



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Monday 13th February

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 14th February

St Cyril & St Methodius
Valentine's Day

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.30am Bible Study
7.00pm Adoration

Wednesday 15th February

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

Thursday 16th February

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

Friday 17th February

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

Saturday 18th February

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

Sunday 19th February

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Our Lady of Lourdes and Bernadette Soubirous
by Virgilio Tojetti, c. 1877. Private Collection

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6th February 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Parish Feast Day! **I feel honoured to celebrate 2023 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Feast Day with all of you.** Just before sitting to write this Parish feast day message to you, I decided to take a walk around the "Parish" at 9.15pm on Thursday. After strolling around the Church, the Parish Office, the Paloma Centre, the Queensland Railway (Altandi) Station, the Church Car Park and back to the Presbytery, four questions stuck to my mind. **Where is the Parish? Who is the Parish? When is the Parish alive? How does the Parish function?** I can only guess what the answers to these questions could be for you, **but for me, in you is found the "Where, Who, When and How" of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Sunnybank. You represent the Past, Present and Future of this parish, and I am proud to be one of you.**



I salute the first Parishioners and Priests on whose shoulders this part of the Kingdom of God has continue to grow for the past 68 years. It is my privilege to welcome and to baptise the seven newest parishioners and their families on this weekend of our Parish Feast Day. Thank you everyone for keeping the parish alive and functional. I invite you to participate in the "Parish Expo" happening this weekend at **Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10.30am and 6pm Masses**, and to appreciate the groups, committees, associations and activities that keep turning the wheel of the Sunnybank Parish. Please, do not just walk past the "Parish Expo". I am convinced that **we have so much to gain from you as well as you can gain from us. We invite you to bring a plate to share, as there will be "a cuppa" after each of this weekend Masses.**

Parents are reminded that at our 9.15am Sunday Mass we will have a special Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) where the children will leave the Church to learn the Sundays Scripture readings at their own level in the Parish Media Room. The children will return to the church at the Offertory time to join the rest of the Mass.

Thank you to the Staff and Students of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School for a beautiful Mass for the opening of the schooling year for 2023 on Friday 10 February. Next Monday 13 February, St Thomas More College will celebrate the Mass for the Feast of St Oscar Romero and the opening of the 2023 school year.

Thinking about "Where is the Parish?", **we celebrated the first Mass of the year for our Parishioners resident in the Carramar Aged Care** on Tuesday 7th February and will be celebrating **another first Mass of the year for those parishioners in the Cazna Gardens Aged Care** on Tuesday 14th February (a pastoral way to mark the Valentine's Day).

11th February 2023, is also known as **World Day of the Sick. Please say a prayer for the sick and for nurses and doctors.**

We invite parents of the children who will be receiving the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** this year to the **Parent Information Session next Sunday 19th February at 1pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School Auditorium.**

God bless you as you prepare for **Lent in 10 days' time and Parish Mission retreat in 18 days' time. Happy Feast Day!**

Fr Enoch Iheme

Next Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Sirach 15:15–20 Fire and water; one burns, the other quenches. The contrast is clear, and we are in a blessed position, aided with the wisdom of God, to be able to recognise that contrast and reach out to that which gives life

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6–10 We hear a continuation of teaching from Corinthians where Paul compares the attractive philosophies of the day with the sort of wisdom of God that goes beyond any human understanding. Yet, it is a wisdom available to us through the Holy Spirit

Gospel: Matthew 5:17–37 The more difficult parts of the Sermon on the Mount become apparent in today's reading from Matthew. A collection of six instances of the Law of Moses (four this Sunday, two next) are taken by Jesus and presented in a way that call us to deep and authentic goodness.

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

149. The extreme poverty experienced in areas lacking harmony, open spaces or potential for integration, can lead to incidents of brutality and to exploitation by criminal organizations. In the unstable neighbourhoods of mega-cities, the daily experience of overcrowding and social anonymity can create a sense of uprootedness which spawns antisocial behaviour and violence. Nonetheless, I wish to insist that love always proves more powerful. Many people in these conditions are able to weave bonds of belonging and togetherness which convert overcrowding into an experience of community in which the walls of the ego are torn down and the barriers of selfishness overcome. This experience of a communitarian salvation often generates creative ideas for the improvement of a building or a neighbourhood.

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!**

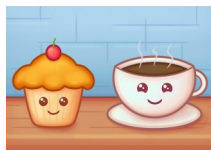
This year, **Parish Expo** will be held after **the Saturday 6pm** and the **Sunday 10:30am & 6pm Masses**. The Parish Expo is intended to **showcase all our parish groups, associations and activities** in order to enliven the Sunnybank Popular piety and participation. It will be an opportunity for everyone 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."**



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!



