



## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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**Priests:**    *Fr Enoch Iheme* (Parish Priest)    *Fr Francisco Evangelista* (Associate Pastor)

### Monday 23rd January

8.15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am **Mass**

### Tuesday 24th January

*St Francis de Sales*

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

### Wednesday 25th January

*The Conversion of St Paul*

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

### Thursday 26th January

**Australia Day**

7.50am Christian Meditation  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am **Australia Day Mass**

### Friday 27th January

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

### Saturday 28th January

*St Thomas Aquinas*

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

### Sunday 29th January

*4th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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



Jesus und seine Jünger am See Genezareth  
(Jesus and his Disciples on the Sea of Gallilee)  
by Carl Oesterley, c. 1833. Private Collection

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd January 2023

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel of this 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, we have Jesus starting his mission and calling the first disciples.



The baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist is the inaugural act of his mission. Attracted by the John's message, **Jesus abandons his routine life in Nazareth in Galilee, seeks baptism through John in the region beyond the Jordan and begins to form his own discipleship and mission.**

John the Baptist announced **conversion to the practice of righteousness as the way to remove the sin of the world.** With his invitation to baptism and conversion, he triggered a discipleship process in which Jesus, who came from Galilee, was introduced.

What characterizes discipleship is conversion. Just as Jesus, after receiving baptism from John, abandoned his usual family way of life in Nazareth, so too **the disciples abandoned their professional activities and the usual socializing with their families and colleague to follow Jesus.**

**Conversion takes place by looking at Jesus and allowing oneself to be touched by his merciful love and by his words.** Thus, we are freeing ourselves from the ideologies of success, wealth and power, to incorporate values of communion with others, in meekness and affection, building a new world order where the principles of justice and fraternity will prevail.

This weekend, my invitation to all of us is to **discern the call of Jesus in our daily lives. Every day, Jesus is present in our lives and calls us to follow him. Let us pray for all vocations:** those called to religious and priestly life, those called to married and family life, and to all the many singles in our parish community to listen and respond to God's call to service.

**The feast day for Our Lady of Lourdes will be on Saturday 11 February.** This year, there will a **Parish Expo as part of the celebrations across the weekend of 11 & 12 February.** The Parish Expo is intended to **showcase all our parish groups, associations and activities** in order to enliven the Sunnybank Popular piety and participation. **It will be an opportunity for everyone to find out what's happening in the parish, ask questions and consider how to be part of the 2023 Parish themed "Be inspired, renewed and strengthen our parish."**

**It is Lunar New Year on 22 January and so we would like to wish all our parishioners of oriental heritage a happy Lunar New Year.** Lunar New Year is traditionally celebrated in Asian countries especially in China and others influenced by Chinese culture like Vietnam, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Philippines, and Indonesia. **This year it is the year of the Rabbit 🐰.** The Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture; may this sign bring us blessings this year.

**God Bless,**

Fr Francisco Evangelista

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3** Our poem from the prophet Isaiah offers the hope of light in darkness and of the lifting of our burdens.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17** Paul responds to the plea from Chloe's people and seeks unity amongst the community based in participation in the Cross of Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23** Jesus begins his ministry of teaching, reconciliation and healing in the remote districts of Galilee as John is arrested.

### 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

146. In this sense, it is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely one minority among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their land are proposed. For them, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values. When they remain on their land, they themselves care for it best. Nevertheless, in various parts of the world, pressure is being put on them to abandon their homelands to make room for agricultural or mining projects which are undertaken without regard for the degradation of nature and culture.



#### FIRST FRIDAY MASS & MORNING TEA

The first First Friday Mass of the year will be on **Friday 3 February at 10am**, which will be followed by Morning Tea in the Avocado Room.

Hope to see you all there!

#### BE AN ETERNAL GUARDIAN OF YOUR FAITH

**A Legacy of Gratitude  
through a gift in your Will**

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](http://www.catholicfoundation.org.au) or contact the parish office for more information.

#### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

The essence of meditation is taking the attention off ourselves for a moment and simply being in the presence of God, who is Love.

Christian Meditation group meets at 7:50am Thursday mornings in the Media Room for about three quarters of an hour.

**Meetings resume Thursday 26 January** (Australia Day). Contact Gabby Nelson 0488 592 770



#### TWO MINUTE HOMILIES AND REFLECTIONS

This week **Fr Rafal Rucinski** of St Flannan's Catholic Parish, Zillmere gives the homily for Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

*"Every day we must strive again to be faithful.  
This is true repentance and we are invited  
to live that way."*

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/>

#### 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/>

#### PARISH NEWSLETTER

If you would like to start receiving the parish newsletter via email, please email the parish office at [sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au)

#### 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.*



## Your Prayers Are Asked For:



recently deceased: **Noel Combey, Steven Bok, Leonardo Bitong, Marta Sermeno, Phillip Testa, Christine Carr, Cardinal George Pell**

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Ligaya Arceo, Marie Coley, Ana Klaser, Bosko Malinovic, Celine Urmise, Eliseo F. Primacio, Domingo Dimatulac, Ricardo Salonga, André Vishaal Gadas, Caroline Yoong, Vicente Maicle, Francisca G. Maicle, Cecilia Lim, Maureen McDonald**

those who are unwell: **Ting Chiu, Josie Harris, Esmeralda Berrios, Mario Minero, Elena Wati, Peter Morandini, Ron Andrews, Joseph Wormsley, Josue Henriquez, Angelina Verissimo Gomes de Souza, Agnes Hyland,**



