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The Ascension of the Lord

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1st June 2025

Pastor's Message

In the liturgical calendar the Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday and the Sunday after Trinity is the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The solemnity of the Sacred Heart is celebrated on the Friday following Corpus Christi 27th June hence June is often remembered as the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart began with mystics in the 13th century and became widespread as a result of a series of visions of the Sacred Heart by Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Visitation nun, in the 1670s. It was made a universal observance in 1836, and in 1899 Pope Leo XIII ordered that the world be consecrated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The physical heart of Jesus is a sign and symbol of God's immense love for the world whose redemption was accomplished through Christ's sacrifice. This sentence from the opening prayer for the feast in the old Missal was one of my favourite liturgical texts: "Teach us to see Christ in the lives we touch and offer him living worship by love-filled service to our brothers and sisters". Unfortunately, the revised missal doesn't convey this outward-looking aspect of devotion to the Sacred Heart, but the Prayer after Communion come close: May this sacrament of charity, O Lord, make us fervent with the fire of holy love, so that, drawn always to your Son, we may learn to see him in our neighbour.

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin

The Ascension of the Lord – 1st June

June this year is very unusual, with a feast ranked as a Solemnity celebrated on each of its five Sundays. After today which is the Ascension of the Lord, there is Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and Saints Peter and Paul.

Today Christian churches celebrate Christ's ascension into Heaven. This feast is based on the account of this event in the Gospels. There are two other ascension stories in the Bible. In the Old Testament, there is the story of Jacob's ladder and the departure of Elijah at the end of his mission. This prophet does not die but is taken to heaven in a chariot of fire (2 Kings 2:1-14).

In Australia, the Ascension marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, when Christians pray for unity and understanding among different denominations.

A Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service will be held at St Stephen's Cathedral at 11:00am this Thursday, 5th June.

Parish Diary

Monday 2nd June

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

Tuesday 3rd June – **Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs**

- 7:00pm OLR School Board Meeting

Wednesday 4th June

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

Thursday 5th June – **St Boniface, bishop, martyr**

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

Friday 6th June

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

Saturday 7th June

- 8:00am SVDP Meeting, Parish Meeting Room
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 8th June – **Pentecost Sunday**

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill (Morning Tea)
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (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 1:1-11**

2nd Reading: **Eph 1:17-23**

Gospel: **Lk 24:46-53**

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for The Ascension of the Lord: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20250601/mass.htm>

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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 **Margaret Richardson** and all 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 Auguste Cavalerie, Uthai Tansacha, and Patricia Tansacha.**

Sick: Please pray for **Kay Shannon**, Matt Wallace, Sandia Ryan, 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.

Baptisms

This weekend we celebrate the Baptisms of **Edward Callaghan, Thomas Callaghan** and **Fletcher Fozard**. Let us pray for them and may they be guided in faith with the help of their parents, godparents, and this parish community.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Congratulations to **Helen Dobbie** who will be received into the Church on Saturday 31st May. As Helen receives the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, we rejoice with her in becoming a full member of the Catholic Community. Congratulations also to **Zac, Rebecca, Lewis** and **Rhys** who will receive their 3rd Blessing this Sunday morning. Please keep our four candidates in your prayers as they continue on their journey towards full communion with the Church on Sunday 22nd June.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to **Maree Menzies** and **Roger Press** who exchanged vows on Saturday 31st May at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore. May God bless them in their married life.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Mass for Anointing of the Sick will be held on Friday 6th June at 9:15am at OLR Church Kenmore. All Welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will be held on Friday 6th June from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Kenmore.

Piety Shop – Tote Bags

Tote Bags featuring indigenous designs will be available at both churches this weekend, at the piety shops – \$10.00 each.

National Reconciliation Week 2025

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The NRW 2025 theme, Bridging Now to Next, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. Bridging Now to Next calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us. In the #NRW2025 theme artwork created by Kalkadoon woman Bree Buttenshaw, native plants – which are known for regenerating after fire and thriving through adversity – symbolise our collective strength and the possibilities of renewal. This is a time for growth, reflection, and commitment to walking together. Australia's history of reconciliation is not a linear one, we have made great strides and experienced disappointing setbacks. Twenty-five years ago, Corroboree 2000 brought together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous leaders in a historic call for reconciliation. We continue that work in 2025, inviting all Australians to join us in Bridging Now to Next – building a more united and respectful nation. The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

Sacramental Programmes 2025

The Sacrament of Confirmation is for children in Year 3 and above. **The Confirmation Programme for 2025 has now been completed.** 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.

Email Caleb at: youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

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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