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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

25th January 2026

Pastor's Message

When Jesus began his public ministry of preaching and healing, John the Baptist had already been arrested, putting an end to his movement of religious revival. At that point, instead of going back to Nazareth (i.e. instead of going home), Jesus went to Capernaum. This marked a new beginning, whose purpose is described in a verse of prophecy: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who lived in the land of the shadow of death, light has dawned." Jesus would later refer to himself as the light of the world; and, in commissioning his disciples, he would tell send us out also, to be light to the world. His vocation is our vocation too. In times past the idea of "vocation" was focussed mainly on doctors, nurses, priests and religious. But now it has been restored to its original, wider application, and all our baptised people are invited to experience their calling from God. There is nothing dramatic about this. It just means that I don't just stumble into the Christian way by default, but that God has chosen me: "I have called you by name; you are mine." "You didn't choose me; no, I chose you, and I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that would remain." If the gospel is now, and I am every person in the gospel, then, through the gospel of today, I am being called again.

The starting-point of Jesus' message was very like that of John the Baptist. "Turn from your sins, and back turn to God, because the kingdom of heaven is near." Turning away from sins is a voluntary act, which can be reversed. There is a story to illustrate that point. When Leonardo da Vinci was asked to do a painting of the Last Supper, he searched far and wide for models for each person in the scene. He found a fine-looking young man, full of vitality, as the perfect model for Jesus. In the following months he did the same for models for each of the apostles, leaving Judas till last, not knowing how to represent him. Finally, he came across a tramp whom he thought was ideal for the part. Leonardo brought him to his studio, but while the work was in progress, he came to a shocking realisation. This man had been with him months before, representing Jesus. In the meantime, he had taken to drink and lost his way, and was now homeless. It was a shock to Leonardo, and a prod to conversion for the man who modelled as Judas.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 26th January – Parish Office Closed – Australia Day (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 27th January

Wednesday 28th January – St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor – OLR School – Term 1 Commences

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

Thursday 29th January

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

Friday 30th January

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Saturday 31st January – St John Bosco, priest

- 1:00pm Wedding (**Xavier Foxon & Gabby Brennan**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 1st February – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (**RCIA Welcome Rite – Dannielle Mason**)
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (**RCIA Welcome Rite – Max Gill**)
- 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>

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Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Is 8:23 – 9:3*

2nd Reading: *1 Cor 1:10-13, 17*

Gospel: *Mt 4:12-23*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 3rd 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 **Fr Peter Casey, Judy McGlade** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Jack Van Rynswoud** 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, 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 **Mia Harvey, Lily Harvey, Jack Harvey & Lyla Coghlan**. Let us pray for them and may they be guided in faith with the help of their parents, godparents and this parish community.

Farewell

Farewell to **Noel & Joan-Ann Kendall**, who are leaving the Parish after 33 years as members of the Kenmore Community. They will be moving into aged care, next week. Please keep them in your prayers as they move into their new home.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will be held on Friday 6th February from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Kenmore.

Anointing of the Sick Mass

Anointing of the Sick Mass will be held on Friday 13th February at 9:15am at OLR Church Kenmore.

Ash Wednesday Masses

Ash Wednesday Masses will be held on 18th February 2026 at:

- 9:15am Mass – OLR Church Kenmore
- 6:45pm Mass – St Catherine's Moggill

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.

Australia Day Special – Piety Shop Items On Sale This Weekend

Special tote bags depicting Australian flora and fauna will be available from the piety shop this weekend. Tote Bags – Large \$10.00 each, Small \$5.00 each.

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 – \$5.00 each.**

Women's Retreat

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

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.**

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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