### 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](mailto:pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au)

#### Sacrament of Penance (concluding the 2022 Program)

*Parent Info Session*: Sunday 19th Feb, 1pm  
*Enrolment Masses*: 25th & 26th Feb (weekend Masses)  
*Formation Sessions*: Sunday 5th, 12th & 19th, 1pm  
*Sacrament of Penance*: Tuesday 21st March, 5pm & Thursday 23rd March, 5pm

#### Sacrament of Confirmation (2023 Program start)

*Parent Info Session*: Sunday 23rd April, 1pm  
*Key Formation Session 1*: Sunday 7th May, 1pm  
*Enrolment Masses*: 13th & 14th May (weekend Masses)  
*Formation Session 2&3*: Sunday 21st & 28th May, 1pm  
*Practice Session*: Sunday 28th May (included with Formation Session)  
*Sacrament of Confirmation*: Thursday 1st June 5pm&7pm

#### Sacrament of First Holy Communion

*Parent Info Session*: Sunday 11th June, 1pm  
*Enrolment Masses*: 17th & 18th June (weekend Masses)  
*Formation Sessions*: Sunday 23rd & 30th July, and Sunday 6th August, 1pm  
*Practice Session*: Sunday 6th August (included with Formation Session)  
*Liturgy of God's Mercy*: Thursday 10th August 4:30pm & 5:30pm  
*Sacrament of First Holy Communion*: Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th August (during weekend Masses)

#### High School Sacramental Program (For those 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; and 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*: Sunday 22nd & 29th October

### NOEL ARCEO PASTORAL MINISTRY COORDINATOR



Hello everyone, my name is Noel Arceo and I am the newly appointed Parish Pastoral Ministry Coordinator for our Lady of Lourdes Parish Sunnybank.

I am from the Philippines and migrated to Australia in 2009. My volunteer work experiences in pastoral ministries started in 1995 when I became a member/leader of the FAMILIA COMMUNITY, an outreach ministry for married couples/families. I was later assigned to be a member of the core group of the Commission on Family And Life Apostolate in the Archdiocese of the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines facilitating Pre-Cana seminars until 2010. At the same time, I was also a volunteer worker for Men Of Light Community, a weekly evangelization talk show focusing on the sharing of the Sunday gospels.

In Australia, I became a member and leader of Couples for Christ QLD Global in 2011. Eventually, I was called to be a volunteer musician for Sunday Mass/Divine Mercy Novena and Parish Sacramental Program Coordinator in the Holy Spirit Parish, New Farm from 2020 until present.

I thank God for all of these blessings, and opportunities for service and humbly ask for your prayers and support as we all continue our journey of evangelization and ministry, all for God's glory! God bless!



#### AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYER

O God,  
you gave us the dreaming.  
May we grow in appreciation and reverence  
for your gift of this great land under the Southern Cross.  
May we value our fauna and flora, and above all,  
learn to value each other.  
May we experience forgiveness from each other,  
and reach out in friendship and peace.  
May we learn to forgive ourselves  
for the prejudices of the past,  
and work towards a nation of welcome for all.  
We ask this in Jesus' Name,  
Amen



#### 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.**





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**UNITE**

**Youth and Young Adult Ministry**



Youth mass livestream:

Unite Sunnybank

YA Facebook group:

Unite Young Adults

This week, we warmly welcomed back two of our high schoolers from Ignite Summercamp up at Mapleton.



From the photos and speeches heard on the final day, I can safely say that the 100+ young people that attended, had one of the greatest experiences.

Just listen to how one young person from St Thomas More College described their experience:

*What can I say about Ignite Summer camp 2023?*

Well, Summer camp was the best experience I have ever had with the rallies, fun, friends, and laughter.

*So what do you do at summer camp?*

Well firstly, we were welcomed by the kindest hosts, greeting people while we wait for the first rally and for everyone to get there. You get to pick your bunks and cabins. You get to go to rallies which are like music festivals.

Secondly, each day we had a different topic for example the first night was reconciliation night then Holy Spirit night. Thirdly, we had men and women's day where we split off into genders and learn about what a man and a woman is; for example, kindness respect teambuilding and much more. You then got to anonymously ask questions about the topic you just learned about but also your questions get answered.

*So what even is Ignite?*

Ignite Youth is dedicated to gathering, raising, and sending out a new generation of Catholics who are on fire for Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, formed in the faith, and centred in the Eucharist. On the 4th and last day you have a Mass celebrating of the life of Jesus. When it is time to say goodbye you will shed tears, exchange numbers and meet best friends for life. For anyone wondering if you should go, here is your answer; It is one of the best camps I have been to.

- Bailey (Year 12 Student – St Thomas More College)

**UNITE TEENS**

**Unite Teens will recommence for the year next Friday, 27th January from 7-9pm in the Avocado Room, as per normal.**

We encourage those in grades 6-12 to come and join us, as well as those who have already been with us, to bring a friend along too.

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  
Youth Coordinator