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4th Sunday of Lent

Year A

15th March 2026

Pastor's Message

From the Gospel of healing of the Blind man, it's hard to know why Jesus went through the ritual of the spittle, the mud, and the water, in order to heal the man. He healed other blind people with a touch, or simply a word. It might well have been a test of faith. He sent the ten lepers on their way, and they were healed as they journeyed along. He sent the centurion home and, before he reached home he got word that his servant was healed. I often think that this is how Jesus heals many of us. We ask for his healing, and nothing seems to happen immediately. Maybe, after asking for his healing, we should go on our way and expect to notice the healing taking place gradually as time goes by.

As the story unfolds, we notice that the man's eyes were really opened, and that includes the eyes of his soul. Clearly Jesus was intent on healing the total person, or not at all. We don't imagine him healing someone and then having that person going away still filled with resentment against another. Such a person was not really healed at all. The man in today's gospel was totally healed, and he ended up on his knees, thanking Jesus.

A practical and simple prayer is "Lord, that I may see." It is a short prayer, but when it comes from the depths of my heart, it is a powerful prayer. Remember that other blind man named Bartimeus? He was told that Jesus was passing by, and he was determined to get his attention. Those around him tried to silence him, but he shouted all the louder. And he also was cured. To another man Jesus asked the pointed question, "Do you want to be healed?"

The greatest good we can do for others is not by giving them money, though that can also be needed at times, but in revealing their own riches to them. It is good to affirm others and make them feel both loved and worthwhile. Many people have grown up with a poor self-image, and they just cannot see the good in themselves. This is another form of blindness, and it is a blindness in others that any one of us can heal. The most certain proof that the Spirit of God lives in you is your willingness and ability to affirm and bring a blessing to other people.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 16th March – Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday 17th March

- 9:00am Penance Service (Year 4 Students), OLR
- 12:00pm Funeral Service Maria Barros, Centenary Gardens Chapel

Wednesday 18th March

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm Bible Study, St Catherine's Moggill

Thursday 19th March

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

Friday 20th March

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School (Launch Pad) Youth Group, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:30pm High School (Magnify) Youth Group CCC Hall.

Saturday 21st March

- 8:30am Music Practice, OLR Church
- 11:00 Baptism (Finn Ignacio Labra) OLR Kenmore
- 11.45am Baptisms (Sophia and Klara Baranski), OLR Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 22nd March – 5th Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (St John the Baptism Music Group) (Morning Tea) (RCIA)
- 11:00am Lenten Program, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (RCIA)

Parish Update – Electronic Newsletter

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

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Email helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au

1st Reading: *1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13*

Sunday Readings

2nd Reading: *Ephesians 5:8-14*

Gospel: *John 9:1-41*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 4th Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20260315/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 **Michael Duffield, Joan Halvorson** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Winifreda Silva** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rest of the Soul: Please remember **Gloria McBean, Francis Camilleri, Zenaida Camilleri** and all those whose souls are in most need of God's mercy.

Sick: Please pray for Ursula Abercrombie, Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge, Terry Hunter, 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, 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 the sick.

Baptism

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

Project Compassion

4th Sunday of Lent – 14/15 March 2026

Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.

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.

Your Parish Offering

For information or to review your level or method of giving please feel free to contact the Parish Manager.

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")

St Catherine's Worship Centre 30th Anniversary Book

In commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of St Catherine's Worship Centre Moggill. Take a trip down memory lane with this 40-page photobook of the St Catherine's journey. Over 150 photos, spanning 3 decades - an ideal memento or present. **On sale at the Kenmore & Moggill Piety Stalls \$25.00 each (cash only). Also available from the Parish office during office hours (Card or Cash).**

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.**

Proposed Working Bee Cancelled

Please be advised that we have had to cancel the proposed working bee in the OLR Church grounds previously scheduled for the 21st of March. Thank you to those whom expressed some interest, we apologise for any inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding.
Michael Finch Parish Manager.

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

Container Recycling Scheme Changes

This week the Containers for Change pod at OLR Church carpark was removed by the provider, Community Co Recycling, as they can no longer manage our bag drop facility, which has been a joint project with Kenmore Rotary since 2019. The shipping container at St Catherine's will also be removed shortly. We thank Kenmore Rotary who partnered with us to recycle tens of thousands of containers. **The Parish has arranged a new Scheme ID to accept donations of containers from parishioners via specially marked wheelie bins at both churches. Please now use scheme ID C11723117 to donate to support youth ministry in the parish. Enquiries to the parish manager.**

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.

Parish Primary School	Principal – Paul Rees	07 3378 2412	pkenmore@bne.catholic.edu.au
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Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator – Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au