



## 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 6th February

*St Paul Miki & Companions*

8.15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am **Mass**

### Tuesday 7th February

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

### Wednesday 8th February

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

### Thursday 9th February

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

### Friday 10th February

*St Scholastica*

8.00am Rosary at the Grotto  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Opening School  
**Mass**  
10.00am Legion of Mary

### Saturday 11th February

*Our Lady of Lourdes*  
*World Day of Prayer for the Sick*

10.00am Rosary & Novena  
11.00am Reconciliation  
2.30pm Charismatic Prayer  
(English)  
5.00pm Reconciliation  
6.00pm **Mass**

### Sunday 12th February

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6.30am **Mass**  
8.00am **Mass**  
9.15am **Mass**  
10.30am **Mass**  
12.00pm Baptisms  
6.00pm **Mass (Youth)**



The Sermon on the Mount by Carlk Bloch, c.1877. The Museum of National History, Denmark

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th February 2023

Dear Parishioners,

It is not every day that we take the Bible as our Vade Mecum (a handbook kept constantly at hand for consultation). It is also not unheard of that some of us have no time for meditation on the sacred Scriptures. **On this Word of God Sunday, we remind ourselves that the Bible is not just a reference or liturgical book but a life-giving text.** The Bible is the Word of God written in human language through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for us to meditate, instruct and be guided in life. St Paul in his 2nd letter to Timothy has this to say, **“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching”.** **The sacred Scriptures is the foundation of every aspect of the Church starting from our personal lives to the universal life of the Church.**



In the Apostolic Letter for the Institution of the Sunday of the Word of God, *“Aperuit Illis”*, Pope Francis identifies the opening of the minds of his Apostles to understand the Scriptures as the final act of the Risen Lord. **“Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth.** Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, St. Jerome could rightly claim: **‘Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ’**” (*Aperuit Illis* No. 1). May this Sunday inspire us to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. Amen.

**We thank our Care and Concern, Welcoming and Hospitality, and the Men’s Breakfast teams** for having a good start of our First Friday Morning Tea and Men’s Breakfast functions. **We appreciate Lyn Catchlove for her long years of service** in the Welcoming and Hospitality Committee. **We welcome and congratulate Christine Mellor on her election as the new chair** of the Welcoming and Hospitality Committee.

The enrolment period for our 2023 Sacramental Program is now officially closed. We now invite all parents of the children that have completed their Confirmation and First Holy Communion to a **Parent Information Session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 19th February at 1pm.** Please contact the parish office or email [pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au) for any other enquiry.

**Next weekend is our Parish Feast Day.** We will start with the celebration of the **Opening School Mass** for Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School on **Friday 10th February at 9am in the church.** We are happy to have our school community mark the opening of the 2023 School Year with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Everyone is invited to say 5 decades of the **Holy Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at the Grotto at 8am before the Morning Prayer at 8.45am to be followed by Mass at 9am.** **The feast will climax on the weekend with the Parish Expo** intended to celebrate and showcase all our parish groups, associations and activities. Our Community weekend this month will also be on 11 & 12 February, so bring a plate to share. **Next Sunday, 5 families will be presenting 7 children for Baptism.** Let us pray for them and welcome these children and their families into our community.

God Bless,

Fr Enoch Iheme

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**First Reading: Isaiah 58:7–10** Being a people of God demands real-world service to the hungry and the afflicted. It requires peaceable attention to those in need.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1–5** Paul reminds the Corinthian community that the only teaching of worth he offers is found in a humbled and crucified Christ that is, however, the wisdom of God.

**Gospel: Matthew 5:13–16** The teachings on salt and light come immediately after the Beatitudes. Jesus reminds us that those ways of living the Christian life are not just for our own benefit but are to benefit the world in which we live.

### ENCYCLICAL LETTER

#### *LAUDATO SI'*

#### OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

What is Happening to our Common Home

#### CHAPTER FOUR: INTEGRAL ECOLOGY

### III. ECOLOGY IN DAILY LIFE

148. An admirable creativity and generosity is shown by persons and groups who respond to environmental limitations by alleviating the adverse effects of their surroundings and learning to orient their lives amid disorder and uncertainty. For example, in some places, where the façades of buildings are derelict, people show great care for the interior of their homes, or find contentment in the kindness and friendliness of others. A wholesome social life can light up a seemingly undesirable environment. At times a commendable human ecology is practised by the poor despite numerous hardships. The feeling of asphyxiation brought on by densely populated residential areas is countered if close and warm relationships develop, if communities are created, if the limitations of the environment are compensated for in the interior of each person who feels held within a network of solidarity and belonging. In this way, any place can turn from being a hell on earth into the setting for a dignified life.

### CELEBRATING THE FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES



The feast day for Our Lady of Lourdes will be on **Saturday 11 February**. The monthly cuppa tea weekend will be held that weekend, 11 & 12 February. **All parishioners are invited to stay after Mass and chat over a cuppa. Remember to bring a plate to share!**



This year, **Parish Expo** will be held after **the Saturday 6pm** and the **Sunday 10:30am & 6pm Masses**. 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 theme "Be inspired, renewed and strengthen our parish."**

#### THE BEGINNING OF LENT:

**Ash Wednesday - 22 February 2023**

Mass Times:

6:30am

9am (School & Parish Mass)

6pm



#### Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

**When:** Monday 13 February 9:30am

**Where:** Chatterbox Coffee Shop,  
Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown,  
661 Compton Road, Sunnybank Hills.

All are welcome!



#### YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!

Your Children need you as Christian RI Teachers/Helpers in State Primary Schools on the south side of Brisbane. Some children only become aware of Jesus and the Bible through volunteers who give of their time. Would love to hear from you!

Interested Persons please contact Beverley Nelson **3345 1331** or **0406 111 667**



#### LENT 2023 PARISH MISSION

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2 March - 7 March 2023**  
**Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!**

Bruce Downes and the Catholic Guy team present an all new Parish Mission Event with 4 inspiring and life changing sessions for people of all ages that you just have to experience!

Experience the power of God in real and relevant way through scripture, music and the arts. Expect to laugh, learn, reflect and be changed by this truly powerful Catholic experience.

**Session 1, Thursday 2 March: 9.15am or 7pm**

**Session 2, Friday 3 March: 9.15am or 7pm**

**Session 3, Monday 6 March: 9.15am or 7pm**

**Session 4, Tuesday 7 March: 9.15am or 7pm**

All sessions will be in the Church, will run for approx. 1½ hours and we will share a cup of tea or coffee together afterwards.

Flyers available at the entrance to the Church and more information available <https://brucedownes.org/>

**Your Prayers Are Asked For:**

*recently deceased:* **Peggy Ayre, Judith Mary Smith, Allan Alvis, Agnes Rodda, Angela Hawes, Shirley Bromley, Michelle Mullen, Jose Benedicto Rivas Martinez, Alicia Avalos, Manuel Lima, Rodney William Magill,** George Martyn, Leslie Ellis, Fr. Pedro Indong Sombilon, Elenawati Wirawan, Phillip Testa, William James Huston

*those with anniversaries & others who have died:* **Rodge Herden, Julia Hernandez, Roberto Rabuya Jr., Bill McErlean, Edward O'Hagan, Bernard Elford,** Romeo Perilli, Patricia Parke, Marie Anandappa

*those who are unwell:* **Desley Vine, Ros Furber, Rachel Larrigan, Ashonty Bolivar, Simon Grisoles, Bernardo Pinzon, Mellisa Guerra,** Peter Morandini



**FUNERAL NOTICE: JUDY SMITH**

Relatives & friends of Judith Mary Smith are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wednesday 8 February at 10:30am.**

**FUNERAL NOTICE: PEGGY AYRE**

Relatives & friends of Peggy Ayre are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service at **St Luke's (43 Taylor St, Woolloongabba), Tuesday 7 February at 1pm.**

**WOMEN FOR WOMEN AFTERNOON TEA**



Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of raffles, connection, and laughter!

Lent will be commencing in February, so Pam Nair will be speaking to us about the healing that forgiveness brings and how to instil a balanced lifestyle so that we are truly living our lives fruitfully as Catholics.

Our next event is:  
**Sunday 26 February 2023 at 2.00pm**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank**  
**Avocado Room, Paloma Centre**  
**121 Mains Road, Sunnybank**  
**\$7 per person**

To book, please RSVP by Wednesday 22 February 2023, advising any dietary requirements, to:  
[ololsunnybankwomen@gmail.com](mailto:ololsunnybankwomen@gmail.com)

**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

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

*Parent Info Session:* Sunday 23rd April, 1pm

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

*Parent Info Session:* Sunday 11th June, 1pm

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

*Parent Info Session:* Sunday 27th August

**Word of God Sunday**

FEBRUARY 5, 2023



The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 2023**

**For Parishes**

*We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*



**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME AND ITS PEOPLE**

In our Parish we have a Care for our Common Home group. We are a small but very committed group who meet monthly for Prayer Reflection, education regarding Laudato Si and how we can respond to the crisis that the earth is facing at this time. We meet on the **3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm** in the parish Media Room. Our first meeting this year will be **February 15th**.

If you would like to join us just turn up on the 15th. If you cannot join us maybe you could begin to say the Laudato Si prayer for Parishes:

*Creator God,  
We pray for our parishes and dioceses,  
that they may be attentive to the Cry of the Earth  
and promote clean energy,  
ensure clean air and water for all, protect our creation  
and its biodiversity and climate in particular.  
May we discover our original vocation  
as carers of our common home and of one another.*

**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



Dear Young Adults of our Parish!

We openly invite all the young adults of our parish, aged 18-35 years, to come along this **Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> Feb)** to **ZONE Bowling & Laser Tag at Garden City**, after our Youth Mass. Come let us learn, build and support each other on our journey.

We will be meeting at the venue at **7:30pm** to start bowling. The cost for this event is **\$22.90**.

We hope to see as many of our young adults there as possible! Our events calendar for Term 1 is also below.

**UNITE  
YOUNG ADULTS**  
*Events Calendar*

<b>5 FEB</b>	<b>BOWLING &amp; LASER TAG</b> 7:30-10:00 PM
<b>19 FEB</b>	<b>AREA 51 INDOOR CENTRE</b> 8:00-9:00 PM
<b>5 MAR</b>	<b>BRISBANE POWERHOUSE</b> 8:30-9:30 PM
<b>19 MAR</b>	<b>TOP GOLF - GOLD COAST</b> 8:30-10:00 PM

**WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN JOIN US  
AGES 18-35**

**CONTACT**  
YOUTH.SUNNYBANK@BNE.CATHOLIC.NET.AU

Our new Youth Mass roster for 2023 is also available at the entrance to the Church. Thank you to all those who have volunteered! I hope you experience the joy of serving in our different Ministries.

If there are any issues, please contact myself via email, or see me after a Youth Mass.

God bless,  
Zac Hare  
Youth Coordinator

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let the little children come to  
Church every Sunday at 9.15am

