



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

Calamvale, Kuraby, Macgregor, Parkinson, Robertson, Runcorn, Stretton, Sunnybank, Sunnybank Hills

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Monday 16th January

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 17th January

St Anthony

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
7.00pm Adoration

Wednesday 18th January

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.00am Rosary

Thursday 19th January

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am **Mass**

Friday 20th January

8:15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.00am Adoration
10.00am Legion of Mary

Saturday 21st January

St Agnes

11.00am Reconciliation
5.00pm Reconciliation
6.00pm **Mass**

Sunday 22nd January

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.30am **Mass**
8.00am **Mass**
9.15am **Mass**
10.30am **Mass**
6.00pm **Mass (Youth)**



Saint Jean-Baptiste voit Jésus de loin
(*Saint John the Baptist Sees Jesus from Afar*) by James Tissot, c. 1886-1894. Brooklyn Museum

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th January 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the Ordinary Season in the Church's liturgical calendar. The 1st part of this season will run for 7 weeks leading to **Ash Wednesday which is on the 22nd of February this year.** This season offers us the opportunity to **appreciate the extraordinary**

workings of the grace of God in the ordinary events of our daily lives. It is in the simple events of the life of Jesus that the eternal salvation of all creation was achieved. God wills to be glorified in us (Isaiah 49:3) and through us to bring salvation to the ends of the earth. The ends of the earth may not be far away from you in your family, work life, leisure or prayer. **It is very delightful to once again hear that Jesus is the Lamb of God** who (does not condemn but) takes away the sins of the world. **As beneficiaries of the mercy of God, let us also be the joyful messengers of God's truth.**

In Evangelii Gaudium, Pope Francis teaches that the Gospel constantly invites us to rejoice. This is because the whole of Jesus' ministry is to bring his joy to world. There was joy at his birth and great rejoicing at his resurrection. **Pope Francis believes that in a world marked by hardship and pain, Christians should embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by joy.** For us here as a parish and for you as a parishioner, **let the spreading and sharing of the joy of the Gospel be our way of life through the year.**

The world and the church in particular has experienced the death of some significant personalities in the last few weeks. I identified two things in all the recent deaths such as the iconic **Pelé, Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Pell, Josephine Russo and Ernesto Palombo.** No matter how fully we live our lives, death cuts it short. Death reminds us of the shortness of our life and challenges us to live for posterity. **May the faithful departed rest in peace and those who grieve at their passing find consolation in the joy of the Gospel.**

I began my ministry in Australia in 2018 at the peak of George Cardinal Pell's legal battles. As a priest of the 21st century, I was amazed by the fact that the highest-ranking Australian Catholic clergy at the time came down from Rome to Australia in order to face the law. **That was for me an example of the equality of everyone before the law and a reminder for everyone to respect the law.** It also highlighted the seriousness of the crime of child sexual abuse and its social consequences. In a tribute to Cardinal Pell, **Archbishop Mark Coleridge rightly identifies Cardinal Pell as a "Man of faith and a man of the Church"** who would want to be remembered as a man who vehemently loved the Lord and the Church. No wonder it seemed that the Catholic Church in Australia was standing trial during Cardinal Pell's legal battle. **As we pray for the repose of his soul, may our Church be renew in the Love of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

God bless,

Fr Enoch Iheme



Next Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 The prophet Isaiah offers us a vision of the glory of God spreading light beyond our boundaries to the ends of the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 Paul opens his letter to the Corinthian community with companionship and the blessing of God's grace and peace.

Gospel: John 1:29-34 John the Baptist recognises that Jesus is full of the Spirit, who existed before him, and whose ministry he has served.

ENCYCLICAL LETTER

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OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

What is Happening to our Common Home

CHAPTER FOUR: INTEGRAL ECOLOGY

II. CULTURAL ECOLOGY

145. Many intensive forms of environmental exploitation and degradation not only exhaust the resources which provide local communities with their livelihood, but also undo the social structures which, for a long time, shaped cultural identity and their sense of the meaning of life and community. The disappearance of a culture can be just as serious, or even more serious, than the disappearance of a species of plant or animal. The imposition of a dominant lifestyle linked to a single form of production can be just as harmful as the altering of ecosystems.

