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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

26th July

Pastor's Message

"Ask what you would like me to give you," God said to Solomon. "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil," he replied.

It is the kind of gift we all need. Possessions come in many forms. It is not so much these possessions that we should rid ourselves of, as the demon of possession itself that should be exorcised.

Poverty has become a dirty word in the world we live in. We should not let a famine in Sudan or a Venezuelan disaster make us forget that poverty is also a Christian virtue. It is no accident that Christ began his Sermon on the Mount with "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Or that the only condition for his followers is that "they leave all things." Or that the rich young man should have failed all because he failed this one test, "for he had great possessions." Or that the pearl in today's parable could only be bought by "selling everything he owns."

The trouble with most people is that they want it both ways. All this and the good life too. But they can't have it both ways. There is a pearl for everyone. And there is a price for everyone to pay. A price tailored to each individual circumstances. Detachment is that price. To be able to walk away from what we cherish most without so much as looking back with regret.

Our tragedy is not that we cannot find the pearl but that we are unwilling to pay the price. **God Bless, Fr Mark.**

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, instituted by Pope Francis in 2021, is celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne.

This year's theme, "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15), invites us to show love and gratitude for the older people in our lives.

Take a moment this week to reach out - through a visit, a phone call, or a simple act of kindness - to a grandparent, elderly neighbour, or someone who may be feeling alone. Small gestures can make a big difference.

For Pope Leo's message for World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly follow the link: www.tinyurl.com/PopeLeoMsg

Parish Diary

Monday 27th July - Catholic Education Week

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

Tuesday 28th July

- 11:00am Diocesan Meeting, Episcopal Centre

Wednesday 29th July - *Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus*

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

Thursday 30th July

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:00am Committal Service, Brookfield Cemetery
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group, St Catherine's

Friday 31st July - *St Ignatius of Loyola, priest*

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

Saturday 1st August - *St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor*

First Communion - Presentation of Mass books

- 8:00am OLR SVDP Meeting, OLR Church Meeting Room, Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 2nd August - *18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First Communion - Presentation of Mass books

- 8:00am Mass & Morning Tea, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:15am 1st Communion/Penance Preparation Meeting, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

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1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Sunday Readings

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20260726/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 all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Ivy Nam, Lida Yip, Denise Leong** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Margaret Hanna**, Freda Kanowski, James Venables, Coral Dick, TeKan Khoo, Hilda Birmingham, Liam McCormick, David & Christine Blakeney, 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 Notice

A Committal Service for **Norm Barns** will be held on Thursday 30th July at 11:00am at Brookfield Cemetery. *R.I.P.*

Baptism

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of **Audrey Stedman**. Let us pray for her that she may be guided in faith by her parents, godparents and this parish community.

1st Holy Communion & Penance Program

This weekend at the four Masses in the parish we welcome the children preparing for their 1st Holy Communion and Penance, as they receive their work books and a special blessing. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Congratulations to Tom Wills & Jacob Dagg who receive the Lord's Prayer and 2nd Blessing this weekend as part of their journey towards full communion with the Church. Please keep all our RCIA candidates in your prayers.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms by appointment. One Baptism per family Saturdays 11:00am or 11:45am at OLR Church Kenmore. Contact the Parish office via email or phone to enquire.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month, during the 9:45am Mass at Kenmore. Children from prep to year six all welcome.

OLR Youth Groups

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

Held Friday's during school term 6:30pm – 8:30pm @ the CCC Hall, OLR Primary School.

Primary School Youth Group Launch Pad (Yr.3-6)

Held Friday's during school term 3:00pm – 4:30pm @ the CCC Hall, OLR Primary School.

To register for OLR Youth Groups please go to <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/XGzw5fjDgu?origin=lpLink>

For more information, please contact our youth coordinator, Matthew Arendse, phone 3324 3630 or email youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

Youth Mass & Youth Leader Commissioning

At the 5:30pm Mass this Sunday 26th July at OLR Church Kenmore we will be thanking our outgoing Youth Coordinator, Caleb, and commissioning his successor Matthew and our volunteer youth leaders. Youth band playing and a free sausage sizzle after Mass. All welcome.

An Introduction to the Enneagram

DATE CLAIMER: An afternoon of reflection for individuals and couples. Facilitated by Patrick Oliver. Saturday 12th September 1:00pm till 4:00pm at St Catherine's Moggill. There will be speakers from our Parish at Masses next weekend with more information.

Hospitality at OLR & St Catherine's

Morning Tea at OLR Kenmore is held on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month, after 9:45am Mass and at St Catherine's Moggill on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday of each month, after 8:00am Mass. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

Maranatha Prayer Group

You are personally invited to join the Maranatha Prayer Group for Praise & Worship, Spiritual Enrichment & Prayer, followed by a cuppa and fellowship.

Held on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursdays of each month at 7:00pm at St Catherine's Moggill.

Your Parish Offering

Your financial support of the Parish is important.

Your giving enables the provision of Mass, sacraments, ministries, evangelisation, outreach, property upkeep and administration services which support our vision:

"To be a welcoming and inclusive community, sharing God's kingdom with all."

We have various methods available to make your financial gift, including regular bank deduction, electronic funds transfer, Mass collections, giving boxes and electronic tap devices at our churches. Contact the office for more info.

EFT Giving: OLR Parish Bank Details

BSB 064 786 – Account Number 100001192

Reference – Name & Giving or Purpose of Gift

Our Lady of the Rosary Education Ministry

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish education services, please contact these for further information.

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