THE BEGINNING OF LENT:

Ash Wednesday - 22 February 2023

Mass Times:
6:30am
9am (School & Parish Mass)
6pm

Extra Friday Morning Mass

Starting in Lent on 24 February, there will be an additional **Friday morning Mass at 6:30am**, which will continue on all Fridays during Lent.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held weekly, beginning on **Friday 24 February at 6pm**.



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: **Koosnadi Darmawan, Mercy Knight, Paul Arundell, Katherine Chater, Cornelius Agbodike, Terasa Alfaro, Russell Santos, Carmencita Sanjuan,** Peggy Ayre, Judith Mary Smith, Allan Alvis, Agnes Rodda, Angela Hawes, Manuel Lima, Shirley Bromley, Michelle Mullen, Jose Benedicto Rivas Martinez, Alicia Avalos, Rodney William Magill

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Mr S. Pinto & Mrs L. Pinto, Tuioti Martha Maleta Lafafele Baice, Maria Antonia Barrientos, Margaret Lim Po Tching,** Rodge Herden, Julia Hernandez, Roberto Rabuya Jr., Bill McErlean, Edward O'Hagan, Bernard Elford

those who are unwell: **Pei Isaako Baice, Ruth Martinez, Josue Henriquez,** Desley Vine, Ros Furber, Rachel Larrigan, Ashonty Bolivar, Simon Grisoles, Bernardo Pinzon, Mellisa Guerra



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.

If you have any questions regarding the 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: 25th & 26th Feb (weekend Masses)

Formation Sessions: Sunday 5th, 12th & 19th, 1pm
(held in the OLOL School Auditorium)

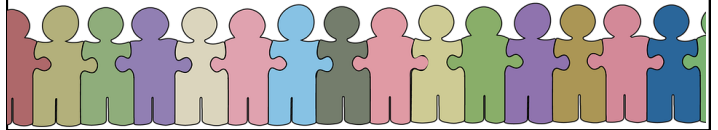
Sacrament of Penance: Tuesday 21st March, 5pm &
Thursday 23rd March, 5pm

SUNNYBANK FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Welcome back to our Friendship Group for 2023.

As 22 February is Ash Wednesday and committee members will be at Mass, we will begin at 10am. Starting time for subsequent meetings will be 9.15am as usual. Fr Francisco will be the 1st guest speaker for the year.

Hope to see you all again soon!



SCAM ALERT

There have been scam emails circulating claiming to be from Fr Enoch, office staff or other members of the parish requesting financial aid.



Please disregard and delete any such emails as we will never message you to request gift cards. Please note: all official parish emails end in @bne.catholic.net.au

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

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SOMETHING MORE?

All the baptised are called to play a role in the mission of Christ to make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:19-20). You are invited to discern if you are **being called** to engage in the instituted ministries of **Lector, Acolyte & Catechist**. More info: evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/institutedministries/



CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME AND ITS PEOPLE

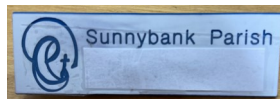
As we move forward in the Laudato Si Action Plan which began in May last year we take time to remember the 7 Goals established by Pope Francis. The Parish has committed to participate in this significant action plan so we remind ourselves of the 7 Goals:

1. Response to the Cry of the Earth
2. Response to the Cry of the Poor
3. Ecological economics
4. Adoption of sustainably lifestyles
5. Ecological education
6. Ecological spirituality
7. Community resilience and empowerment

Which of these goals would you like to participate in more fully? Find the group or committee at our Parish Expo as you walk around.

PARISH NAME BADGES

The Parish Office will be ordering more name badges. If you don't have a name badge but would like one, please visit or call the Parish Office to place your **order before Wednesday 1 March**. Badges cost \$15.



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

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 Youth & Young Adults!

Did you know that we have a teens and young adults group at our parish? Well, we certainly do!

Unite Teens is open to students in grades 6-12 and operates fortnightly, during term-time on a Friday evening, 7-9pm.

Unite Young Adults is open to parishioners aged 18-35 years every Sunday, 7pm after our Youth Mass.

Our groups help enrich the lives of the vibrant community of young people we have here at our parish. We do this through collaborative activities, adventures, games, scripture, spiritual development, and the most holiest of experiences.

So what are you waiting for? Get in touch with us today!

youth.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

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God bless,
Zac Hare
Youth Coordinator

**UNITE
YOUNG ADULTS**
Events Calendar

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

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

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

PRAY FOR TURKEY AND SYRIA

On Monday 6 February, 2 powerful earthquakes struck Turkey and Syria. Currently, more than 20,000 people in the two countries have been killed, with many more injured.

Please keep the people of Turkey and Syria in your prayers.

*We pray for the people of Central Turkey and North West Syria,
whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake.*

*Be present, O Lord, our Good Shepherd,
to bring comfort, relief, shelter and human kindness.*

*Shield the people who suffer, console those who are bereaved,
prosper the provision of relief, strengthen the work of emergency teams,
and shine your light and hope in the midst of despair.*

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

