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3rd Sunday of Lent

Year A

8th March 2026

Pastor's Message

The thirsting soul: Our need to drink regularly is obvious; without water we would quickly die. Not so easily recognized is the soul's thirst for meaning, for vision and purpose in life. We can be fully preoccupied with the surface of things, and quite neglect our spirit's obscure longing for eternal life. Like the Israelites, we worry constantly about physical needs, but are often unmindful of God who supplies them. In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus offers us the refreshing water of eternal life, a power of faith and union-with-God which is our deepest need, and can satisfy the thirst of our soul. How the desert blossoms, when water is brought to it. We can just look at our own vast outback when the rain comes the land blooms. The same miracle of growth can take place in the parched soul, if God lets his Spirit flow over me. All the ravages of doubt, fear and sin will yield to the new life of grace.

Already in baptism, the sacramental washing with water by the Christian Church was a first contact with the grace of Christ. I was given a good start, planted well in the garden of God, with room to put down roots, and draw vital nourishment from the living spring of the Saviour. Yet, I need continuing help, to keep my spirit alive and pleasing to God as life goes on. Like the desert-wandering Jews, I suffer from thirst; I grow weary in confronting problems and temptations Jesus guarantees me the "living water" I need. His own Spirit is always at hand, as a force of encouragement and fidelity.

Our deep desire remains, something not confined to Christians but shared by the mystic tradition in other religions: namely, the yearning to come into the presence of God, and be welcomed by God. All of us are called by him to drink of that "fountain of water, springing up to everlasting life." In times of widespread religious scepticism, the hope of heaven as eternal life after death is often cast in doubt as wishful thinking. But we cling to this hope, relying on the word of Jesus. For St Paul and the early Christians, the hope of eternal life breathed joy into all their efforts and sacrifices. Fidelity until death seemed well worthwhile, "for the weight of glory that will be revealed in us." Our part to play is turning away from sin, and trying to live by the Gospel. God can be absolutely relied on to fulfil his promise, and will in time satisfy the deep thirst of our spirit.

God Bless, Fr Mark

Parish Diary

Monday 9th March – Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday 10th March

- 9:00am Penance Service (Year 3 Students), OLR Church Kenmore

Wednesday 11th March

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

Thursday 12th March

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

Friday 13th 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, OLR School

Saturday 14th March

- 8:00am Bluey Show, OLR School
- 11.45am Baptism (**Emilia Helena Catherine Bennie**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 15th March – 4th Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill (Morning Tea)
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (Morning Tea)
- 11:00am Lenten Program, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 7:00pm YA Adoration, Kenmore Chapel

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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Ex 17:3-7*

2nd Reading: *Rom 5:1-2, 5-8*

Gospel: *Jn 4:5-42*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 3rd Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20260308/today.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 **Rita Chan, Maria Barros Joseph Nham Nguyen** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Maria Phillips** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Michael Barlow**, Ursula Abercrombie, Emeritus Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Terry Hunter, Jim Devereaux, 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.

Baptism

This weekend, we celebrate the Baptism of **Hugh Peter McCoombe**. Let us pray for him and may he be guided in faith with the help of his parents, godparents, and this parish community.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Congratulations to **Max** and **Dannielle** as they receive their 2nd Blessing and a copy of the Lord's Prayer from the Parish community, this weekend.

Funeral Notice

A Funeral Service for **Maria Barros** will be celebrated on Tuesday 17th March at 12:00pm at Centenary Memorial Gardens Chapel. *May she rest in peace.*

Project Compassion

3rd Sunday of Lent – 7/8 March 2026

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.

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.

St Catherine's Worship Centre 30th Anniversary Book

A photobook has been created 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

Date: Saturday, 21st March 2026

Time: 7:00am – 10:00am

Location: OLR Church Kenmore

Express interest by contacting the Parish Office.

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

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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