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2nd Sunday of Advent

Year C

8th December 2024

Pastor's Message

Poor old Advent. It gets stamped. It is overrun. Who cares about Advent – it is only an unruly intruder on the way to Christmas. But it isn't. Advent drags us back to basics. The very essence of humanity means patience. We can easily get overwhelmed by the 'fast lane of life.' We are in such a hurry. We want everything now. We rush from experience to experience. We can't cope with the bigness of life. Stop. Look. Listen. The simple message of Advent is to glance back at the Jews, waiting for the Saviour to come. If we have similar feelings; we can feel with them. We can easily link up our own waiting in life, to their waiting.

Waiting for a child to be born. Waiting for day to come. Waiting for buses. Waiting for an appointment in a hospital. Waiting at shops is a very good indicator of Advent. Waiting for the sun to shine and the rain to stop. Waiting to get well. Waiting for pain to go. Waiting to grow up. Waiting for visitors. But above all, it is learning not to live just in the present moment. It is stopping ourselves being addicted to the concerns of only today. Advent reminds us to be much bigger in our thinking. Look around. Stop. Think of the past. Look at nature. Look at the companions of life. Be grateful. Never be consumed by NOW. See the broader picture. . .

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin, Parish Priest

Second Advent Candle – Peace

“May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.” – Pope Francis

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the “Bethlehem Candle,” the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph’s journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. Building on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, this second candle recalls that after all of the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth – Jesus is coming, and so is his Kingdom of Peace. As we read in the quote from Pope Francis, this light of peace shone forth from Bethlehem for all the world. This Advent, we light the second candle on **Sunday 8th December 2024**.

Parish Diary

Monday 9th December – *Immaculate Conception of the BVM*

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine’s Moggill
- 6:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Tuesday 10th December

Wednesday 11th December

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

Thursday 12th December

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine’s Moggill
- 7:00pm Mass, End of Year Maranatha Prayer group, St Catherine’s Moggill

Friday 13th December – *St Lucy, virgin, martyr*

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Requiem Mass (**Pat O’Neill**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 3:00pm No Primary School (Launch Pad) Youth Group (Resumes 2025)
- 6:30pm High School (*Magnify*) Youth Group, CCC Hall, OLR School

Saturday 14th December – *St John of the Cross, priest, doctor*

- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 15th December – *3rd Sunday of Advent*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine’s Moggill (Morning Tea)
- 9:45am Mass, OLR 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.



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

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Baruch 5:1-9*

2nd Reading: *Phil 1:4-6. 8-11*

Gospel: *Lk 3:1-6*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 2nd Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20241208/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 **Giuseppe Ferri** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Bill Rienecker, Leena Shetty, Alexander Wright, Fr Tom Boland** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for Doris Fern, Lilian 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 **Raya Lin Pathak**. Let us pray for her and may she be guided in faith with the help of her parents, godparents, and this parish community.

Funeral Notice

A Funeral Service for **Giuseppe Ferri** will be celebrated on Thursday 19th December at 11:00am at St Catherine's Moggill. Followed by a Burial at Brookfield Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Children's Nativity Play

The Children's Nativity Play will be held at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve (24th December) at OLR Church Kenmore.

Practice will be held on Saturday 21st December at 11:00am at OLR Church Kenmore.

If your children would like to be part of the nativity play (dressing as angels or shepherds), please contact the Parish Office.

We are also in need of adult helpers for the Nativity Play, if you are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office.

Final Mass for Maranatha Prayer Group

Final Mass for Maranatha Prayer Group will be held on **Thursday 12th December at 7:00pm at St Catherine's Moggill** – All Welcome.

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Monday 9th December this year, due to the 8th December falling on a Sunday.

Mass will be held at 6:30pm at OLR Church Kenmore.

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. **Last Magnify for the term, Friday 13th December – Resumes 14th February 2025**

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

SVDP Christmas Hamper Appeal – Thank You

Thank you for 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.

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.**

Children Ministered Mass

1st Sunday of the month at 9:45am Mass, OLR Kenmore. If your child would like to be involved in these Masses please contact the Parish Office and the co-ordinator Eloise Bird will be in touch. **Children's Ministered Mass has finished for the year and will resume in February 2025.**

Piety Shop

The following items are available at both churches:

- The Living Faith Devotion Prayer Book – \$5.00 each
- The Swag Magazine – FREE
- Columban Art Calendar 2025 – \$10.00 each
- Christmas Cards – \$5.00 per pack

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Kenmore

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the first Friday of each month from 6:00pm – 9:00pm.

The Chapel is open to all for private prayer during office hours. After-hours access is available individually by application through the parish office.

Flocknote News

Due to an increase in security settings with some email providers, such as Telstra BigPond, there have been issues delivering our electronic newsletter to some subscribers. If this has impacted you, please check your junk mail or spam folder and ensure delivery of the weekly Parish Update from Flocknote to your inbox and not into spam, by adding mail@flocknote.com to your email address book or safe senders list.

If you need assistance or continue to experience non delivery of the Parish Update 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.

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