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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

18th January 2026

Pastor's Message

Two particular thoughts are prompted by the readings of the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary time. The first is John's dramatic declaration, Behold the Lamb of God. the second is an invitation to do a personal stock-taking during this first month of the new year, and make some resolutions to improve the quality of our lives. The Baptist urges us to ask what are we fundamentally about and then seek to reset our lives. And St Paul reminds us that we are "called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." An honest stock-taking of ourselves may unveil the selfish motives that often direct our actions. To rise above an ego-centric spirit we need to recognise something outside of and larger than ourselves, the God who cares for us and for the whole human community. Can we listen to John's call to restore what is broken, and Jesus' call, to bring light to the world? Do we see that it is with our cooperation that the Lamb can remove the "sin of the world?" Facing our deepest personal truths is always difficult; it calls us to not just drift along with this world, always taking the line of least resistance. Discipleship is urgent and costly, but it is also possible and is the way towards the deeper joy and fulfilment that our soul is longing for. If we properly hear the Baptist as he witnesses to Christ, our response will be a stock-taking that goes to the root of our being. It may even reveal to us the truth that sets us free.

God Bless, Fr Mark

New Statue for OLR Columbarium

We are thrilled to inform the Parish community that over the Christmas break we took delivery of a new statue of Our Lady, to be installed within the grounds of the Parish Columbarium at Kenmore.

We are grateful to the parishioner who proposed and funded this beautiful new piece and look forward to its installation in the coming month. It will be a wonderful addition to the amenity of our church grounds and will be greatly appreciated by all those visiting loved ones in the Columbarium.

More detail will follow with a timeline for installation and blessing.

Regards, Michael Finch, Parish Manager

Parish Diary

Monday 19th January – Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 20th January

Wednesday 21st January – St Agnes, virgin, martyr

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

Thursday 22nd January

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill

Friday 23rd January

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Saturday 24th January – St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

- 8:30am Music Practice, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Baptism (**Jack, Mia, & Lily Harvey**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:45am Baptism (**Lyla Coghlan**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 25th January

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (St John the Baptist Family Choir & Morning Tea)
- 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 49:3, 5-6*

2nd Reading: *1 Cor 1:1-3*

Gospel: *Jn 1:29-34*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20260118/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 all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Crispina Romero, Julian Romero, Ernie Soysa, Manel Soysa** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Jim Devereaux, 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, 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.

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

Hospitality

Morning Tea at St Catherine's resumes on Sunday 1st February 2026. Morning Tea at OLR Church Kenmore resumes on Sunday 25th January 2026.

Morning Tea will be held at St Catherine's Moggill after 8:00am Mass on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays of each month, and at OLR Kenmore after 9:45am Mass on the 2nd and 4th 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.

Women's Retreat

Date Claimer – Saturday 30th May 2026 at St Catherine's Moggill.

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 4th February, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, St Catherine's Moggill. Study Book (essential): \$12.00. Register and pay through Parish Office by 31st January. The New Testament lies hidden in the Old and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.

Maranatha Prayer Group

Resumes on 5th February 2025

Please consider this a personal invitation to join us at Maranatha Prayer Group for Praise & Worship, Spiritual Enrichment & Prayer, followed by a cuppa and fellowship. Held on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at St Catherine's Moggill.

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 15th February – 22nd March from 11:00am - 1:00pm at St Catherine's, Moggill. Books Available from Piety Shop.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Piety Shop Items On Sale This Weekend

- Tote Bags – Large \$10.00 each, Small \$5.00 each
- Hand Towels (Hanging) – \$5.00 each
- Aprons – Adult \$10.00 each, Child \$5.00 each
- Living Faith Book (January/February/March 2026) - \$10.00 each

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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Parish Kindergarten	Director – Gillian Hanlon	07 3720 1777	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator – Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au