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5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

22nd March 2026

Pastor's Message

We might think it seems a bit strange to have this gospel about the raising of Lazarus on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It seems to us clearly about the resurrection and yet we are still in Lent and have to get through Good Friday before we get to Easter. What's going on; have the Church's liturgical experts got it all wrong? Maybe this text is less about the resurrection and more about death. After all, Lazarus isn't walking around today; he had to undergo another death. This Gospel is more about our life and death here and now rather than about the resurrection. We will have time enough to consider the resurrection when we get to Easter Sunday and the Easter weeks of celebration afterwards.

In his Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius Loyola suggests that when reading a particular Gospel passage, we should put ourselves in the place of each character in turn and use our imagination to see how we would feel in those circumstances. This can be a most revealing exercise. How about putting myself in the place of Lazarus? I am dead to everything and then I hear a voice: 'Come out, Lazarus.' There I am, lying in a tomb wrapped in cloth and surrounded by darkness. If we wonder how we would feel in this situation, the answer would be different for everyone, but I think many might say: Thanks Lord, but I'd prefer to stay where I am.

While attempting to put ourselves in Lazarus's shoes we might become aware of how tomb-like our present way of life is and rekindle a longing for freedom which has perhaps been buried for years. Putting ourselves into the place of a character from scripture can awake all kinds of thoughts within us and lead us to turn to God in prayer with new words on our lips. Yet it is something so simple that we are surprised that we never thought about it ourselves. This Gospel features here in Lent to help us come to live life to the full; for often it is only in the face of death that we are shocked into this realisation. This can happen to us in all sorts of ways on the occasion of a loss or bereavement. It is amazing how often it takes overcoming a negative experience to make us realise afresh how much there is that is truly positive and makes life worth living.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 23rd March – *Parish Office Closed*

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

Tuesday 24th March

- 9:00am Penance Service (Year 5 & 6 Students) OLR Church, Kenmore
- 3:30pm Confirmation Information Session OLR Church, Kenmore

Wednesday 25th March – *The Annunciation of the Lord*

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

Thursday 26th March

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm Chrism Mass, St Stephens Cathedral

Friday 27th March

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School (Launch Pad) Youth Group, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:00pm High School (Magnify) Reco Rally Lourdes Hill College, Hawthorne

Saturday 28th March

- 9:30am Confirmation Information Session
- 11:00am Baptisms (George & Juniper Taylor) OLR Kenmore
- 11.45am Baptism (Adelaide McBryde) OLR Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 29th March – *Palm Sunday*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:30am Baptism (Penelope Gardner-Vizcarra) OLR Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

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1st Reading: *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

Sunday Readings

2nd Reading: *Romans 8:8-11*

Gospel: *John 11:1-45*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 5th Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20260322/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 **Francis Strutt** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Carlo & Antonia Peluchetti, Marie & Youssef Kiriakos** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rest of the Soul: Please remember **Mary Mathew Manathumakil, Joseph Jacob** 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.

Baptisms

This weekend, we celebrate the Baptisms of **Sophia & Klara Baranski**. Let us pray for them and may they be guided in faith with the help of their parents, godparents, and this parish community.

Project Compassion

5th Sunday of Lent – 21/22 March 2026

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")

Parish Update – Electronic Newsletter

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

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.**

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 is 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

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 in support of youth ministry in the parish.** Enquiries to the parish manager.

Holy Week Service Times 2026

Palm/Passion Masses – 28th / 29th March

- 5:00pm Saturday Vigil – OLR Church Kenmore
- 8:00am Sunday Mass – St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Sunday Mass – OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Sunday Mass – OLR Church Kenmore

Monday – 30th March

- 6:00pm-7:00pm Confessions & Adoration, OLR Church Kenmore

Wednesday – 1st April

- 9:15am Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins
- 6:00pm -7:00pm Confessions & Adoration, OLR Church Kenmore

Holy Thursday – 2nd April

- 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, OLR Church Kenmore

Good Friday – 3rd April

- 9:00am Stations of the Cross OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Way of the Cross (Open Air) St Catherine's Moggill
- 3:00pm Passion & Veneration of the Cross OLR Church Kenmore

Easter Vigil – Saturday 4th April

- 6:00pm Mass OLR Church Kenmore

Easter Sunday – 5th April

- 8:00am Mass St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass OLR Church Kenmore

NO 5:30pm Mass – OLR Church Kenmore

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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