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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Year A

12th April

Pastor's Message

The expression "Doubting Thomas" comes from this remarkable Easter story this weekend. The apostle Thomas, one of Jesus's inner circle, was slow to believe in the resurrection. He demanded concrete evidence before he could believe that the risen Jesus had appeared to his fellow apostles. His story offers some comfort to those of us who are always nagged by doubts. With the memory of our Lord's crucifixion fresh in their hearts, the nervous disciples had locked the doors of their meeting room.

The disciples are locked away in fear. The turning point came when Jesus appeared among them and breathed the Holy Spirit into them, filling them with new purpose. "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." In the power of the Spirit they left their self-imposed prison, to go out and spread the message of Jesus. In today's reading from Acts St Luke shows them witnessing to the resurrection both in word and by the quality of their living.

Are we sometimes like those disciples, indecisive, inactive, unwilling to promote the faith. The experience of life may have dented our confidence. Are we tempted to abandon our faith journey, unable to see a way forward? Our past failures make us hesitant to try again. Today's gospel offers a solution. The Lord himself has power to revive our courage and our faith. No locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep him out.

Thomas in this Gospel on Sunday demanded definite and demonstrable, tangible proof. Jesus gave him the proof he needed. "Put your finger here," he said, "and feel my wounds." He forgives our fears and doubts too and offers us a fresh start. We need to say in our turn, "My Lord and my God."

Today we meet with the risen Christ, just as St Thomas did. In praying the Eucharist together, we help each other's faith and strengthen our Christian community. It was because the members of the early Church in Jerusalem met in public for prayer and seemed such a joyful little community, that so many others came to believe and the church grew steadily in those early, Spirit-filled days.

No-one else can do our believing for us. Eventually Thomas came to believe in the resurrection, when he saw the risen Jesus with his own eyes.

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The story ends with a message for all who have received the gift of faith: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Our faith is a gift from God. It is a living gift that needs nurturing, to grow and mature. Like other life-forms, faith can wither from neglect. We need to pray about it, think about it, and express it in actions arising from love.

This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. But if like Thomas we continue seeking, we too will come into the presence of Jesus and say, "My Lord and my God!"

God Bless, Fr Mark.

Parish Diary

Monday 13th April - Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday 14th April - Parish office open 8:30am to 2pm

Wednesday 15th April - Parish office open 8:30am to 2pm

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 6:30pm Young Adult Adoration, OLR Chapel Kenmore
- 7:00pm Bible Study, St Catherine's Moggill

Thursday 16th April - Parish office open 8:30am to 2pm

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:00am Funeral Mass Joan-Ann Kendall, OLR Church Kenmore
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group, St Catherine's Moggill

Friday 17th April - Parish office open 8:30am to 2pm

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Funeral Mass Michael Griffin, OLR Church Kenmore

Saturday 18th April

- 9:00am Confirmation Parent-Child Meeting, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 19th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill & Morning Tea
- 9:45am Mass/Children's Liturgy, OLR Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: **Acts 2:42-47**

2nd Reading: **1 Peter 1:3-9**

Gospel: **John 20:19-31**

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 2nd Sunday of Easter (Yr A): <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20260412/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 **Joan-Ann Kendall, Michael Griffin** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Ron Heritage, Lorraine Downes** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **John Tangeman** Jonathan Stekhoven, 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.

Funeral Notices

Funeral Mass for **Mrs Joan - Ann Kendall** will be celebrated on Thursday 16th April at 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church Kenmore. *May she Rest in Peace.*

Funeral Mass for **Mr Michael Griffin** will be celebrated on Friday 17th April at 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church Kenmore. *May he Rest in Peace.*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Congratulations to **Dannielle Mason** and **Max Grimmett** who were received into the Church this Sunday at Our Lady of the Rosary. May God continue to bless them on their faith Journey

Anointing Mass

Mass for Anointing of the sick will be celebrated on Friday 24th April at 9.15am at OLR Church

Bible Study

Come join us for a 9-week study of Luke's gospel, chapters 17 to 24. Commencing Wednesday 6 May, 7.00-8.30pm, OLR Church meeting room, Kenmore. Study Book (essential) \$12. Register and pay ASAP through the Parish office.

OLR Youth Groups

Primary School Youth Group Launch Pad (Yr.3-6)
Resumes Friday 1st May 3:00pm – 4:30pm @ the CCC Hall, OLR Primary School.

High School Youth Group Magnify (Yr.7-12)

Resumes Friday 24th April 6:30pm – 8:30pm @ the CCC Hall, OLR Primary School.

All queries to Caleb at: youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

Thank You from Fr Mark

To the many parishioners who assisted with the Holy Week Masses and Liturgies and to all those who came and celebrated Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter here in Kenmore and Moggill, thank you.

Thank you to all those involved in the various ministries, the readers, Communion ministers, Mass coordinator's, altar servers, audio visual operators, musicians and singers and all who helped with the smooth running of the Masses and Liturgies.

Special thanks to the young people who assisted with the open air Way of the Cross at St Catherine's on Good Friday.

Thanks also to those who prepared our church environments across Holy Week and Easter, setting up and changing the church settings as well as flower arrangements, cleaning and keeping the grounds tidy and ready for the biggest week of the liturgical year.

Thanks to the Parish office staff for all they do and to our admin volunteers, Don who prepares the music and Andrew who prepares the PowerPoints and finally Miriam and Barry, our Church sacristans for their constant help. **Fr Mark.**

Maranatha Women's Retreat

Date: Saturday, 30th May 2026

Time: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Location: St. Catherine's, 3356 Moggill Rd, Moggill

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

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")

Project Compassion

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026. Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world. Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world. This appeal has now closed, and receipts will be available to those who requested them in the next few weeks once all donations are finalised.

Parish Update – Electronic Newsletter

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

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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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