



## 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) Fr Joseph Panampuzua

### Monday 13th March

8.15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am **Mass**

### Tuesday 14th March

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

### Wednesday 15th March

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

### Thursday 16th March

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

### Friday 17th March

*St Patrick*

6.30am **Mass**  
8:15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am **Mass**  
9.00am Adoration  
10.00am Legion of Mary  
6.00pm **Stations of the Cross**

### Saturday 18th March

10.00am **Marian Way of the Cross**  
11.00am Reconciliation  
2.30pm Charismatic Prayer (Spanish)  
5.00pm Reconciliation  
6.00pm **Mass**

### Sunday 19th March

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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



Christ and the Woman of Samaria  
by Lavinia Fontana c. 1607.  
National Museum of Capodimonte (Naples)

### Third Sunday of Lent - 12th March 2023

Dear Parishioners,



**Thank you for your dedication to our Parish very diverse ministries.** You have continued the Australian Spirit of Catholic Ministry that was truly captured by St Mary Mackillop's "Never see a need without doing something about it." This weekend we celebrate our Parish Ministries just because of what you do here. I would like to reiterate my conviction that **"The mission and ministries of the church is for everyone both in terms of giving and in terms of receiving."** I thank God who has blessed our Parish for a long time with varieties of gifts and ministries. It is my belief that the same God will continue to activate the gifts in every one of us. **I urge you to listen and to answer the call of the Spirit of ministry for the common good of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Your service is needed.**

This year, I am very particular in my invitation to all new parishioners and those of you who yet have not signed up for any ministry. Yes, **you are not too new, young or busy to get involved.** Pick our **Ministry Sunday Form** or **scan our Ministry QR Code** to see where your time, talent, energy or treasure is needed for the good of our community. Our different ministry coordinators are very willing to lead you through whatever you may require for an effective participation in our Parish Ministry.

In our Gospel this Sunday, we will hear about the **encounter Jesus had with the Samaritan woman.** At the start of their conversation, the woman was very reluctant to offer Jesus a drink for various reasons of Jesus being a Jew, not having a bucket, the well being deep and the age-long Jewry-Samaritan bias. Somewhere in this encounter, this woman confessed that **"I know that Messiah, that is, Christ is coming"** and **she quickly became an evangelist to the whole town, calling people to "Come and see a man...I wonder if he is the Christ?"**

**Where are you in your encounter with Jesus of Nazareth?** How far has your Lenten observance led you in your knowledge of Jesus the Messiah who knows everything about you? How many people are you leading to Jesus or when do you think that you can start telling people about Jesus? **I can assure you that someone out there is thirsting for Jesus - the water of eternal life.**

**We welcome the eight families who are presenting their children for baptism this weekend** and pray that they may really encounter Jesus at the font of Baptism. **We continue to pray for our RCIA candidates and their catechists** who are approaching this year's Easter in a special way that they may grow in their faith hope and love for Jesus and the Church.

Now that we have had our Parish Mission Retreat and are halfway through 2023 Lenten season, **I encourage you to purposely get involved in the rest of the season with your prayers, fasting and charity.**

**In a fortnight, our youth and young adults will start rehearsals for 2023 Good Friday Passion Play.** I invite you to register your interest, especially if you are talented in drama presentation.

**God Bless You, Fr Enoch Iheme**

**Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7,10-13**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

**John 9:1-41**

## Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)

**First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7** In the midst of their desert sojourn, the thirsty Israelites begin to doubt God's goodness. To allay both their thirst and their doubt, through the ministry of Moses, God provides water for the people to drink.

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8** Today's second reading is another reflection by Paul on the many gifts now given to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Here, Paul uses the beautiful image of God's love poured into our hearts.

**Gospel: John 4:5-42** This Sunday, with our elect, we read the story of the woman at the well: a story of so much more than water to drink, but a story of the One who wishes to encounter us and give us to drink the water of eternal life.

### 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

153. The quality of life in cities has much to do with systems of transport, which are often a source of much suffering for those who use them. Many cars, used by one or more people, circulate in cities, causing traffic congestion, raising the level of pollution, and consuming enormous quantities of non-renewable energy. This makes it necessary to build more roads and parking areas which spoil the urban landscape. Many specialists agree on the need to give priority to public transportation. Yet some measures needed will not prove easily acceptable to society unless substantial improvements are made in the systems themselves, which in many cities force people to put up with undignified conditions due to crowding, inconvenience, infrequent service and lack of safety.

#### PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES IN LENT

##### Extra Friday Morning Mass

During Lent, there will be an additional **Friday morning Mass at 6:30am.**

##### Stations of the Cross

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

##### Marian Way of the Cross

Instead of Novena, we will be having Marian Way of the Cross on **Saturday mornings from 10am.**

##### Lent Reconciliation

Reconciliation is held every **Saturday at 11am and 5pm.**

##### Easter Reconciliation

The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be held on **Monday 3 April at 7pm.**



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

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

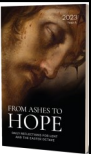
Formation Sessions: Sunday 5th & 12th 1pm

(held in the OLOL School Auditorium)

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

#### FROM ASHES TO HOPE - LENT REFLECTION

Spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from your heart with this 2023 Lent reflection resource, now available at the piety stall.



