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1st Sunday of Advent

Year C

1st December 2024

The Season of Advent

Both Lent and Advent are seasons of waiting, preparation, and penance. During Lent, we await Christ's return from 40 days in the desert, His loving sacrifice for us, and Resurrection. In Advent, we prepare for His birth. The birth and resurrection of Christ are intertwined, and their connection is quite significant theologically. Yet, these seasons of waiting look different for us – Advent is a uniquely joyous and hopeful season in the Church.

We light candles amidst the darkness of our world. And we come together as friends and family to celebrate the coming of our Saviour.

Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical year. (This Advent season marks the start of Year C.)

We begin the year anew, renewed by His birth.

Advent: The Biblical Roots

Though it's never explicitly mentioned in the Bible, Advent is inspired by scripture.

Isaiah, a messianic prophet, foretold Jesus's birth centuries before it took place:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

In the Gospels, we see the fulfilment of this prophecy.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus. (Matthew 1:18-25)

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin, Parish Priest

Parish Diary

Monday 2nd December

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

Tuesday 3rd December – *St Francis Xavier*

Wednesday 4th December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Funeral Mass (**Keith Brown**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:00pm Graduation Liturgy, OLR Church Kenmore
- 6:00pm Graduation Ceremony, CCC Hall, OLR School

Thursday 5th December

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

Friday 6th December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am End of Year Liturgy, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 12:00pm OLR School Closes for 2024
- 6:00pm Adoration, OLR Chapel Kenmore
- 3:00pm No Primary School (Launch Pad) Youth Group (Resumes 2025)
- 6:30pm High School (*Magnify*) Youth Group, CCC Hall, OLR School

Saturday 7th December – *St Ambrose, bishop*

- 9:00am Catholic Charismatic Renewal Worship Gathering, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:45am Baptism, OLR Church Kenmore
- 12:30pm SVDP Pre-Christmas Lunch, CCC Hall, OLR School
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 8th December – *2nd Sunday of Advent*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill (Morning Tea)
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (Morning Tea)
- 4:30pm Community Carols, Anglican Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Flocknote Sign Up – Our Parish Census

Please complete our online Parish census at <https://OLRKM.flocknote.com/register> and provide or update your information. A paper census form is also available at the churches.



This information will allow us to serve you better. Thank you.

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Jer 33:14-16*

2nd Reading: *1 Thess 3:12 – 4:2*

Gospel: *Lk 21:25-28, 34-36*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 1st Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20241201/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 Smith, Mike Comerford** and all those who have died recently.

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

Sick: Please pray for **Doris Fern, Lilian Bird, Eloise Bird, Ian Turner, Sandra Dickson, Sian Fitzpatrick, Br Ralph Arnell, Don Holcombe, Cara-Leigh Hurdial, Olivia Williams, Kitty Foxon, Pat Dryden, Carlos Leyden, Joan Halvorson, Stewart Behan, Alicea Longford, Kay Bernoth, Pat Nelson, Eli Bartlett, Krystyna Kazimierczuk, Stephen Jones, Noupahn 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 **Bastien Claudius Buxton**. Let us pray for him and may he be guided in faith with the help of his parents, godparents, and this parish community.

Funeral Notice

A Funeral Mass for **Keith Brown** will be celebrated on Wednesday 4th December at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. May he rest in peace.

A Funeral Mass for **Mrs Pat O'Neill** will be celebrated on Friday 13th December at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. Followed by a Burial at Brookfield Cemetery. May she rest in peace.

A Funeral Mass for **Felicity McPhee** will be celebrated on Tuesday 17th December at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Kenmore. May she rest in peace.

What do the four candles of Advent symbolise?

The four candles of Advent represent the four Sundays of Advent, and they respectively symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love. In some homes and parishes, people will also light a fifth candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to represent the birth of Jesus; this candle, when added to the Advent wreath, is typically white and larger than the other candles and is placed in the centre of the wreath.

First Advent Candle – Hope

“Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.” – C.S. Lewis

It is only fitting that the first candle on the Advent wreath represents **Hope** – the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. The first candle is **purple**, the primary colour of Advent and a colour symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the **“Prophecy Candle,”** the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah’s foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus. This Advent, light the first candle on **Sunday, December 1, 2024.**

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. **Resumes 14th February 2025.**

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

Pre-Christmas Community Lunch

Join St Vincent de Paul OLR Kenmore Conference for a free community lunch. If you are an individual or a family, maybe, feeling lonely, have no one to share Christmas this year with, or unable to prepare your own Christmas meal, you are invited. Together we will celebrate an early Christmas with decorations, music, a delicious meal and great conversation.

When: Saturday 7th December from 12:00pm till 3:00pm

Where: CCC Hall, OLR School, Kenmore

Please rsvp via olr4069@svdpqld.org.au or telephone the Parish office on 3324 3630 by advising your Name, Contact Number, any dietary requirements and if you require transport to attend and return home from the event.

If you are struggling to make ends meet, or you will be alone at Christmas, come and be a part of our community of kindness. St Vincent de Paul, OLR Kenmore Conference.

SVDP Christmas Hamper Appeal

Only two weeks until the OLR St Vincent de Paul 2024 Christmas Hamper Appeal closes. We invite you to share your generosity to help those in need, bringing joy to children, young people and adults who face financial and family challenges during this holiday season. Together, we can be a light for those who may not experience the gifts of Christmas. Hamper Donation Boxes are at both churches from this weekend. Donation Guides are also at both churches. For more info see the Parish Update newsletter on Flocknote or email OLR Vinnies at olr4069@svdpqld.org.au

Donations can be made to SVDP Our Lady of the Rosary Conference to: Account Name: SVDP OLR Kenmore – BSB: 064786 – Account No.: 100027603 – Please reference: ‘Hamper Appeal’.

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. **No CLOW in December, returns 16th February 2025.**

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

*St Vincent de Paul Helpline Phone 1800 846 643
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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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