BE AN ETERNAL GUARDIAN OF YOUR FAITH

A Legacy of Gratitude through a gift in your Will

Your Catholic faith is woven through the many milestones in your life, providing guidance, hope and strength. When you confirm a gift in your Will, you become an Eternal Guardian of your faith, and your legacy of gratitude for the blessings you have received in your lifetime, creates a ripple effect that impacts ministry and mission far into the future.

Eternal Guardians is a special recognition program created to honour and acknowledge that a gift in your Will is one of the greatest commitments you could make to sustain the future of our faith. You will be invited to receive a special blessing from the Archbishop of Brisbane at a Thanksgiving Mass and you will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a special lapel pin.

A gift in your Will creates a ripple effect that supports the good works of the Church for generations to come. **If you have already remembered the Church in your Will, please let the Catholic Foundation know so they have an opportunity to thank you.**

Go to www.catholicfoundation.org.au or contact the parish office for more information.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

If you are a newcomer, we are honoured to have you celebrate with us, and would like to have the opportunity to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. If you would like to hear more about our caring faith community, please take a New Parishioner form from the front of the Church and place it on the collection plate.



BRISBANE SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment?

A confidential and professional service, "the purpose of spiritual direction is to help turn our wandering into journeying." (Archbishop Mark Coleridge)

For more information and a list of the directors on offer in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, visit the website at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/>



A VOCATION VIEW: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!

Is God calling you to vocation? To find out more call 1300 133 544 or go to www.vocationbrisbane.com

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - JANUARY 2023 For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



TWO MINUTE HOMILIES AND REFLECTIONS

This week **Steph Rogers** (Evangelisation Brisbane Team Leader, Youth & Young Adults) gives the reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent.

*"The Messiah who the Israelites were spending their whole lives waiting for, is here.
Jesus Christ is here, waiting for you."*

Two Minute Homilies and Reflections can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane YouTube channel or go to: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies-and-reflections/>

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Christine Carr, Cardinal George Pell**, Pope Benedict XVI, Josephine Russo, Ernesto Palombo, Mabel Woo, Maria Vu Khuyen, Mark Figueiredo, Jacob Morea, Francisca Avalos, Maria do Rosário Ribeiro, Khoo Tau Guan, Xavie Phanxico Thien Nguyen, Chai Yuk Yin



those with anniversaries & others who have died: **André Gadas, Caroline Yoong, Vicente Maicle, Francisca G. Maicle, Cecilia Lim, Maureen McDonald**, Jessica Smith, Richard Nielsen

for those resting in our Columbarium: Fredrick Aisthorpe, Harold Aisthorpe, Minnie Aisthorpe, Dawn Angus, Helen Bailey, Francesco Bonasia, Wilma Bowman, Edward Allen Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Brian Burgess, Christina Burras, Avelino Callung, Geoffrey Chapman, Patricia Edwards, Pedro Gallibu, Fay Garner, Eric Glennon, Iris Glennon, Brian Hammerton, Anne Harman, Eddy Hartono, Antonio Henriquez, Mary Hughes, Gerard Kennedy, Bruno Klaser, Stephen King, Lucia Yeen Lim, Maria Lopez, Dino Lorenson, Noemi Lorenson, Maureen McDonald, Peter McSweeney, Harry Mohr, Eusebia Morao, Gerard Murphy, Cuong Nguyen, Quy Thi Nguyen, Nghia Bao Nguyen, Michael Ogle, Rita Pobar, Dr Roberto Rabuya Jr, Graham Shipstone, Bill Small, Iris Small, Claribel Tungol, Anthony Van der Togt, Lily Rose Villas, Rosario Villas, Romeo Villas, Ron Vine, Elizabeth Wilson, Monica Wong, Grant Wordon, Nola Wright

the continuing sick: Rosamaria Abbate, Christine Beattie, Denise Burgess, Anne Carroll, Lyn Catchlove, Lawrence Chua, Elizabeth Cho, Hilary Collins, Patricia Collingwood, Alan Cooke, Margo Couldrey, Mary Dixon, Jamie Edwards, Margaret Emerson, Jan Fooks, Carol Ann Grace, Mary Goode, Jean Hamilton, Marie Harrison, Cynthia Hayden, John Hickey, Norma Ives, Gloria Ives, Stephen Ives, Geoff Ives, Mel Jones, Istvan Kovacs, Malcolm Lilley, Denise Mann, Rod McDonald, Bob McKenzie, Frances McKenzie, Traves McKenzie, Patricia Milburn, Carolyn Miller, Sr Stella Noskoff, Mark O'Brien, Barbara O'Neill, Jean Perram, Katie Ryan, Madonna Ryan, Julio Santana, Jim Scriha, James Scriha, Brian Strangman, Maria Turner, Nick Vakanas, David Whaley, Margaret Yap, Carole Young

those who are unwell: **Joseph Wormsley, Josue Henriquez, Angelina Veríssimo Gomes de Souza, Agnes Hyland, Mauricio Flamenco, Noel Combey**, Maira dos Anjos Martins, Sergio Mandujano, Sheila Daley

