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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

27th October 2024

Pastor's Message

This weekend's gospel is the story of a blind man, a blind beggar. Although he was blind, his hearing was very sensitive, so he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. Although he could not see Jesus, he made contact with him through his sense of hearing. His finely tuned hearing to the presence of Jesus led him to using another sense to make contact with Jesus, his sense of speech. He cried out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.' Even when people around Jesus, including perhaps some of Jesus' disciples, told him to keep quiet, he shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Even though he could not see Jesus, he was determined to make contact with him through his gift of speech, through his urgent prayer from his heart. His prayer was an act of faith on his part. He recognized Jesus as 'Son of David' which was one of the titles for the Messiah, and trusting that Jesus could heal his blindness. His making contact through his hearing and his speaking revealed that he had an inner sight. Even though he was blind, he saw Jesus with the eyes of faith. Even when he was rebuked by the crowd for confessing his faith out loud, he refused to be silenced. He had the courage to keep professing his faith, in spite of the hostility and scorn it brought upon him. This man's courage faith and the quality of hearing, and speaking and seeing it gave rise to may have something to teach us when professing our faith publicly can invite scorn. This man's faith literally brought Jesus to a standstill, in spite of the fact that at this point in his ministry he was hurrying from Jericho to Jerusalem. The gospel says simply, 'Jesus stopped.' Jesus' response to the heartfelt prayers of this man was in complete contrast to that of the people around him. Rather than telling him to keep quiet, Jesus told those around him to call him over. Jesus is portrayed as the champion of those not considered worthy enough to come near to God. Again we witness the extraordinary responsiveness of this man to Jesus' presence, to the call of Jesus. When he heard that Jesus was calling him, he first of all threw off his cloak. His cloak, no doubt, served many purposes. He sheltered him from the weather; it was his bed; it was in a sense his home. Yet, he abandoned it, and having done so, he jumped up and went to Jesus in his blindness. Nothing was going to hold him back from connecting with Jesus, not even his precious cloak. He speaks to all of us of our own need to free ourselves of the binds that stifle our faith and keep us from approaching the Lord. The question that Jesus asked that man when they came face to face was not the kind of dismissive question that comes from annoyance at being interrupted, 'What do you want?' Rather, it was a very personal question 'What do you want me to do for you?' It is a question that we can all hear as addressed to each of us personally, and how we answer that question can reveal a great deal about who we are and what we value.' The blind man's answer to Jesus' who was aware of his blindness, aware of his disability, he asked simply, 'Master, let me see again.' In answering his prayer, Jesus addressed him as a man of faith, 'your faith has saved you.' He was already seeing Jesus with the eyes of faith before he received back his physical sight. Once he received back his physical sight, we are told that he followed Jesus along the road. He immediately used his newly restored sight to walk after Jesus as a disciple up to the city of Jerusalem, where Jesus would be crucified. His faith had shaped his hearing and his speaking, and now it shaped the path he would take. His faith had shaped his hearing and his speaking, and we could do worse than take this man as a model of faith in our own lives. Like him we are blind beggars who need to keep on crying out to the Lord who passes by so that we can see him more clearly and follow him more nearly. **God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin**

Parish Diary

Monday 28th October – *Sts Simon and Jude*

- 9:00am Parish Day Trip, Marian Valley Canungra
- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's Moggill

Tuesday 29th October

- 6:00pm Parents Advisory Meeting AGM, OLR School

Wednesday 30th October

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill

Thursday 31st October

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm 'When You Pray' Session, St Catherine's Moggill

Friday 1st November – *All Saints' Day*

- 9:15am Mass (*All Saints' Day*), OLR Church Kenmore
- 3:00pm Primary School (*Launch Pad*) Youth Group, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:00pm Adoration, OLR Chapel
- 6:30pm High School (*Magnify*) Youth Group, CCC Hall, OLR School

Saturday 2nd November – *All Souls' Day*

- 8:00am SVDP Monthly Meeting, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Mass (*All Souls' Day*), OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 3rd November – *31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill (Morning Tea & Wild Goose Session)
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (Youth Band)
- 11:00am Alpha Program, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

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

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Email helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au**

1st Reading: *Jer 31:7-9*

Sunday Readings

2nd Reading: *Heb 5:1-6*

Gospel: *Mk 10:46-52*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20241027/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 **Kathy O'Sullivan, Edwin Bingham, Richard Francis** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Marian Sequeira, Barrie Derham** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Br Ralph Arnell, Don Holcombe, Cara-Leigh Hurdial, Sian Fitzpatrick, Edith Moens, Felicity McPhee, Olivia Williams, Pan Leggat, 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, 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, Benjamin Stekhoven, Chris Morris, Noelene Casey, and all those who are sick.

Baptism

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of **Sebastian Francis Ribeiro**. Let us pray for him and may he be guided in faith with the help of his parents, godparents and this parish community.

Wedding Anniversary Congratulations

Congratulations to **Suzy & Jose Hilario De Jesus**, who will be celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary this Sunday 27th October and renewing their vows at the 9:45am Mass at OLR Church Kenmore. Let us pray for them as they celebrate this special day in their lives.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Congratulations to **Roy, Neil, and Catherine** who will receive a copy of the Creed and their first Blessing this weekend on their journey toward full communion with the Church. Please pray for them as they continue their initiation into the Church.

Catholic Mission Appeal 2024

Last weekend, we took up the Annual Catholic Mission Appeal. We thank you for your generous donations. If you would still like to donate, appeal envelopes are still available in the churches for your use. To donate online, please go to: catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

Car Wash Fundraiser – Thank You

It is pleasing to advise that this year's car wash raised a total of **\$1,822.55** for Emmanuel City Mission to support their work providing a daytime sanctuary for the homeless of Brisbane. Thank you to our Parish youth, parents, parishioners, Fr Mark, and Parish staff, Caleb & Fabian for your all your efforts and to all those who had their cars washed. *Cheers, Michael Finch.*

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. **Next CLOW Sunday 17th November.**

Feast of All Saints & All Souls

All Saints' Feast Day Mass:

Friday 1st November – 9:15am Mass, Kenmore

All Souls' Feast Day Mass:

Saturday 2nd November – 9:15am Mass, Kenmore

November Intention Envelopes & Book of Life

In both churches during November, the Book of Life will be displayed with the names of our loved ones who have entered eternal life. If you wish for your loved ones' names to appear in the Book of Life for November, please use one of the November intention envelopes at the churches and return them through the collect plate at Mass or drop them into the Parish Office.

OLR Parish Flocknote Sign-up QR Code

Thank you to all those who have responded to the **Parish Census** sign up through Flocknote. **We are asking all parishioners to "sign-up" to Flocknote** by following the link <https://OLRKM.flocknote.com/register> using the QR code, completing a paper census, or phoning the parish office, where we can record your census information for you. Regardless of whether you are receiving the electronic Parish Update newsletter, this signup (census) is for everyone and will enable us to serve you better. Thank you, **Michael Finch, Parish Manager**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will be held on Friday 1st November from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Kenmore.

OLR Parish Planning Meeting for 2025

All interested Parishioners are invited to attend the Parish Planning meeting to gather pastoral and missionary ideas for 2025.

When: Sunday 24th November 11:30am – 1:00pm

Where: Kenmore Church Meeting Room (below the Church)

If your intention is to attend, please complete the registration form <https://forms.office.com/r/ahedre68AG>, or contact the Parish Office.

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

Sacrament of Baptism

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

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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