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2nd Sunday of Advent

Year A

7th December 2025

Pastor's Message

From the Gospel from the 2nd Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist could be the central figure in our thoughts today. He prepared the way for the people of his time to understand the good news of their salvation. That is the way God normally works; He sends the message of salvation to us through each other. As St Paul once put it, how can people know the truth about God if they have never heard it; and how can they hear if nobody is sent to them? Jesus found his first disciples among those who were influenced by the preaching of John the Baptist. He had showed them the value of self-control and of prayer; he urged them to listen to the inner voice of God, with repentance and a faithful heart. The high point of John's short ministry was his meeting with Jesus. Not only did he get to baptise Our Lord, but he also helped some of his own followers to go with Jesus and become the first Christian disciples. Through him, Andrew and his brother Peter, and Philip and Nathanael became apostles of Jesus.

Clearly, God wishes us Christians also to help other people to know and love him. If in the first place, we were more committed to our own Christian calling, we would be more effective in influencing others towards religious commitment. Parents have the first opportunity to point their children towards God. But their words will only be effective when backed up by the actual example of their own faith and prayer.

As we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent let us find opportunities in our lives to pass on the Faith of the Gospel to others we encourage.

Second Advent Candle/Sunday: Peace

"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women." – Pope Francis

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. Like the first candle, it is also Jacaranda. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, this second candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace. As we read in the quote from Pope Francis, this light of peace shone forth from Bethlehem for all the world.

Parish Diary

Monday 8th December – Parish Office Closed

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Tuesday 9th December

Wednesday 10th December

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

Thursday 11th December

- 9:15am **No Mass**, St Catherine's Moggill

Friday 12th December

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

Saturday 13th December – St Lucy, virgin, martyr

- 11:30am Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate (**Anthony Vassallo**), St Stephen's Cathedral
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 14th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 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, 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
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Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Is 11:1-10*

2nd Reading: *Rom 15:4-9*

Gospel: *Mt 3:1-12*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 2nd Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20251207/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 **Nathan John Taylor** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Anne Vanthana Vongphakdi** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time; and for the **Rest of the Soul of Crispina Romero & Julian Romero.**

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.

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

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.

Confessions before Christmas

- Thursday 18th December – after 9:15am Mass – St Catherine's Moggill
- Friday 19th December – after 9:15am Mass – OLR Church Kenmore
- Saturday 20th December – 8:30am – 9:30am – OLR Church Kenmore
- Monday 22nd December – 6:00pm – 7:00pm – OLR Church Kenmore

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!

Change in Daily Mass (8th – 13th December)

Next week there will be no daily Masses in the Parish, due to Fr Mark's absence. There will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Wednesday and Friday at 9:15am at OLR Church Kenmore.

Book Launch – Pope Francis: The Disruptive Pilgrim's Guide

Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge DD, will launch *Pope Francis: The Disruptive Pilgrim's Guide* written by Fr Frank Brennan, SJ, AO. Date: Friday 12th of December 2025 at 6:00pm. Venue: Holy Spirit Parish, 17 Harriett St, Auchenflower QLD 4066. Book available for purchase at special launch price of \$25.00 for soft cover. RSVP to: hgregan@atf.org.au by 6th December 2026

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 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.

(Resumes in 2026)

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

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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