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The Ascension of the Lord

Year A

17th May

Pastor's Message

In the gospel this weekend we hear Our Lord's final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier Jesus had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with *his* authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak.

In Matthew's version he now adds this great promise, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it". And Luke emphasises that they will be "clothed with power from on high", that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name. Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too.

Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics. The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse. Similarly, the message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full.

You write a new page of the gospel each day, through all that you do and whatever you say. Talking with Jesus doesn't even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that "Joy of the Gospel". **God Bless, Fr Mark.**

Annual Parish Mass Count

This weekend, week three of the Annual Mass Count, we are asked to count gender, along with total attendance numbers. As such, at an appropriate point of the Mass, the congregation will be asked to raise hands if they are male or female to enable this count. Thank you for your cooperation in this process.

Parish Diary

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – National Volunteers Week

Monday 18th May

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm Youth Band Practice, OLR Church Meeting Room

Tuesday 19th May

- 9:00am OLR School Year 1 Liturgy, OLR Church
- 10:30am Anointing & Communion Service, Carinity Nursing Home Brookfield

Wednesday 20th May

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:00am Funeral Mass John Anderson, OLR Church
- 5:30pm Youth Leader Magnify Planning Meeting, OLR Church Meeting Room
- 6:30pm Young Adult Adoration, OLR Chapel
- 7:00pm Bible Study, OLR Church Meeting Room

Thursday 21st May

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group with Guest Speaker Mark Doyle, St Catherine's Moggill

Friday 22nd May

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Priests Deanery Mtg, OLR Church Meeting Room
- 3:00pm Primary School Youth Group (Launch Pad) OLR School Hall
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify) OLR School Hall

Saturday 23rd May

- 11:00am Confirmation Celebration, OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 24th May

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass (Parish Music Group) & Morning Tea, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: **Acts 1:1-11**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 1:17-23**

Gospel: **Matthew 28:16-20**

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for The Ascension of the Lord (Yr A): <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20260517/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 **John Anderson, Dieter Servatius, Laurence Force** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Rest of the Soul: Please remember **Delia, Lemuel & Ruben Nemenzo, Jesus Mabalhin, Sandra & Bianco Abella, Paciencia, Edgardo & Benjamin Requieron.**

Sick: Please pray for M.C. Paul, David & Christine Blakeney, Ida Thomson, John Tangeman, Jonathan Stekhoven, Ursula Abercrombie, Terry Hunter, Susan Miller, Mary Kent, Bronwyn Tingley, Joyce Gough, Rick Dela Cruz, Margaret Kerwick, Bruce Leggat, Veda Francoise Cateaux, Kay Shannon, Sandia Ryan, Edwing Ling, Olivia Pinwill, 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 **Louie Garozzo**. Let us pray for him and may he be guided in faith with the help of his parents, godparents, and this parish community.

Funerals

A Funeral Service for **John Anderson** will be celebrated on Wednesday 20th May at 11am at OLR Church Kenmore.

A Funeral Mass for **Laurence Force** will be celebrated on Tuesday 26th May at OLR Church Kenmore.

May they Rest in Peace.

Calling for Ministers of Communion at Mass

Expressions of Interest are sought from members of the Parish who wish to train as Ministers of Communion at the Weekend Masses. We invite you to consider this important ministry. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to express interest. Email: kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

RCIA

The Next Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process commences 7th June 2026. If you are thinking about becoming Catholic or would like to enquire about the process we invite you to contact the Parish Priest, Fr Mark Franklin, on pp.kenmore@bne.net.au or phone the Parish office on 3324 3630 during office hours.

St Vincent de Paul Helpline Ph: 1800 846 643 E: helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au

Maranatha Women's Retreat

Come and share in the joy of our Lord, stories, inspiration, music, laughter, learning, prayer, good food and some well deserved rest!

Register by 15th May on the link below, the QR code or contact the Parish Office.

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>



Maranatha Prayer Group

Please join us for a special evening reflecting on the Love of God the Father, Thursday, **21 May at 7:00pm** at **St Catherine's Moggill**. Guest speaker Mark Doyle, Associate Director of Mission and Ministry at Australian Catholic University will share a powerful message on encountering the Father's love and living life to the full. Come and enjoy supper and fellowship with the community, All welcome.

OLR Youth Groups

Primary School Youth Group Launch Pad (Yr.3-6) Friday during school term 3:00pm – 4:30pm @ the CCC Hall, OLR Primary School. **High School Youth Group Magnify (Yr.7-12)** Friday during school term 6:30pm – 8:30pm @ the CCC Hall, OLR Primary School. **Young Adult Events Every Week (18 – 35)** Community, Prayer, Social. All queries to Caleb at: youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

Safeguarding News

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has released **Queensland Reportable Conduct Scheme** training in ArcheLearn for all clergy, employees and volunteers in roles within the Safeguarding Matrix. **Parish volunteers registered through the Welcome Portal with an ArcheLearn account will have received an email invitation to complete the online training.** This module takes no more than 15 minutes to complete and is an important requirement of our Safeguarding Commitment in the Parish.

If you have been invited to complete this training, please do so within the next few weeks. Thank you to the many volunteers who have already completed this mandatory training. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Jessica Higgs of the Archdiocesan ArcheLearn team on 3324 3075 or archelearn@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.

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.

Parish Primary School	Principal – Paul Rees	07 3378 2412	pkenmore@bne.catholic.edu.au
Parish Kindergarten	Catholic Early Edcare	0427 101 469	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator – Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au

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