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3rd Sunday of Lent

Year C

23rd March 2025

Pastor's Message

Death stares out at us from our newspapers and TV screens. Apart from natural deaths, somewhere in the world there's always some natural calamity, a terrorist attack, ethnic brutalities, murder for gain, epidemics, tsunamis, earthquake or famine. Death does not predict its calendar, but is a certain fate for us all. People who were expected to live to old age die suddenly while others whose childhood was marked by illness often survive to a remarkable age. Our reactions to other people's death can be either a philosophical acceptance like, "Maybe it was his/her time to go" or a more shocked sense of loss: "It should not have happened so soon!" When people told Jesus how some Galileans died, victims of Pilate's anger, they wondered how God could have let this happen; but instead of explaining it, Jesus asks "do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?" He goes on to warn about the need of repentance... "unless you repent, you will all perish as they did!" and illustrates this with the parable of the fruitless tree. Real repentance is a reflection about whatever is unfruitful in our lifestyle. Jesus' words "Repent or you will perish" remind us of what Socrates said at his trial, after he had opted for death rather than exile: "The un-examined life is not worth living." The parable of the fruitless fig tree is thought-provoking. It is not about doing wrong but about failure to do what is positively right. The fig tree that bore no fruit is like a Christian who attempts no good work and lives a purely selfish life. Francis of Assisi once invited a young friar to go with him into town to preach. Francis and the young friar spent all day walking through the streets and then came home. When the day's journey was done, the young friar was disappointed and asked "Weren't we supposed to preach today?" Francis replied, "Son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many and our behaviour was noted. It is of no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach wherever as we walk!" He summed up his idea in these words "Preach the Gospel everywhere, and if necessary, use words." To him witnessing to Jesus wasn't merely quoting some words out of the Bible from time to time but one who lives by the word of God each day. The gardener in the Gospel asked the owner of the vineyard to give the barren fig tree another chance to produce fruit. He promised to dig around it and manure it, to give it one last chance to prove itself. It suggests that we too need to nurture our faith and commit ourselves to being helpful to the lives of others. Are we nurturing our faith and trying to love, so as to bear the kind of fruit God wants from us?

God Bless, Fr Mark Franklin, Parish Priest

Parish Diary

Monday 24th March – Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday 25th March – *The Annunciation of the Lord*

- 9:00am Year 4 Penance Service, OLR Church Kenmore
- 7:00pm OLR School Board Meeting

Wednesday 26th March

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

Thursday 27th March

- 9:15am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 10:15am Year 5 Penance Service, OLR Church Kenmore

Friday 28th March

- 9:15am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 11:00am Deanery Meeting, OLR Parish Office Meeting Room
- 3:00pm Primary School Youth Group (*Launch Pad*), CCC Hall, OLR School
- 6:00pm Reco Rally, Lourdes Hill College

Saturday 29th March

- 9:00am Stations of the Cross, OLR Kenmore
- 9:30am Confessions, OLR Kenmore
- 4:30pm Confessions, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:00pm Vigil Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

Sunday 30th March – 4th Sunday of Lent

- 8:00am Mass, St Catherine's Moggill
- 9:45am Mass, OLR Church Kenmore
- 5:30pm Mass, OLR Church Kenmore

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.

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: *Ex 3:1-8, 13-15*

2nd Reading: *1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12*

Gospel: *Lk 13:1-9*

Readings at Home

Liturgy and Prayer resources for the 3rd Sunday of Lent: <https://universalis.com/australia.brisbane/20250323/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 **Cesare Ceccacci, Veronica Irwin** and all those who have died recently.

Anniversaries: Please remember **Michael McMahon, Denis Kent** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time; and for the **Rest of the Souls of Peter Ling and Maria Seow.**

Sick: Please pray for **Yosephine Gumulya**, 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.

Baptism

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of **Luca Benjamin Smith**. Let us pray for him and may he be guided in faith with the help of his parents, godparents and this parish community.

Funeral Notice

A Funeral Mass for **Veronica Imelda Irwin** will be celebrated on Wednesday 2nd April at 11:00am at OLR Church Kenmore. *May she rest in peace.*

Anointing of the Sick Mass

A Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will be held on Thursday 3rd April at 9:15am at St Catherine's Moggill – *All Welcome.*

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 – 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. **23rd March: Session 2 – WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE? Filming location: Jerusalem – We explore Jesus as the way to heaven and how being in relationship with him is key to inheriting the Kingdom of God.**



3rd Sunday of Lent
15th/16th March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



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