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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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14th September 2025

Pastor's Message

In the time of Jesus no one would have considered crucifixion a triumph or a win of any sort. It may have been considered a triumph for those who were doing the crucifying; it certainly would never have been considered a triumph for the person crucified. Yet, that is what we are celebrating. Jesus, in being crucified, triumphed. It was a triumph of love over hatred. As John the evangelist says in today's gospel, 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.' Jesus revealed God's love in all that he said and did, but he revealed God's love most fully on the cross. John the evangelist would say that on the cross Jesus revealed God's glory. That is why in John's gospel Jesus speaks of his coming crucifixion as the hour when he is glorified. Authentic love is always life-giving and that is uniquely so of God's love. As well as being the triumph of love over hatred, the cross of Jesus is the triumph of life over death. Jesus was put to death in the most cruel way but through his death he passed over into a new life and that life was offered to us all. The blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus in John's gospel speaks to us of the life that flows through the death of Jesus. The cross has been celebrated in art as the tree of life. The triumph of the cross, which is the triumph of God and of Jesus over all the forces of evil and death, is a triumph in which we all share. From the cross Jesus draws all of us into the love and life of God. As he says in John's gospel, when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself. We simply have to let ourselves be drawn by him.

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross; At Masses on Sunday 14th September the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, previously called the Triumph of the Cross, will be celebrated in place of the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time. A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the "lifting up" of the Son of Man on the cross into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life. Egeria, the nun who made a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands between 383 and 384 and whose travel diary tells us so much about the liturgy in Jerusalem at the time, describes a great feast day celebrating "the day on which the cross of the Lord was discovered". The liturgy to which she refers took place on 14 September. Devotion to the cross of Christ was in evidence long before this, however. Constantine had built a church at Rome dedicated to the cross. According to tradition, Constantine's mother St Helena discovered the cross of Christ during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. She brought a piece back to Rome and placed it in the new basilica.

From Elizabeth Harrington

Parish Diary

Monday 15th September – **Parish Office Closed**

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

Tuesday 16th September

- 9:00am School Yr 4 Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Wednesday 17th September – **St Gregory the Great**

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Funeral Mass, Helen Curtis, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm Bible Study, OLR Church Meeting Room

Thursday 18th September

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

Friday 19th September – **OLR School last day of Term**

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify), CCC Hall, OLR School

Saturday 20th September

- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:45am Baptism, OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 21st September – **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill (Morning Tea)
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 7:00pm Young Adult Adoration & Social, OLR Chapel Kenmore

Welcome To Our New Archbishop

Welcome, Archbishop Shane Mackinlay! Last Thursday marks a historic moment for the Church in south-east Queensland with his installation as Archbishop of Brisbane. We warmly welcome him to our community and look forward to his shepherding of our Archdiocese in faith and service. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen him in this sacred ministry. Please join us in welcoming him.

Fr Mark Franklin P.P.

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: **Numbers 21:4-9**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2:6-11**

Gospel: **John 3:13-17**

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for Exaltation of the Cross: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20250914/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 **Robert DuPont Senior, Virachai Vannukul, Fr Andrew Wise, Anne Cullinan** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Andres Rommel DeJesus, Julian Romero, Melinda Pasadilla** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the **Repose of the Soul of Crispina Romero and Leonardo Antonio**

Sick: Please pray for **Margaret Kerwick**, Bruce Leggat, Veda Francoise Cateaux, Magda Blessing, Kay Shannon, 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, Chris Morris, and all those who are sick.

Baptism

This weekend we celebrate the Baptisms of **Milan Montano & Joseph Montano Griffin** and **Maitland Phoenix Reinbott**. Let us pray for them and may they be guided in faith with the help of their parents, godparents, and this parish community.

Funeral

A Funeral Mass for Helen Curtis will be celebrated on Wednesday 17th September at 11:00am at St Catherine's, Moggill. May she rest in peace.

1st Holy Communion Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Children who will make their 1st Holy Communion this weekend, at the 9:45am Mass and 5:30pm Mass. Guijo Amor, Micah Basnayt, Maya Basnayt, Finn Carmichael, Bridie Castleman, Vincenzo Coman, Dion Fernando, Shania Fernando, Emma Hillman Munoz, Alexander King, Thomas Lowes, Celeste McKay, Thomas McKay, Zairah Pathak, Jemima Quin, Manuela Rezende Mergulhao, Chloe Smith, Olivia Stone, Ari Tan, Harmony Van Hecke, Cecilia Walter, Charles Wetkin, Samuel Wetkin, Charlotte Wise, Francis Yerman Faron, Maggie Cawcutt, Hugo Egan, Jack Ingham-Myers, Francis Parkinson, Oliver Pham, Cooper Pham.

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Safeguarding Sunday

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church.

In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Next weekend there will be an Appeal at all weekend Masses to assist with the costs of sending our Parish group of 19 youth, young adults and supervisors travelling to Melbourne later in the year.

Donation envelopes will be available in both churches to place on the collection plate or donations are welcome online by electronic transfer to the parish bank account at:

BSB 064 786 Account 100001192 Reference ACYF

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. Last session for term three Friday 12th September.

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. Last session for term three Friday 19th September.

If you have any queries, please email Caleb at: youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy is held on the **3rd Sunday of each month**, during the 9:45am Mass at Kenmore. Children from prep to year six all welcome. **Next CLOW Sunday 21st September.**

Your Parish Offering

For information or to review your level or method of giving please feel free to contact the Parish Manager at 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")

Parish Update – Electronic Newsletter

To subscribe to our full electronic newsletter, please go to: <https://OLRKM.flocknote.com/ParishUpdates>

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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