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3rd Sunday of Advent

Year A

14th December 2025

Pastor's Message

Be strong and do not fear! Here is your God." Today is called Rejoicing Sunday. Today the candle on the Advent Wreath is pink. It is meant to express our joy at the nearness of Christ's birthday. Some people seem to be happy by nature; others mournful by nature. Here are three impressions about happiness. First, that happiness is right here and now. We convince ourselves that life will be better when we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids are not old enough and we will be more content when they are. After that we are frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together. The truth is there is no better time to be happy than right now. Second, 'If you are happy, let your face know.' Maybe we could begin to be more joyful by taking a peek in the mirror and asking ourselves: does my face look like the face of someone who has heard the good news of the Gospel, namely that I am loved unconditionally by God?

Third, joy will come to us if we set about actively trying to create it for others. If I go about my life demanding that others carry me rather than seeking to carry them; feeding off others rather than feeding them; demanding that others meet my needs rather than trying to meet theirs, joy will never find me no matter how hard I party or try to crank up good cheer.

Third Advent Candle/Sunday: Joy – "Gaudete Sunday"

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.'" (Luke 2:10-12)

The third candle of Advent symbolises **Joy**. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls "Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the "**Shepherd's Candle**," and its colour is **pink**, the liturgical colour for joy.

Parish Diary

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

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

Tuesday 16th December

Wednesday 17th December

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

Thursday 18th December

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill (Confessions after Mass)

Friday 19th December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (Confessions after Mass)

Saturday 20th December

- 8:30am Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:30am Children's Nativity Play Practice, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Baptisms (**Arabella & Cosima Lyons**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:45am Baptism (**Archie Kelleher**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 21st December – **4th Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:15am Baptism (**Rori Hodgetts**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

New Fridge for OLR Church Kitchenette

Fr Mark, the OLR Morning Tea volunteers, and parishioners sincerely thank Tony & Oriana Cau for their recent donation of a new refrigerator for the OLR Church Kitchenette.

We look forward to continuing to provide hospitality and catering at Kenmore church in the new year with this wonderful new equipment. We are truly grateful.

Parish Update – Electronic Newsletter

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

St Vincent de Paul Helpline Phone 1800 846 643
Email helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Is 35:1-6, 10*

2nd Reading: *James 5:7-10*

Gospel: *Mt 11:2-11*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 3rd Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20251214/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 all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Marina Petroni, Fr Tom Boland** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time; and for the **Repose of the Soul** of **Tan Choo Hng, Lee Thian Lan, John Tan, Maria Seow, Peter Ling, Ding Peng Leng, & Ling Hiong Kiat.**

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

Youth Leader Awards 2025

At this year's Youth Leader Awards, two young men from our Parish were recognised for their roles in youth ministry during 2025.

Caleb Bryant, our Youth Coordinator, was recognised with an outstanding leadership award, for his exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication in guiding and inspiring others in Catholic youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, exemplifying a commitment to excellence and spiritual growth.

Matthew Arendse, one of our Youth Leaders, was recognised with a supporter award for his steadfast support and commitment to empowering and enriching the lives of young people and leaders through his support of a number of events in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Office Hours over Christmas/New Year Period

The Parish office will be closed for the Christmas /New Year period from 12 midday on Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th December, through to Monday 5th of January 2026 inclusive. Normal Parish Office hours resume on Tuesday 6th January from 8:30am. During the office closure please phone 0418 785 440 for a priest in an emergency. For all other matters please email kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au as the parish email will continue to be monitored during the break, urgent matters will be responded to where possible, all non-urgent matters will be responded to when the office reopens. Fr Mark and the parish staff wish parishioners and visitors a Happy and Holy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Living Faith Book

January / February / March 2026 edition

Available this weekend at both churches – \$10.00 each

Living Faith provides brief daily Catholic devotions based on one of the Mass readings of the day. Published new each quarter, these reflections are written by women and men from a variety of backgrounds - lay people as well as clergy and religious. *Living Faith* writers include such well-known Catholic authors as Amy Welborn, Sr. Melanie Svoboda, Deacon Greg Kandra and Msgr. Stephen Rossetti.

New Piety Shop Items On Sale This Weekend

- Tote Bags - Large \$10.00 each, Small \$5.00 each
- Hand Towels - Standard or Hanging - \$5.00 each
- Aprons - Adult \$10.00 each, Child \$5.00 each

Buy 5 items and get a 6th FREE!

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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