#### SUNNYBANK PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS

Meeting: **Wednesday 22 March, 2023**

At this meeting entertainment will be provided by Jim Lergessner & Cliff Turpin who will sing songs from the 50's, 60's & 70's.

On this day payment must be made for the bus trip to Llama farm on 26 April. Cost is \$45 for members. Also, bookings can be made for the Mother's Day High Tea on 24 May. Cost is \$25 for members. Part payment can be made to secure booking.

Inquiries to Haji Kelly: 3273 1802 or 0438 734 706.



#### Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

When: Monday 13 March 9:30am

Where: Chatterbox Coffee Shop,  
Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown,  
661 Compton Road, Sunnybank Hills.  
All are welcome!



#### TWO MINUTE HOMILIES AND REFLECTIONS

This week **Fr Enoch Iheme** gives the homily for the Third Sunday of Lent:

*"Our Lenten observances of fasting, prayer and almsgiving should be out way of bearing in our body and soul the message of salvation for all of humanity"*

Two Minute Homilies and Reflections can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane YouTube channel or go to:

[brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies-and-reflections/](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies-and-reflections/)

## Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: Pei Isaako Baice, Nina Kolarski, Jaime de Castro, Filomena Torres, Josefina Harris, Percita Manalese, L. Pinto, Angelo Dias, Bernardo Cas Nopre, David Whaley, Elena Gealon



those with anniversaries & others who have died: Gloria Salonga, Grey O'Mara, Narciso Cellan Sr., Elpidio Yator, George Coley, Tony Van der togt, Mario Dias, Arthur Bailey, Kathleen Bailey, Therese Dutton, Kevin McErlean, Queenie Sinclair, Derek Guardian, Elpidio Yator, Maria Ave, Januaria Verdeflor, Maria Lopez, Mark Maric, Leo Marquez, Antonija Babic, Damien Drew

those who are unwell: Christine Beatte, Francisca Alfaro, Lidia Melgar, Ana Acosta, Jeanette Melendez, Jo Bowman, Ros Furber, Catherine Marshall, Agnes Hyland, David Hyland, Esmeralda Berrios, Joseph Buxton

## CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME AND ITS PEOPLE

"We thirst for water and we thirst for the living water in the inner well of the soul" wrote John O'Donohue. Less than 1% of the earth's total water is available for our use. It may come from rivers, lakes, dams or from underground aquifers, all part of the water cycle. Water moves through the landscape and picks up materials, natural and man-made, shaping the landscape and forming ecosystems. Living in an arid country like Australia forces us to realise how dependent we are on life-giving water.

Consider your own water use at school, home, work. Do you need to use quality water to flush the toilet, water the garden? Be mindful of your use of water.

### Some ideas you can help our planet this Lent:

1. Don't leave taps running. 2. If you have to wait for water to get hot, collect the cold water in a container and use it for drinking or watering the garden. 3. Conserve this precious gift.

## 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**.



For more information, go to:

[evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/institutedministries/](http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/institutedministries/)

## 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**

## 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.

## POSITION VACANT:

### Maintenance Supervisor (Sunnybank Parish)

Applications are open for a **part time Maintenance Supervisor**, working 8 hours per fortnight. It will involve regular routine inspections as well as the oversight of construction, maintenance and repairs on parish facilities.



The position reports to the Parish Priest and would suit a retired/semi-retired tradesman.

A position description is available from the Parish Office, email [sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au). Applications close at 4.00pm on 17 March 2023.

## CAIRNS CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY (CYM) 70TH YEAR REUNION.

The Cairns Diocese is organizing a CYM 70th Reunion on May 21 this year. The day begins with 10am Mass in St Monica's Cathedral, Cairns, with Fr Frank Gordon as the Celebrant. This is followed by Lunch at 12pm in the Selville Mercy Conference Centre.

Cost is \$50 per person. Please register your attendance at <http://bit.ly/3V9Uwml>.

For further queries call Mary Proberts on 4053 1938 or 0417 708 856.

## POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - MARCH 2023

### For Victims of Abuse

*We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.*



## 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



The Archbishop's Dinner for Men is an evening event that provides a space for men who are discerning their vocation to gather and connect with each other.

This year's dinner will be held on April 13th at Wynberg in New Farm. Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archbishop of Brisbane) will share his personal journey to the priesthood to help you gain insight and wisdom into your discernment and the questions you're currently facing.

This event is a great opportunity for men to be inspired, ask questions, and continue their discernment journey.

**When:** Thursday 13 April 2023, 6pm

**Where:** Archbishop's Residence - Wynberg, New Farm

**RSVP:** To express interest in attending, email [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au)



**OLOL MINISTRY SUNDAY  
INVITATION**

**SCAN QR CODE TO  
REGISTER IN A  
MINISTRY**

**Come serve in:**

- Weekend & Youth Mass
- Evangelisation

- Outreach
- Maintenance
- Care & Concern



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT:  
11 & 12 March**

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion).

