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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

11th August 2024

Pastor's Message

We all do our fair share of complaining, and sometimes with good reason. We complain about the weather a great deal. We complain about all kinds of things. If we are not careful we can find ourselves complaining about nothing in particular, just complaining. We can easily get ourselves into a very negative frame of mind. We see the problems but we see nothing else. We fail to see the bigger picture which will nearly always have brighter shades in it. Our vision can be restricted to what is wrong or missing or lacking.

The gospel opens with the Jews complaining to each other about Jesus. As far as they were concerned, he was a problem, and they could not see beyond the problem. They had always known him as the son of Joseph, the carpenter from Nazareth; they knew his family and his mother. Yet, here he was claiming to be the bread that came down from heaven. They were scandalized that one of their own could make such claims for himself. Their response to Jesus was to complain about him. Complaining on its own is rarely an adequate response to anything or anyone; it is certainly not an adequate response to the person of Jesus.

Jesus calls for a very different kind of response. He speaks of this response initially as coming to him. To come to Jesus is the first step on the way to faith. In the first chapter of John's gospel, when Jesus meets the disciples of John the Baptist for the first time he says to them, 'Come and see.' They came, they saw, and eventually they went on to believe in him. Jesus' call to come to him is given even to those who already believe. He calls those who believe to come closer to him so as to believe more fully, more deeply. As followers of Jesus, we spend our whole lives coming to him. We never fully arrive to him in this life; we never fully grasp him, either with our minds or with our hearts. We are always on the way towards him. No matter where we are on our faith journey, the Lord keeps calling on us to come.

Jesus declares in the gospel that nobody can come to him unless drawn by the Father. We cannot come to Jesus on our own; we need God's help. The good news is that God the Father is always drawing us to his Son. When Jesus says to us, 'Come', we are not just left to our own devices at that point. God the Father will be working in our lives helping us to come to his Son; he will draw us to Jesus. There is always more going on in our relationship with Jesus than just our own human efforts. That should give us great encouragement because we know from our experience that our own efforts can fail us in the area of our faith as in other areas. Our coming to Jesus, our growing in our relationship with him, is not all down to us. God the Father is at work in our lives moving us towards his Son, drawing us towards Jesus. There is a momentum within us that is from God, a momentum that will lead us to Jesus if we are in any way open to it.

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin

Parish Diary

Monday 12th August

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

Tuesday 13th August

Wednesday 14th August – St Maximilian Mary Kolbe Ekka Public Holiday – Parish Office Closed

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

Thursday 15th August – The Assumption of the BVM Holy Day of Obligation

- 9:15am Assumption Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:30am Assumption Mass (OLR School), OLR Church Kenmore
- 6:30pm Assumption Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group, St Catherine's Moggill

Friday 16th August

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

Saturday 17th August

- 9:00am Church Ministry Workshop, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:00am Baptism, OLR Church
- 11:45am Baptism, OLR Church
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 18th August – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill (Morning Tea)
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (Children's Liturgy)
- 11:15am 1st Communion & Penance Session
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Our full electronic Parish newsletter is emailed each week by subscribing at <http://bit.ly/olerflock>

St Vincent de Paul Helpline Phone 1800 846 643
Email helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kg 19:4-8

2nd Reading: Eph 4:30 – 5:2

Gospel: Jn 6:41-51

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20240811/mass.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 **Michael Millar, Marie Ah-Fock** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Molly Duffield** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Felicity McPhee, Olivia Williams, Isabella Williams, Pan Leggat, Kathy O'Sullivan, Kitty Foxon, Pat Dryden, , Carlos Leyden, Joan Halvorson, Stewart Behan, Alicea Longford, Kay Bernoth, Pat Nelson, Eli Bartlett, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Stephen Jones, Nouphanh Phanthavong, Elizabeth Shand, Hayley Shatkovsky, Mario Garza, Amy Deans, Juliet Quiterio, Ellen Farkas, Harry Deans, James McGrath, Graham Jackson, Leonard Cox, Prida Dibbayawan, Clint Quinlivan, Rosemary Foxon, Anna Stewart, Judy Kocho, Pat Clohessy, Matthew Gilroy, Maria Langenberg, Nina Smart, Evelyn Gardner, John Green, Cherry Austin, Denise Reeves, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

Funeral Notice

A Funeral Mass for **Michael Millar** will be celebrated on Friday 16th August at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Kenmore. May he rest in peace.

Ministry Workshop *Discover Your S.H.A.P.E*

Saturday 17th August, 9:00am – 3:00pm at St Catherine's Worship Centre, Moggill. You are invited to this one-day workshop to discover more about your God-given purpose and explore your unique **Spiritual Gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality and Experience.** We look forward to helping you identify God's design in your life and what you have to offer the church.

Cost \$25 includes lunch and resources.

Register at www.tinyurl.com/shape-24

Enquiries to events@ec.org.au

Facilitated by Emmanuel Community, a Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Home Heart & Soul Seminar

The Archdiocese of Brisbane's FREE Home, Heart & Soul seminar provides advice and information on a range of pertinent matters, as a service to older parishioners.

The seminar will feature professional guest speakers and a range of information sessions on estate planning and legal advice, retirement planning and financial advice, charitable gifts in Wills and perpetual endowments, funeral pre-planning and in-home community support services.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided free of charge.

Where – St Catherine's 3356 Moggill Road Moggill

When – Monday, 30 September 2024

Time – 10:00am till 2:00pm

To register your attendance please email or phone the parish office on kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3630 or RSVP names of attendees on or before Tuesday, 24th September by completing the registration form here: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/event/hhs-seminar/>

OLR Youth Groups

Primary School (Yr.4-6): Launch Pad Youth Group is held on Friday afternoons during the school term, from 3:00 – 4:30pm @ the CCC, 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, OLR Primary School.

If you have any queries, please email Caleb at: youth.kenmore@bne.catholic.net.au

1st Communion & Penance Programme

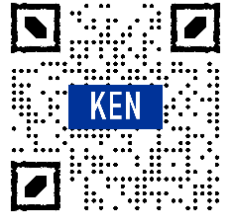
This weekend the Children preparing for the Sacrament of Communion & Penance will receive a copy of the Lord's Prayer as they unite themselves to Jesus in celebrating Eucharist and Penance for the very first time.

2024 Annual Catholic Campaign

Next weekend 17th – 18th August

Is the annual Archdiocesan appeal where all of the parishes of the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community. Funds raised support the Archdiocese in training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Appeal envelopes will be available in our churches next weekend for you to use and return in the coming weeks.



Synod24

DATE CLAIMER: A Presentation on Synodality for the Western Deanery, featuring Paul Jensen, will be held at OLR Church Kenmore on Wednesday 14th August at 7:00pm - All Welcome.

In preparation for *SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New*, a short video has been created, which includes a pastoral message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge on his vision for the synod and a short FAQ discussion with Bishop Tim Norton SVD as Synod Chair and Steph Unger the Synod Executive Officer.

The video can be viewed at: <https://vimeo.com/957389678>

Bus Trip to Marian Valley

Monday 28th October – Expressions Of Interest Sought
Fr Mark has proposed an outing for parishioners and friends to the Marian Valley — Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, at Canungra in the Gold Coast Hinterland.

If you have not yet visited Marian Valley, it is a sacred place developed by the Archdiocese of Brisbane and entrusted to the Pauline Fathers who established the Shrine to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

For more information, or to register your interest please contact the Parish Office

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	prees@bne.catholic.edu.au
Parish Kindergarten	Director – Gillian Hanlon	07 3720 1777	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
Outside School Hours Care	Coordinator - Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au

Office for Safeguarding - <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard/>