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The Presentation of the Lord

Year C

2nd February 2025

Pastor's Message

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus, Mary and Joseph go to the Temple offering two turtledoves for Mary's purification. Along with Mary's willing submission, Jesus is presented into the hands of the priest and thus to God. In accordance with the Old Testament, the child was blessed and then bought or ransomed back by the family who would pay five shekels into the Temple treasury. The Saviour of the world is ransomed in the manner of every other Hebrew boy. "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord'.

The Gospel of Luke explains that the old prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna were at the Temple that day. They, like many others, had spent their lifetime waiting, longing for a Messiah, and the Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Saviour. Among all the children and mothers coming into the Temple, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Christ Child; he held Jesus and exclaimed this hymn of thanksgiving, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel". The hymn or canticle has traditionally been termed the Nunc Dimittis (now lettest thou depart) is the Song of Simeon.

Like Mary, Jesus the Divine Son of God did not have to undergo these rituals, but His parents willingly complied in order to pay tribute to Jewish laws, to avoid any possible scandal and in so doing demonstrated profound humility. They acquiesced to the law like all poor Jewish families.

The Holy Family must have experienced great joy, even wonder at all that had happened to them. Consider the events of the previous weeks. First, the shepherds miraculously arrived to adore and praise Jesus on the night He was born. And now, Simeon, another stranger, singles out Jesus as the Saviour, not only of Israel but of the world. Someday all the other children being presented will know Jesus as their Saviour. But here in the Temple there is also pain. The old prophet, moved by the Holy Spirit, tells Mary that she will experience unspeakable grief because of the outrageous way the world would judge and treat her Son. But Mary remained always committed to God's will and to her Son.

'Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.'

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin, Parish Priest

Parish Diary

Monday 3rd February

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

Tuesday 4th February

Wednesday 5th February – St Agatha

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 9:15am Craft Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 6:00pm PFG Meeting, OLR School

Thursday 6th February – St Paul Miki and companions

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 7:00pm Maranatha Prayer Group, St Catherine's Moggill

Friday 7th February

- 8:30am Year 6 Assembly Commissioning
- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 6:00pm Adoration, OLR Chapel

Saturday 8th February

- 11:00am Baptism (**Isabelle Josie Bevis**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:45am Baptism (**Bethany Ann Holland**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 9th February

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill (Morning Tea)
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (Morning Tea – Renewal of Vows – Tina & Vivek Miranda)
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (RCIA Welcome)

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: *Mal 3:1-4*

2nd Reading: *Heb 2:14-18*

Gospel: *Lk 2:22-40*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the Presentation of the Lord: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20250202/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 **Jack Van Rynswoud** and all those who have died recently.

Rest of the Soul: Please remember **Peter Ling, John Tan, Alan McNamara** and **Molly McNamara**.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Crispina Romero, Peter McNamara** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Sick: Please pray for **Rod Burton, Eric Olsen**, Chantal-Maree Deveraux, Mary McGuinness, James Devereaux, Deanna McNamara, Doris Fern, Ian Turner, Sandra Dickson, Sian Fitzpatrick, 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, 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration will be held on Friday 7th February from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Kenmore.

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

Anointing of the Sick Mass

A Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will be held on Friday 14th February at 9:15am at OLR Church Kenmore. All Welcome.

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. **Resumes 16th February.**

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.

Hospitality

Morning Tea is held at St Catherine's Moggill after 8:00am Mass on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays of each month, and at OLR Kenmore after 9:45am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. Please bring along a plate to share – All welcome.

If you are interested in helping out with a roster to offer this on other Sundays, please contact the Parish Office.

Welcome back to OLR Primary Kenmore

A calm start to classrooms and learning this week. Positive smiles and a relaxed calm day of learning for our New Prep Friends. We acknowledge today Miss Lizzie Waters and Miss Skye Fitzpatrick's commenced their teaching career at OLR. Today we welcomed experienced teachers Miss Amy Buckmaster to Year 1 and Mrs Gerry Mangalous to Year 6. We also welcomed Mrs Sharon O'Hara an experienced school leader to the role of Assistant Principal – RE. Thank you to our parents who made the early start and especially our Parent and Friends Advisory Group (PFG) helpers who organised our hospitality. For the Today programme cross over on Wednesday morning.
Mr Paul Rees

Craft Group

Wednesdays at 9:15am at St Catherine's, Moggill.

Bridge Group

Mondays from 9:15am - 12:00pm at St Catherine's, Moggill.
Resumes 3rd February 2025.

OLR Seniors Social Group

The OLR Seniors Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 10:00am at One Table (41 Brookfield Rd, Kenmore). New members always welcome.

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 21st February.

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.

If you have any queries, please email Caleb at:
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Your Parish Offering

Your giving provides for our Clergy, Mass, sacraments, ministries, evangelisation, outreach, properties, and administration which supports our vision, to be a welcoming and inclusive community, sharing God's kingdom with all. We have various methods available to make your financial gift; bank deduction, electronic funds transfer, Mass collections, giving boxes and electronic tap devices at our churches. We thank you for your financial support.

For information or to review your level or method of giving please feel free to contact the parish manager on finchm@bne.catholic.net.au

For electronic funds transfer our bank details are:

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Reserve Account

BSB Number: 064 786

Account Number: 100001192

(Please include your name, planned giving number if applicable, or purpose, such as "Parish Giving")

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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