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2nd Sunday of Lent

Year A

1st March 2026

Pastor's Message

Through eyes of faith, the passing of the years looks somewhat different. We believe our journey is going somewhere: instead of simply terminating with death, we will emerge into the life of heaven. We are pilgrims, like Abraham, moving toward the land of promise. Like St Paul, we try to deal with the problems and setbacks along the way, with the help of the Lord. And in the end, if we are faithful, we will share the total joy of joining Christ in glory, as the reward of life's pilgrimage.

In our many journeys today (the age of mobility) we tend to move around a lot, without showing many signs of spiritual progress; indeed, in that respect we often appear to be going backwards. Our goals and desires are short-term, narrow, superficial. Moved by a restless urge for money, for celebrity, novelty, success and pleasure, some go round in rapid circles. But the pilgrims' sights are set on a higher destination, and like Martin Luther King they can say: "I have a dream!" However far-off and hard to reach this dream may be, it is worth more than all the short-term desires we follow. Each step on the journey takes on meaning in light of the goal God sets before us.

A personal, inward journey: Our whole life can be made a pilgrimage towards God. Just as he called Abraham, so he calls each of us to be his own. His call to us is quiet but insistent. Not exactly in the form of: "leave your country and your father's house," but "leave your old ways, the pride and selfishness, the hardness of heart, the angry temper, the envy and the falsehood. And go to the land I shall show." The direction of our pilgrimage is not geographical but moral: "Go towards charity, purity, sharing in truth and prayer and good-will. Go in the way of the gospel. Go to heaven.'

Meaningful Living: Having God's command, and submitting entirely to it, made Abraham the first great pilgrim. Henceforth all his activity took on the value of obedience to God; he was on the road towards Yahweh, the living God. The same spirit would give the deepest meaning to our lives too. The pilgrim's efforts to follow the gospel of his Master are full of meaning. Progress along this way is the real formula for peace of mind. St Augustine said it profoundly: You have made us for Yourself, O' Lord; and our hearts can never be at rest, until they rest in You.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 2nd March – *Parish Office Closed*

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

Tuesday 3rd March

- 11:00am Funeral Mass (**Rita Chan**), OLR Church Kenmore

Wednesday 4th March

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

Thursday 5th March

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

Friday 6th March – *World Day of Prayer*

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 10:00am World Day of Prayer, St Andrews Anglican Church Indooroopilly
- 3:00pm Primary School (Launch Pad) Youth Group, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:00pm Adoration, OLR Chapel Kenmore
- 6:30pm High School (Magnify) Youth Group, CCC Hall, OLR School

Saturday 7th March

- 8:00am SVDP Meeting, OLR Church Meeting Room
- 11:00am Baptism (**Hugh Peter McCoombe**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 8th March – *3rd Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill (Morning Tea)
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (1st RCIA Blessing / Youth Band)
- 11:00am Lenten Program, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (1st RCIA Blessing)

Parish Update – Electronic Newsletter

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

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1st Reading: **Gen 12:1-4**

Sunday Readings

2nd Reading: **2 Tim 1:8-10**

Gospel: **Mt 17:1-9**

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 2nd Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20260301/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 **Elwyn Heggarty, Nham Nguyen** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Stan Franklin, Walter Finch, Nelly Meouchi, Charline Meouchi** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Ursula Abercrombie**, Emeritus Archbishop Mark Coleridge, 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.

Funeral Notice

A Funeral Mass for **Rita Chan** will be celebrated on Tuesday 3rd March at 11:00am at OLR Church Kenmore. *May she rest in peace.*

Adoration

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

Project Compassion

2nd Sunday of Lent - 28 February - 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

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

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.

Visiting Priests

Welcome to **Fr Neil Muir, Fr Tony Simbel CP and Fr John Fitz-Herbert** who will be assisting with Masses this weekend as Fr Mark returns to ministry this coming week. Please make them welcome to our Parish.

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.

World Day of Prayer Service 2026

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

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.

Maranatha Women's Retreat

Date: Saturday, 30th 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>

Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolments open now for the children in year 3 and above who have been baptised.

To register please contact the Parish Office ASAP via kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au.

OLR Youth Groups

Primary School (Yr.3-6) Launch Pad Youth Group will be held on Friday afternoons from 3:00pm – 4:30pm @ the CCC Hall, OLR Primary School.

High School (Yr.7-12): Magnify Youth Group is held on Friday evenings during the school term, from 6:30 – 8:30pm @ the CCC Hall, OLR Primary School.

If you have any queries, please email Caleb at: youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

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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