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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Year C

22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

## Pastor's Message

The two pregnant women in our Gospel we hear this weekend at Mass are different in age, yet both full of joy and concern for each other. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth because of the dangers attendant on so late a pregnancy. That she went with haste, halfway across the country, to make the visit is a clear sign of Mary's generosity and goodness. Through the light of the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth recognised Mary's privilege as the mother of the longed-for Messiah. She greets Mary in the words we are so familiar with in our Hail Mary. And Mary responds in the equally familiar words of the Magnificat. These two great women understand the miracle of conception and birth. But in each case there was divine intervention in a truly exceptional way. The Gospel says that both were informed of this fact by the words of an angel; they each had a message from God telling them so.

The fact that these two women had this divine intervention is a reminder that our own lives too are a gift of God; what we might call ordinary grace. It is from this understanding that the Church takes its position on all life issues.

At some moments we may recognise the hand of God in our lives. Maybe at the point when we felt we had a priestly or religious vocation or when we finally decided on our partner in marriage. Maybe it was at the birth of a child, a change in job circumstances, or the death of a parent. Maybe it was a moment in prayer, the grace of a sacrament, advice in the confessional, wise words from a friend or relative at a critical moment.

God continues to work with us and for us. God takes the long view and there are periods of seeming barrenness, seeming aloneness. But these are all part of that gestation which is life on earth. We were born into this world and we will be reborn into eternal life.

Every now and then like John the Baptist we leap in this womb which is our life on earth. Every now and then we recognise God's presence, as John recognised Jesus' presence, and we leap with joy. But life is always moving on and God is always with us. It was God caused us to come into being, who sustains and feeds us, and who will welcome us into life eternal. As well as the birth of Jesus, we celebrate our own birth too at Christmas — a birth, a life that flows towards death and final resurrection.

*God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin, Parish Priest*

## Fourth Advent Candle/Sunday: Love

**"And in the end, everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child, and Love."** – St. (Pope) John Paul II

The fourth candle of Advent represents **Love**, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the **"Angel's Candle,"** the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the colour **purple**, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth. This Advent, light the fourth candle on **Sunday, December 22, 2022.**

## Parish Diary

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December (Parish Office Open 8:30am – 2:00pm)**

- 11:00am Funeral Mass (Joan Keefer) OLR Church Kenmore

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve (Parish Office Open 8:30am – 12:00pm)**

- 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Carols, St Catherine's Moggill
- 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:30pm Christmas Eve Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

**(Parish Office Closed through to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025)**

- 8:00am Christmas Day Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Christmas Day Family Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December – St Stephen / Boxing Day**

- **No Mass, St Catherine's Moggill**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December – St John**

- **No Mass, OLR Church Kenmore**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December – The Holy Innocents**

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

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December – Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 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](mailto:helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au)**

## Sunday Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Micah 5:1-4*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *Heb 10:5-10*

Gospel: *Lk 1:39-44*

## Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20241222/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 **Joseph Tesoriero** and all those who have died recently.

**Rest of the Soul:** Please remember **Peter Ling, Ding Ling, John K L Tan, Maria Seow, and Ling Hlong Kiat.**

**Anniversaries:** Please remember **Maryke Simons, Colin Foxon** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Sick:** Please pray for **James Devereaux, Lillian Bird, Deanna McNamara, Doris Fern, 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 Mass for **Joan Keefer** will be celebrated on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 11:00am at Our Lady of the Rosary Kenmore. May she rest in peace.

### SVDP Christmas Appeal

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

Envelopes are on your seats at both churches or you can donate online: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

### Children's Nativity Play

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

Practice will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Piety Shop

**The following items are available at both churches:**

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

### Parish Office Hours – Christmas/New Year/Jan

- Open – Monday 23/12/24 8:30am – 2:00pm
- Open – Tuesday 24/12/24 8:30am – 12:00pm
- Closed – Wednesday 25/12/24 up to and including Friday 10/01/25 (Parish Manager on Call 0418 778 295)
- Week Commencing Monday 13/01/25 – Open 8:30am – 2:00pm Tuesday 14/01/25 & Friday 17/01/25 ONLY
- Week Commencing Monday 20/01/25 – Open 8:30am – 2:00pm Tuesday 21/01/25 & Friday 24/01/25 ONLY
- Closed – Monday 27/01/25 (Australia Day Public Holiday)
- Normal Office Hours and staffing resumes (Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 2:00pm) from Tuesday 28/01/25
- Please Note – Fr Mark on leave from 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> January

### Parish Volunteers – Thank You

I would like to acknowledge **Frank Smith** who has retired as a Communion Minister after over 30 years serving the Kenmore Parish Community in this ministry at Mass. We thank Frank for his commitment to this ministry in the Parish.

I would also like to thank **Patrick Finch**, who has been part of the Sacramental Preparation Programme, Children's Liturgy and a Communion Minister the last number of years. Patrick will be leaving the Parish as he starts a new teaching job on the north coast after his wedding in January 2025. We thank Patrick for his commitment to these Parish ministries.

Thanks to **Gen Wallace** who has completed her many years as an Altar Server at St Catherine's Moggill. We thank Gen for her commitment to this ministry in the Parish.

### Parish Youth Ministry

I would like to express on behalf of the Parish a sincere vote of thanks to **Caleb Bryant** and the Parish Youth Ministry team for a great year of outreach to both the Primary Youth and High School Youth.

Caleb will be renewing his contract with the Parish for 2025 as our Parish Youth Ministry Co-Ordinator with an increase to his hours of work. We look forward to an exciting year ahead in the Youth Ministry in our Parish.

Regards, Fr Mark Franklin

### 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](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) to your email address book or safe senders list.

## 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.

<b>Parish Primary School</b>	Principal – Paul Rees	07 3378 2412	pkenmore@bne.catholic.edu.au
<b>Parish Kindergarten</b>	Director – Gillian Hanlon	07 3720 1777	kenmorekindy@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au
<b>Outside School Hours Care</b>	Coordinator – Alex Mallon	07 3378 8943	kenmoreoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au