the shield has a light background and displays an image that recalls the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow. This is a direct reference to the conversion experience of Saint Augustine himself, who described his personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase: "Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo" - "You have pierced my heart with your Word."

Pope Leo XIV has also chosen a motto that reflects this Augustinian tradition: In Illo uno unum, which means "In the One, we are one." The phrase is taken from Saint Augustine's Exposition on Psalm 127, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."



Sacramental Programmes 2025

The Sacrament of Confirmation is for children in Year 3 and above. **The Confirmation Programme for 2025 is now closed.** If you would like to register your child for the 2026 programme contact the Parish Office.

The **1st Communion & Penance Programme** for 2025 is for children in Year 4 and above. The programme takes place during August and September and involves four child/parent sessions, a penance service, and a celebration ceremony. If you would like to register your child for this sacrament, contact the Parish Office.

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, please email Caleb at: youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

Your Parish Offering

For 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	pkenmore@bne.catholic.edu.au
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