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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Year A

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

### Pastor's Message

A reflective way of looking at life is to see it as a struggle between sin and grace, selfishness and holiness. Our time on earth will be successful in the measure that we put aside sin and try to live by the grace of God. Today's Scriptures show two contrasting reactions to temptation. The first humans, Adam and Eve, are imagined as preferring their own inclinations to the will of God. Jesus, the Saviour, on the contrary resisted temptation, remaining faithful to what God the Father required of him. St Paul reflects on how these choices affect ourselves: Adam's sin brought trouble on all, but we are saved and offered new life because of the fidelity of Christ.

Temptation in one form or another is an unavoidable part of life. If we honestly examine our daily experience, we can find many aspects of temptation: impulses or tendencies counter to the right way of doing things. To rationalise away these temptations, so that they become socially acceptable and politically correct — is itself a kind of temptation.

Sometimes we like to dictate for ourselves what is right and wrong to set ourselves the boundaries that we believe are acceptable behaviour and sometimes with little reference to the commandments of God.

It is a bit like Adam demanding to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Our real growth to Christian maturity comes by acknowledging and accepting the vocation of struggling against temptation, to achieve the kind of behaviour and attitudes Jesus expects. We must submit our behaviour to his gospel. Christ and Adam show the two opposite reactions in face of temptation: Adam, archetype of sinful, evasive, self-seeking humanity, finds plausible reasons to yield to it, and rebels against God's will. Jesus, archetype of the new God-seeking man, resists temptation even repeatedly. It can only be conquered by this blend of patience and loyalty, supported by trust that what God requires of us is what is best for us.

*God Bless, Fr Mark*

### Parish Diary

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Parish Office Closed**

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

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

- 9:15am Communion Service, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:15pm Bible Study, St Catherine's Moggill

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

- 9:15am Communion Service, St Catherine's Moggill

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

- 9:15am Communion Service, OLR Church Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School (Launch Pad) Youth Group **CANCELLED**
- 5:30pm School Disco, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:30pm High School (Magnify) Youth Group **CANCELLED**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 6:00pm Holy Hour, OLR Church Kenmore

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Lenten Program, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

### World Day of Prayer Service 2026

The World Day of Prayer Service for 2026 will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10:00am at St Andrew's Anglican Church (89 Fairley St, Indooroopilly) – All Welcome.

### Maranatha Women's Retreat

**Date:** Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Time:** 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Location:** St. Catherine's Worship Centre, 3356 Moggill Rd, Moggill QLD 4070

**Register:** <https://olrkm.flocknote.com/signup/245081>

### 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7**

**Sunday Readings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Rom 5:12-19**

Gospel: **Mt 4:1-11**

**Readings at Home**

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20260222/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 **Teresa Rollinson, Rod Burton, Joseph Nguyen Van Khoi, Anna Do Thi Vien, Vu Pham Hue, Stan Franklin** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick:** Please pray for **Emeritus Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Fr Mark, Terry Hunter, 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, 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 **Annabelle Jane Beattie, Juliette Grace Beattie, and Marianne Paige Beattie**. Let us pray for them and may they be guided in faith with the help of their parents, godparents, and this parish community. We thank Fr John Fitz-Herbert for standing in.

### Project Compassion

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – 21/22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Monoranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza. Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

#### Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

**PLEASE NOTE:** As introduced last year, Caritas has moved away from the pack of six separate envelopes to a single envelope which can be used each week during Lent or once with your total donation for Lent.

### Stations of the Cross 2026

This year copies of Mary's Way of the Cross will be available in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for people to use and make their private or group stations of the cross at a day and time that suits.

**Please avail yourself of this resource during the season of Lent.**

### A Personal Note to Parishioners from Fr Mark

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to express my thanks for all your well wishes, prayers and cards over the last couple of weeks.

As has been communicated I experienced a medical episode before a Saturday evening Mass and I was fortunate that it happened while people were present who took care of me, even though it would have been distressing for some present. I was given amazing medical care at the RBWH and by the QAS.

I have been resting at home this last week and will be continuing that rest this coming week. All going well I hope to return to light duties next weekend.

I would like to thank the Parish staff and the many other Parish leaders and volunteers for continuing the activities and sacramental life of the Parish.

Rest assured that my health is very much on the improve and my medical condition has now been rectified by the doctors and staff at the RBWH.

God bless you all and hope to see you all soon.

**Fr Mark**

### Farewell Fabian

It is with some sadness but also gratitude and our heartfelt congratulations that we advise that Fabian Petroni will be leaving the Parish office staff in a fortnight's time.

Fabian completed his Law studies late last year and has been offered a full-time position where he can take the first steps along his professional career.

Having been with us in a casual and then part time capacity since September 2019 Fabian has been a great asset in his dealings with parishioners and the public whilst ably supporting Fr Mark and Michael in the administration of the Parish.

We wish Fabian every success for the future knowing we'll still see him around the parish.

From the Parish office team,

**Fr Mark, Michael, Natali & Caleb**

### 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 – \$5.00 each.**

## 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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