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1st Sunday of Advent

Year A

30th November 2025

Pastor's Message

In Advent, we prepare for His birth. The birth and resurrection of Christ are intertwined, and their connection is quite significant theologically. Yet, these seasons of waiting look different for us – Advent is a uniquely joyous and hopeful season in the Church. We light candles amidst the darkness of our world. And we come together as friends and family to celebrate the coming of our Saviour. Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical year. (This Advent season marks the start of Year A.) We begin the year anew, renewed by His birth.

What do the four candles of Advent symbolise?

The four candles of Advent represent the four Sundays of Advent, and they respectively symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love. In some homes and parishes, people will also light a fifth candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent the birth of Jesus; this candle, when added to the Advent wreath, is typically white and larger than the other candles and is placed in the centre of the wreath.

First Advent Candle/Sunday – Hope

“Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.” – C.S. Lewis

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is Jacaranda, the colour of Advent. Sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle,” the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah’s foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Mass Times 2025

Christmas Eve – 24th December

- 4:00pm Vigil Mass (Nativity Play) – Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore
- 5:30pm Vigil Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass (5:30pm Carols) – St Catherine’s, Moggill
- 7:30pm Vigil Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore

Christmas Day – 25th December

- 8:00am Mass – St Catherine’s, Moggill
- 9:45am Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore

Parish Diary

Monday 1st December – Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday 2nd December

- 11:00am Funeral Mass (**Roland Muscat**), OLR Church Kenmore

Wednesday 3rd December – St Francis Xavier, priest

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine’s Moggill
- 11:00am Funeral Mass (**Amy Deans**), St Catherine’s Moggill
- 6:00pm Year 6 Graduation Liturgy & Ceremony, CCC Hall, OLR School

Thursday 4th December

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine’s Moggill
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group (End of Year Mass), St Catherine’s Moggill

Friday 5th December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am OLR School End of Year Liturgy, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 12:00pm OLR School Closes for 2025
- 6:00pm Adoration, OLR Chapel
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify), CCC Hall, OLR School

Saturday 6th December

- 8:00am SVDP Meeting, OLR Church Meeting Room
- 9:00am OLR SVDP Christmas Function, Parish Office
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 7th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine’s Moggill (Morning Tea)
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Metanoia Program, St Catherine’s Moggill
- 4:30pm Kenmore Community Carols, Kenmore Anglican Church
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 7:00pm Young Adult Adoration, OLR Chapel

Parish Update – Electronic Newsletter

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

St Vincent de Paul Helpline Phone 1800 846 643

Email helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Is 2:1-5*

2nd Reading: *Rom 13:11-14*

Gospel: *Mt 24:37-44*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 1st Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20251130/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 **Roland Muscat** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Uthai Tansacha** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Susan Miller, Mary Kent, Bronwyn Tingley, Joyce Gough, Rick Dela Cruz, Margaret Kerwick, Bruce Leggat, Veda Francoise Cateaux, Magda Blessing, Kay Shannon, Sandia Ryan, Edwing Ling, Olivia Pinwill, Robert Burton, Camilla Cowley, Eric Olsen, 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, 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.

Baptisms

This weekend, we celebrate the Baptisms of **Eleanor Villacampa Kent, Anrai Villacampa Kent, Walter Robert Gibbs, and Lucy Emily Fowler**. Let us pray for them and may they be guided in faith with the help of their parents, godparents, and this parish community.

Funeral Notices

A Funeral Mass for **Roland Muscat** will be celebrated on Tuesday 2nd December at 11:00am at OLR Church Kenmore.

A Funeral Mass for **Amy Deans** will be celebrated on Wednesday 3rd December at 11:00am at St Catherine's Moggill. *May they rest in peace.*

OLR Youth Groups

Primary School (Yr.3-6) Launch Pad Youth Group will be held on Friday afternoons during the school term, from 3:00pm – 4:30pm @ the CCC Hall, OLR Primary School. **(Last event for 2025 – Friday 28th November)**

High School (Yr.7-12): Magnify Youth Group is held on Friday evenings during the school term, from 6:30 – 8:30pm @ the CCC Hall, OLR Primary School. **(Last event for 2025 – Friday 12th December)**

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

Volunteer Safeguarding Training

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is grateful to all those who volunteer across many roles within the Parish and whom acknowledge the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Commitment. Training Update Reminders for Parish Volunteers have been issued by Brisbane Archdiocese from the email address archelearnvolunteer@tribalhabits.com recently and we thank those who have responded by completing their online training. If you are having any difficulty updating your training or accessing the online portal, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish office where Michael is available to assist you.

Christmas Carols at Moggill

There will be Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve at 5:30pm at St Catherine's Moggill, followed by the 6:00pm Vigil Mass.

Kenmore Community Carols

The Kenmore Anglican Church is hosting the Kenmore Community Carols event on Sunday 7th December at 6:00pm (1036 Moggill Rd, Kenmore). There will also be food and activities from 4:30pm, including a climbing wall, baby animal farm, facepainting, food vans, sausage sizzle, cake stall, and a visit from Santa!

Children's Nativity Play

This year the Children's Nativity Play will be taking place at the 4:00pm Vigil Mass at Kenmore. If any children would like to play Shepherds or Angels, please email the Parish Office before Sunday 14th December. Practice for the Nativity Play will be held on Saturday 20th December from 9:30am – 10:30am at OLR Church Kenmore.

OLR Vinnies – Christmas Hamper Appeal

Many individuals and families in our community are facing an unprecedented Christmas/New Year period due to the housing crisis, job losses, rising living costs and strained relationships. What should be a time of joy is instead filled with anxiety, pushing many to their breaking point. This holiday season, you can provide much-needed relief by helping put food on tables, cover bills, and ease the burden for struggling families. Your support for the SVDP OLR Kenmore Conference Christmas Hamper Appeal can help bring hope, joy and breathing room as they navigate this challenging time.

There are 3 different ways of helping: gift cards; donation of non-perishable items or unwrapped gifts; and monetary donations.

For EFT donations, SVDP OLR Conference bank details are:

- Account Name: SVDP OLR Kenmore
- BSB: 064-786
- Account Number: 100027603

The comprehensive Donation & Giving Guide can be accessed through Flocknote and print copies can be found at both churches.

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")

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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