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3rd Sunday of Advent

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15th December 2024

Pastor's Message

This Third Sunday in Advent is full of comfort and joy. In our Latin past it was called "Gaudete Sunday," (gaudete meaning rejoice.) The liturgy bids us be happy, not to worry, for the Lord is near. And if we want the peace of God in our hearts, that peace will be ours, if we ask God for it. St Paul says, "There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving." He tells us not to wait until after God has granted our requests before saying thanks. Even as we ask, we should be giving thanks. One of the things to thank God for at the end of this year is all the good done by so many good people in our time.

Wherever there is evil, God will see that brave, resolute souls rise up to combat it. Such was the work done by St John the Baptist, as described by St Luke. People were prepared to walk all the way from Jerusalem down to near Jericho in the deep Jordan valley, on the edge of the desert — all of fifteen miles each way — in order to see John, this charismatic figure living as an ascetic in the desert around the Dead Sea. Having heard him, many stayed to be baptised by him. But they were full of the uncertainty that can surface in all of us if we take time to cast a critical eye on the kind of life we are leading.

"What must we do?" they asked him; and John spelled out his answer in no uncertain terms. While their request showed their willingness to change, it also showed that they were lacking in clear insight about what is right human behaviour. "Love and do what you will," was to be the motto of St Augustine, meaning that if people have total inner commitment to God, then they will be incapable of doing wrong, they will know instinctively what is right from the promptings of the Spirit within them.

John the Baptist tried to change his listeners' hearts by telling them not to be grasping, not to take from others more than a just return for services rendered, but rather to help those in need. "If anyone has two cloaks, he must share with the man who has none." "Give your blood," the ancient monks in the desert used to say, "and you will possess the Spirit." The society to which John was addressing himself — as indeed Jesus did later — was to collapse because of its lack of spiritual depth, its over concern with externals, as evidenced by the Pharisees, its pursuit of a narrow-minded nationalism, as seen in the Zealots who resorted to violence and assassination in their hatred of the Romans.

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin, Parish Priest

Parish Diary

Monday 16th December

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

Tuesday 17th December

- 11:00am Funeral Mass (**Felicity McPhee**) OLR Church
- 5:00pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 6:30pm Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins, OLR Church Kenmore

Wednesday 18th December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Thursday 19th December

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 11:00am Funeral Service (**Giuseppe Ferri**) St Catherine's Moggill

Friday 20th December

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:45am Confessions, OLR Church

Saturday 21st December

- 9:30am Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Children's Nativity Play Practice, OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 22nd December – 4th 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: **Zeph 3:14-18**

2nd Reading: **Phil 4:4-7**

Gospel: **Lk 3:10-18**

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 3rd Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20241215/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 **Joan Keefer, Geoffrey Vella, Rhonda Mayne** and all those who have died recently.

Rest of the Soul: Please remember **Crispina Romero**.

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

Sick: Please pray for **Deanna McNamara**, 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.

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.

A Funeral Mass for **Joan Keefer** will be celebrated on Monday 23rd December at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Kenmore. May she rest in peace.

Mass of Reconciliation for the Forgiveness of Sins

Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins will be held on Tuesday 17th December at 6:30pm at OLR Church Kenmore.

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.

SVDP Christmas Appeal

The Annual St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal will be taken up next weekend on the 21st / 22nd December at all the Parish masses.

Envelopes will be at both churches or you can donate online: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

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.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – 24th December

- 4:00pm Vigil Mass – Kenmore
- 5:30pm Vigil Mass (Children's Mass) – Kenmore
- 5:30pm Christmas Carols – Moggill
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass – Moggill
- 7:30pm Vigil Mass – Kenmore

Christmas Day – 25th December

- 8:00am Mass – Moggill
- 9:45am Family Mass – 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. **Resumes 14th February 2025**

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

Bridge Group

Bridge Group is held on Mondays from 9:15am – 12:00pm at St Catherine's, Moggill. **This year, the last meeting will be on 16th December 2024, resuming 3rd February 2025.**

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.**

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.

Piety Shop

The following items are available at both churches:

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

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	pkenmore@bne.catholic.edu.au
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