2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

Parents with Children in Grade 3 (8 years and above by June 2023) are invited to enrol their children in the 2023 Sacramental Program.

Registrations will close on Tuesday 31st January 2023. If you have any questions regarding the 2023 Sacramental Program or would like to enrol your child, please email the parish office at: pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacrament of Penance (concluding the 2022 Program)

Parent Info Session: Sunday 19th Feb, 1pm

Enrolment Masses: Saturday 25th Feb & Sunday 26th Feb (weekend Mass)

Key Formation Sessions: Sunday 5th, 12th & 19th, 1pm

Sacrament of Penance: Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd March, 5pm

Sacrament of Confirmation (start of the 2023 Program)

Parent Info Session: Sunday 23rd April, 1pm

Key Formation Session 1: Sunday 7th May, 1pm

Enrolment Mass: Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May (weekend Mass)

Key Formation Session 2&3: Sunday 21st & 28th May, 1pm

Practice Session: Sunday 28th May (included in Formation Session)

Liturgy of God's Mercy: Tuesday 30th May 4:30pm & 5:30pm

Sacrament of Confirmation: Thursday 1st June 5pm & 7pm

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Parent Info Session: Sunday 11th June, 1pm

Enrolment Mass: Saturday 17th June & Sunday 18th June (weekend Mass)

Key Formation Sessions: Sunday 23rd & 30th July, & Sunday 6th August, 1pm

Practice Session: Sunday 6th August (included in Formation Session)

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th August



High School Sacramental Program (For High Schoolers who have not received all the Sacraments)

Parent Info Session: Sunday 27th August

Enrolment Mass: Sunday 3rd September (Youth Mass)

Formation Sessions: Sunday 3rd & 10th September; 8th, 15th & 22nd October

Sacrament of Penance: Thursday 26th October

Practice Session & Retreat: Sunday 29th October (4pm retreat, 5.30pm rehearsal)

Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist: Sunday 29th September (Youth Mass)

Ongoing Formation Sessions: Sunday 12th & 19th October



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UNITE

Youth and Young Adult Ministry



Youth mass livestream:

Unite Sunnybank

YA Facebook group:

Unite Young Adults

Welcome to the New Year!

What does this mean for our youth and young adults?

2023 Is going to be an action-packed year of events, programs and fun.
So, what's happening this year?

Ignite Summer Camp 23 (12-15 January – QCCC Mapleton)

Some of our high schoolers are currently on Ignite Summer Camp up at QCCC Mapleton, making new friends and kicking off the year on a high.

Unite Teens

(Operates fortnightly on a Friday evening during the school term)

We welcome all young people of the parish in grades 6-12, to join our teen-age youth group, Unite Teens. We come together during term-time to engage in activities, games, and faith with our youth leaders. Our first night back will be Friday, 27th January, 7-9pm in the Avocado Room.

Unite Young Adults (Operates each Sunday, after the 6pm Youth Mass)

We welcome the young adults of our parish, aged 18-35, to join for our youth mass on a Sunday at 6pm. Following the mass, we will congregate for our young adults group. In this group, we will engage in activities and general socialising with one another. We support one another in our faith journeys.

Later in the year:

- Ignite Launch (Date TBC – Dreamworld)
- Youth Leaders Retreat (TBC)
- Youth Retreat (TBC)
- World Youth Day Trip (25th July – 10th August – Lourdes, Fatima, Lisbon, Avila)
- Ignite Conference (21-24 September – St Lawrence's College)

As always, if you want to get in touch with myself, please feel free to send me an email: youth.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au or text to 0493 100 177.

God bless,
Zac Hare

LENT 2023
— ALL NEW —
Parish Mission Event
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
2 - 7 March 2023

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THE CATHOLIC GUY



Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

