



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Monday 20th March

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 21st March

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.30am Bible Study
5.00pm **Penance**
7.00pm Adoration

Wednesday 22nd March

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

Thursday 23rd March

7.50am Christian Meditation
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am **Mass**
5.00pm **Penance**

Friday 24th March

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 25th March

The Annunciation of the Lord

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

Sunday 26th March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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



Healing of the Man Born Blind by El Greco c. 1573. Galleria nazionale di Parma

Fourth Sunday of Lent - 19th March 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Once a Guru (Teacher) asked his disciples; "When does the day begin?" The disciples began to answer in their different styles of understanding. One told him; "when the sun rises in the east and light comes in this world, the day begins." Another answered, "when we can distinguish between a tree and an elephant from far away, then the day begins." Another said "when we can differentiate a man from an animal, the day begins. The Guru was not satisfied with these answers and finally a disciple said, "when we see a stranger coming from afar and we identify in him our brother or sister the day begins." **Dear brothers and sisters, the season of Lent asks us to recognise the needy and those suffering around us and identify in them our own brothers and sisters.**



In today's gospel we see Jesus healing a blind person. But the particular use of the phrase blind "from the hour of birth" does not occur anywhere else in the New Testament. By the placement of this account in the narrative, it appears that the evangelist is suggesting that **this blind man is a representative of all humanity.** The fact is that mankind is not by nature receptive to the light (John 1:5,10). **Rather all mankind is spiritually blind from birth. It is the role of the Light who comes into the world to enlighten every man** (John 1:9). It is because of this innate human nature, the Pharisees were not ready to accept Jesus and they find fault with him in helping a blind person. **Through this miracle Jesus speaks of 2 blindnesses, the blindness of the eyes as well as the blindness of heart.** By restoring the sight of the blind man, the evangelist reveals the blindness of the heart of the Pharisees who are blind towards the need of this this blind man and the hardness of their heart to appreciate the work of God. And in the end of the same passage, **Jesus blessed the blind man with the sight of the eyes as well as the sight of the faith.**

Dear friends, let this gospel of the fourth Sunday of Lent we help us to have both, the sight to see as well as the sight of faith so that we may see with our outer and inner eyes. Let us open our inner eyes and see in this season of Lent all the people who are in need as our own brothers and sisters and also appreciate the wonder works of god, through different person who are near to us.

Thank you, Fr Jose



OLOL MINISTRY SUNDAY INVITATION

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER IN A MINISTRY

- Come serve in:**
- Weekend & Youth Mass
 - Evangelisation
 - Outreach
 - Maintenance
 - Care & Concern

Thank you to all those who signed up to new ministries! We are waiting for more people to volunteer by completing and returning their Ministry Sunday form or by scanning the Ministry QR code.

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Our first reading tells the story of the choice of David and his anointing. We learn that things are not always as they appear. The smallest and the least, so often rejected by the world, are almost always the ones chosen to fulfil God's plan of salvation.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 The contrast between life in darkness and our new life in Christ, a life lived in the light, is highlighted by today's second reading

Gospel: John 9:1-41 The healing of the man-born-blind highlights the journey of faith of those believe – the man-born-blind moves towards the 'sight' of faith, while those opposed to Jesus move further into sightless, spiritual darkness.

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

III. ECOLOGY IN DAILY LIFE

154. Respect for our dignity as human beings often jars with the chaotic realities that people have to endure in city life. Yet this should not make us overlook the abandonment and neglect also experienced by some rural populations which lack access to essential services and where some workers are reduced to conditions of servitude, without rights or even the hope of a more dignified life.

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES

With Palm Sunday approaching on Sunday 2 April, we need volunteers to help make the palm crosses.

We will meet on **Wednesday 29 March & Thursday 30 March in the Media Room** after Mass

Your help will be greatly appreciated!
Ben & Clare, 0421 341 763



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 EASTER MASS / SERVICE TIMES

Holy Thursday - 6th April

8:30 am - Morning Prayer
9:00 am - 1st Rite of Reconciliation
7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - 7th April

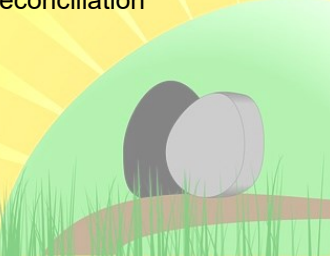
9:00 am - Morning Prayer
9:30 am - 1st Rite of Reconciliation
10.00am - Stations of the Cross
2:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
4:00 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - 8th April

9:00 am - Morning Prayer
11:00 am - 1st Rite of Reconciliation
7:00 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - 9th April

