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Pentecost

Year A

24<sup>th</sup> May

### Pastor's Message

As we come together as a Church to celebrate the feast of Pentecost this weekend, we can look at our lives which is made up of multiple experiences. Joys and troubles, successes and failures, are woven together in our daily life, lifting us up or weighing us down. But often we are hardly aware of what's deepest in our own selves. What we grasp in our self-awareness is just a small island amid the wide and deep sea that is life. Sometimes, even what's most essential in life eludes us.

In his book *Spiritual Experience*, modern day church writer Karl Rahner, invites us to consider the inmost "experience" that occurs within us, though often unperceived: the living presence of God's Spirit who works from within our being. This God experience can easily be smothered by many other things that occupy our time and attention. It is a quiet presence that can be drowned out by other impressions and worries that take hold of our hearts.

Mostly, we seem to think that what's great and worthy must be something rare, but God's grace is not like that. There's a tendency in certain parts of Christianity to consider the living presence of the Spirit as something reserved to chosen and select people. But Rahner reminds us that God's Spirit is always alive in the human heart, since the Spirit is God's own communication in the innermost part of our existence. This Spirit of God is communicated and given even where apparently nothing is happening. The Spirit is there, wherever life is received and the duties of each day are carried out. God's Spirit works silently in the hearts of all people, in contrast to the conviction of those who feels themselves the sole possessors of the Spirit. Pentecost invites us to seek that presence of God's Spirit in our own selves, not to imagine it as a trophy granted only to the elite. We need to welcome the Spirit of God who is the font of all life. This Spirit is for everyone, because the immense Love of God is present to all the joys and disappointments, efforts and yearnings that spring from the heart of all God's children.

**God Bless, Fr Mark.**

### Thanks & Farewell to Natali

This week our part time admin assistant and receptionist of the last six and a half years informed Fr Mark that she has accepted a role elsewhere. Natali has been a welcoming face at the Parish office. She will be missed by all those she has assisted in a myriad of ways during her time with us. Natali remains a valued parishioner & volunteer and we will thank her formally shortly.

### Parish Diary

*National Reconciliation Week - Laudato Si' Week*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Our Lady Help of Christians**

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

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – St Philip Neri, priest – National Sorry Day**

- 9:00am OLR School Prep Liturgy, OLR Church
- 11:00am Funeral Mass Laurence Force, OLR Church

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 6:30pm Young Adult Adoration, OLR Chapel
- 7:00pm Bible Study, OLR Church Meeting Room
- 8:00pm State of Origin Game 1

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Funeral Mass Dieter Sevatus, OLR Church
- 3:00pm Primary School Youth Group (Launch Pad) OLR School Hall
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (Magnify) OLR School Hall

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

- 8:00am Maranatha Women's Retreat, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – The Most Holy Trinity**

- 7:30am YA Glorify Sisterhood Event
- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, Youth Band & Sausage Sizzle, OLR Church Kenmore

### Annual Parish Mass Count

This weekend, week four & the final week of the Annual Mass Count, we are asked to count age groupings, along with total attendance numbers. Following communion, the congregation will be asked to raise hands if they fall within five different age groups, so we can gauge numbers. Thank you for your cooperation in this process.

### Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Acts 2:1-11**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13**

Gospel: **John 20:19-23**

### Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for Pentecost: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20260524/mass.htm#j4294967291x2>

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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 Whittington, Sally Towns, Hettie Van Rynswoud** and all those who have died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Please remember **Gwen Hutchinson** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Rest of the Soul:** Please remember **Mauricia, Antonio, Adriana, Arlene & Ling**.

**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.

### Funeral

A Funeral Mass for **Dieter Sevatus** will be celebrated on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 11am at OLR Church Kenmore.

### Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to the following Children who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore: Annie Ahern, Ruby Ahern, Rory Bates, Yanek Bavin, Anya Bavin, Annabelle Beattie, Niamh Carmichael, Theo Casalegno, Lewis Chan, Clodagh Coll, Zack Czarkowski, Conor Doyle, Aston East, Otito Raphael Ezech, Sebastian Finn, Charlotte Fung, Jack Gordon, Lachlan Graham, Timothy Hanna, Billy Hansford, Josef Heeremans, Oliver Hillman Munoz, Eloise Jorissen, Hugo Jorissen, Hugo Josey, Aoife Kent, Eli Keys, Marian Konevecki, Maxwell Konevecki, Maxwell Lewis, Lillian Lewis, Mathieu Mabalhin, Ethan Mayers, Avery Mikeleit, Seraphina Miller, Hannah Moore, Kylo Peter Nguyen, Isabelle Parker, Joshua Pedason, Alexia Pedason, Lee Pokorop, Isabela Rocha Velez, Lachlan Rojek, Thomas Rojek, Sofia Salgar-Lotero, Leo Sergeant, Isla Sipinkoski, Noah Somasekaran, Sophia Steffensen, Trinity Van hecke, Edward Whiteoak

### 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](mailto:kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au)

### New Ambo & Statue

This week two long awaited projects gladly came to fruition. Queensland Heritage Masonry were engaged almost 18 months ago to design and build a new ambo or "Table of the Word" in Carrara marble to complement the existing Altar or "Table of the Eucharist", the Baptismal font and the side Altars.

This beautiful new liturgical piece was installed last Tuesday, and we are most grateful to the generous and patient donor who made this possible. Whilst we had the wonderful QHM craftsmen here we also finalised the installation of the new statue of Our Lady of the Rosary within the columbarium space. The statue was purchased late last year thanks to another generous donor and fixed to a purpose built plinth beside the columbarium.

Both new installations greatly enhance our church environs for the benefit of all who worship here now and in the years to come. They are wonderful examples of generous stewardship by members of our parish community.

If any parishioners or visitors would like to discuss future projects at Our Lady of the Rosary Church or St Catherine's Mass Centre, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish.

### 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](mailto:youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au)

### RCIA

The Next Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process commences 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pp.kenmore@bne.net.au) or phone the Parish office on 3324 3630 during office hours.

### National Sorry Day

Is observed each year on 26 May. It is a time to remember and acknowledge the Stolen Generations, and the history and ongoing impacts of forced removals.

This year marks the 29th anniversary of the *Bringing Them Home* report (1997). The 2026 theme, **From Sorry to Action**, calls on all of us to support meaningful, tangible change within the lifetimes of survivors.

For **National Reconciliation Week** (27 May – 3 June 2026), this year's theme is **All In**. It's a strong and hopeful call for all Australians to actively commit to reconciliation every day. It reminds us that reconciliation is not passive, and not the responsibility of First Nations peoples alone and we all have a role to play.

## 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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