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2nd Sunday of Lent

Year C

16th March 2025

Pastor's Message

For older Catholics, their experience of the Church has straddled two worlds, what things were like before and after the Second Vatican Council. We can rummage in the storehouse of our minds and compare things old and new. Some can recall how important private prayer was before the changes that occurred in the mid to late 1960's, when people were more used to devotional practices than they are today.

Even though I grew up in the Post Vatican world in my town and parish things moved very slowly. People would call in to the church every day for a quick visit to the Blessed Sacrament which was open 24/7. The Parish community was the centre of everything in the lives of Catholic Families, families of 8, 9 or 12 children. The Priest was both spiritual father and community leader, someone we could trust and look to in times of needs and support. The devotions, Rosary, Benediction, Stations of the Cross were part of the weekly lives of many Catholics and most importantly private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Maybe we had nothing much to do and we wanted to gather with friends of like mind. There was no social media, iphones, computers, laptops, I even grew up in a house where we did not have a land line, if someone wanted to contact us urgently, they called my Uncle and Aunt a couple of houses away. There were certainly few distractions. The practice of private prayer seemed to quickly disappear during the 1970's but in my home parish, they seemed to hang on until the early 1980's. I do think the modern means of entertainment and people becoming more mobile had much to do with the decline of devotions and prayer.

Change always demands its price, and even the liturgical changes after Vatican II somehow seemed to sideline private prayer and focus more on communal prayer, which is a very important part of the model liturgical reform. Here and there we can find signs of private prayer making a comeback. Inside each one of us is a need for prayer, trying to reach out to God. We feel that need to get away from distractions, to be alone for a while, to help make more sense of our lives. What else is that but an urge to pray.

Today's gospel gives a remarkable insight into the nature of prayer. Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. We too have to find the high ground, remote enough to give us an overall view of our world with all its preoccupations. A mountain can give us that perspective, as indeed can a lake or a desert, places where Jesus also liked to pray. Lent is a time for us to try and create a space for prayer somewhere in our lives. Only by prayer can we be transfigured and then try to transfigure our world. By reflecting deep inside ourselves we will transfigure our many and often complicated relationships. Prayer can transfigure our marriages, our homes, our work and our communities.

The American writer, Thurber, at the end of one of his fables, penned this couplet: "All men should learn before they die, where they are going, from where and why." Only in prayer will we find the answer to these questions.

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin, Parish Priest

Parish Diary

Monday 17th March – Parish Office Closed – *St Patrick*

- 9:15am Bridge Group, St Catherine's Moggill
- 6:00pm Maranatha Core Team Planning, OLR Church Meeting Room

Tuesday 18th March

- 9:00am Year 6 Penance Service, OLR Church Kenmore

Wednesday 19th March – *St Joseph, Spouse of the BVM*

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

Thursday 20th March

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

Friday 21st March

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 10:00am World Day of Prayer, Chapel Hill Uniting Church
- 3:00pm Primary School Youth Group (*Launch Pad*), CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:30pm High School Youth Group (*Magnify*), CCC Hall, OLR School

Saturday 22nd March

- 9:00am Stations of the Cross, OLR Kenmore
- 9:30am Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 11:00am Baptism (**Luca Benjamin Smith**), OLR Church Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 23rd March – *3rd Sunday of Lent*

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore (Morning Tea)
- 11:00am Metanoia Lent Programme, St Catherine's Moggill
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

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

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Email helpline.bne@svdpqld.org.au*

Sunday Readings

1st Reading: *Gen 15:5-12, 17-18*

2nd Reading: *Phil 3:17 – 4:1*

Gospel: *Lk 9:28-36*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 2nd Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20250316/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 **Teresa Rollinson, Maureen Cooper** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Winifreeda Fernando** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time; and for the **Repose of the Souls of Francis Camilleri and Zenaida Camilleri**.

Sick: Please pray for **Anna Quiterio**, Olivia Pinwill, Robert Burton, Camilla Cowley, Eric Olsen, Chantal-Maree Deveraux, Mary McGuinness, 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This weekend, **Ava Henderson** will be presented with the Lord's prayer, at 5:30pm Mass. Please keep her in your prayers during her journey to full communion in the Catholic Church.

Metanoia Faith Formation Series

Join us for a Parish faith formation series commencing in preparation for the Lenten season and through 2025. The series is held on Sundays (Lent – 16th & 23rd March, 6th April to be continued every first Sunday thereafter) at 11:00am at St Catherine's Moggill.

Please register using the following link:
<https://olrkm.flocknote.com/signup/198146>



Or scan the QR Code:

Metanoia – Fr Dave Pivonka

Metanoia is a transformation of the heart, a spiritual conversion, which comes about through repentance. This conversion may be in how we see Jesus, the Father, our self, and others. This eleven-part follow-up series to The Wild Goose focuses on eight different areas that invite us to a deeper metanoia of who Jesus is and how He desires us to know Him.

16th March: Session 1 – Who Do You Say That I Am?

Living Faith Book (April/May/June 2025)

Available this weekend at both churches – \$5.00 each

Living Faith provides brief daily Catholic devotions based on one of the Mass readings of the day.

World Day of Prayer Service 2025

The World Day of Prayer Service for 2025 has been moved to Friday 21st March at 10:00am at Chapel Hill Uniting Church (9 Chapel Hill Rd, Chapel Hill) – All Welcome.



2nd Sunday of Lent 15th/16th March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

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.

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

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.

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")

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 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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