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## Baptism of the Lord

Year A

11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Pastor's Message

Many years ago, I had the privilege of being on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. An experience that I specially remember was wading into the river Jordan, where I and each of my fellow pilgrims renewed the promises of our baptism. It was a moving moment, and one could envision the Spirit descending, and the Father confirming each of us as his son or daughter. Many of those who experienced it remember that moment with great emotion, and with a sense of renewed commitment.

The baptism of Jesus is a moment of special grace in our story of salvation. Not only did he join us in our human state, but the Father and the Spirit are seen and heard to be there with him. The gospel uses the simple phrase that “the heavens were opened,” but it is a powerful statement. Later on, when Jesus completed his life-journey on Calvary, we read how “the veil of the Temple was rent in two.” Now at last we were free to enter the Holy of Holies. Today’s gospel is the beginning of a journey, which, through our own baptism, each of us is asked to travel. It is a journey full of purpose.

Even if we seldom think of it, each person needs a sense of purpose and pattern in our living. When I set out on a journey, I need to have a definite idea of where I intend going, and how to make the journey. Peter summarised the purpose and pattern of Christ’s life when he said, “went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed, for God was with him.” We are invited to make his purpose our own.

*God Bless, Fr Mark*

### 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.

### Parish Diary

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine’s Moggill
- 11:00am Funeral Mass (**Ben Smith**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Greensleeves Kindergarten Graduation, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:00pm Maranatha Core Team Meeting, OLR Church Meeting Room

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine’s Moggill
- 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**  
Email [helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au)

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Is 42:1-4, 6-7*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *Acts 10:34-38*

Gospel: *Mt 3:13-17*

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the Baptism of the Lord: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20260111/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 **Fr Ivan Herson** and all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Please remember **Patricia Tansacha, Dan Winkel, Lynette Harding** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick:** Please pray for Jim Devereux, 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.

### Baptism

This weekend, we celebrate the Baptism of **Georgina Quynh Mullins**. Let us pray for her and may she be guided in faith with the help of here parents, godparents, and this parish community.

### Funeral Notice

A Funeral Mass for **Ben Smith** will be celebrated on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00am at OLR Church Kenmore. May he rest in peace.

### Important Message regarding OLR Long Day Care – New early years services coming in 2026

Dear families,

I'm pleased to share that, in partnership with Catholic Early EdCare and Our Lady of the Rosary School, we will be expanding the early years offerings in 2026. The kindergarten will offer extended hours from Term 1 and there is a new proposed long day care service due to open mid-year.



These changes are designed to provide families with more flexibility, support, and continuity of care within the community.

To register your interest, please scan the QR Code.

Warm regards, Fr Mark Franklin – Parish Priest

### Bible Study

*The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord: both nourish and govern the whole Christian life... CCC141*

**Come join us for a 10-week study of selected Psalms. Commencing Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, St Catherine's Moggill. Study Book (essential): \$12.00. Register and pay through Parish Office by 31<sup>st</sup> January. The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.**

### Lenten Program

The Connect team invites you to go deeper this Lent and join our Lenten Reflection Group as we explore the Lenten resource *The Journey Home - Daily Reflections for Lent*. *The Journey Home* reminds us that Lent is not merely a period of sacrifice or reflection; it is a pilgrimage. This resource aims to draw us together as companions on the road, renewed in faith and strengthened in love, as we follow Jesus towards the promise of our true home. Reflections and prayers have been written by Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge. **Each Sunday from 15<sup>th</sup> February – 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 11:00am - 1:00pm at St Catherine's, Moggill. Books Available from Piety Shop.**

### Women's Retreat

**Date Claimer – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at St Catherine's Moggill.**

### Hospitality

**Morning Tea at St Catherine's resumes on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026.**

**Morning Tea at OLR Church Kenmore resumes on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

Morning Tea will be held at St Catherine's Moggill after 8:00am Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, and at OLR Kenmore after 9:45am Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. Bring along a plate to share – All welcome. If you are interested in helping out with a roster to offer this on other Sundays, contact the Parish Office.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

CLOW is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:45am Mass at OLR Church Kenmore. **CLOW will resume on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

### 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](mailto: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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