6:30 am - Mass
8:00 am - Mass
9:15 am - Mass
10:30 am - Mass





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.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual



CHRISM MASS

Thursday 30th March 2023
@ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome

car parking available from 6:00pm

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Connie Di Francesco, Patricia Collingwood, Lydia Lo Presti, Jenő Kovács, Harry Batang, Lim Mei Ling,** Pei Isaako Baice, Nina Kolarski, Jaime de Castro, Filomena Torres, Josefina Harris, Percita Manalese, L. Pinto

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Leonardas Karvelis, Cayetana Roldan, Yvonne Augustine, Mervyn Augustine, Jim Miller, Matthew Chi Phan,** Gloria Salonga, Grey O'Mara, Narciso Cellan Sr., Elpidio Yator, George Coley, Tony Van der togt

those who are unwell: **Dorys Rodriguez, Abelardo Portilla,** Christine Beatte, Francisca Alfaro, Lidia Melgar, Ana Acosta, Jeanette Melendez, Jo Bowman

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 Calilung, 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, Alan Cooke, Margo Couldrey, Mary Dixon, Jamie Edwards, Margaret Emerson, Jan Fooks, Ros Furber, 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, 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, June Sultana, Maria Turner, Nick Vakanas, Margaret Yap, Carole Young

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME AND ITS PEOPLE

Fasting has been a traditional action during Lent in the past. Maybe there is a different kind of fast for you to practise and which has been practised by many Christians in recent years. It involves reducing your use of energy derived from fossil fuels such as coal, gas and oil. It may mean using less electricity by cooking less, turning off your TV or putting your phone or laptop away for a day or two every so often. It could also mean driving your car less and walking or cycling more if possible. Try at least one day a week to be car free. There are a range of carbon fast resources on-line. Just put "carbon fast" into your search engine.

Some ideas you can help our planet this Lent:

1. Think also about how much food and packaging you throw away.
2. Consciously try to limit your consumption, reduce waste and to live more simply.
3. Audit yourself – see how much is in your bin one week, check the next week to see less, and the next week less again.



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 please email the parish office at: pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

Sacrament of Penance (concluding the 2022 Program)

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

OLOL & OLOF MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST: APRIL 2023

We invite men of all ages to come together in fellowship and enjoy a full BBQ breakfast on the first Saturday morning of each month.



The next breakfast will be held on **Saturday 1 April from 7am to 9am** in the **Avocado Room** of the Paloma Centre. Bacon, sausages, eggs, tomatoes, baked beans, toast, jams, juices, tea and coffee are all available for the same cost as previous years at \$10 per person.

If you would like to attend, please contact Lindsay on 0480 494 627 or fom.sunnybank@gmail.com by Thursday 30 March 2023 for catering purposes. Please let us know if you would like to be placed on our email invitation list.

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.



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

Hello parishioners!

There is a fair bit coming up for our youth in the coming weeks.



Unite Young Adults – Top Golf

This Sunday, after the 6pm youth mass, our young adults will be heading to Top Golf on the Gold Coast for a night of fun! So, if you are aged 18-35 and are keen, get in touch with myself through email or by messaging the Unite Sunnybank Facebook page.

Good Friday Passion Play

It has always been tradition at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish to run the Good Friday passion play/drama. This play is performed by our Unite Teens and Unite Young Adults at the two services on Good Friday. We are starting to call for anyone who is interested in getting involved, whether it be narrating, playing a role, or helping in other ways.

We will be holding our first welcome and rehearsal on Sunday 26th March (5th Sunday of Lent) from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in the church.

Ignite Launch 23

Ignite Launch is coming up on Saturday, 13th May at Dreamworld, on the Gold Coast! Run by the team at Ignite Youth and Emmanuel, Launch is a full day at one of the Gold Coasts greatest theme parks, with thrilling rides, amazing food, and live worship music after dark.

This year, we have been able to receive a grant to assist in sending our youth to Ignite Launch. So rather than the normal \$120 per person, Unite Youth is offering \$10 per person!

If you are keen for a fun day out with us, you can register by heading to: app.tickets.org.au/iy/Launch23 or by scanning the QR code below.

COUPON CODES:

uniteyouth (under 18)

uniteadult (over 18)



God bless,

Zac Hare | Youth Coordinator

MEALS ON WHEELS: WE NEED YOUR HELP



Sunnybank/Salisbury Meals on Wheels is reaching out to the residents of their local area, for volunteers to assist in helping the vulnerable in their community. Increased demand for our service has left us seeking more drivers and drivers assistants to deliver essential meals during our operating hours of Monday to Friday.

If you are able to help, please contact their office on 3345 3795



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

18 & 19 March

Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.



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.

