



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Monday 27th March

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 28th March

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

Wednesday 29th March

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

Thursday 30th March

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

Friday 31st 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 1st April

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

Sunday 2nd April

Palm Sunday

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



The Raising of Lazarus by Rembrandt, c. 1630-32
Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 26th March 2023

Dear parishioners,

We are in the 5th week of Lent and our Lenten Fast is ending fast. I have two things to share with you: the first is found in **Matthew 20:1-16** about the parable of the workers in the vineyard or if you like, the parable of the landowner. **I suggest that if you or anyone you know is feeling that you have not got into this year's Lent early enough, read and pray that the grace of this Gospel may be with you.** Surely, the remaining days of this Lent are equally acceptable days of salvation for everyone who will participate in this favourable time. Secondly, every lent starts with Ash Wednesday and the Gospels of the fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent teach us that **something good can come from our ashy, messy, smelly and darkened life.** What is it in your life that you think dead and forgotten, dark and sinful, sick and unwell? I would like you to hear Jesus say to you, **"This sickness will not end in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified."**



Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and all our Masses will begin with the blessing of palms. There will be **short procession from the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes** to the Church during the Masses of **Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10.30am and 6pm.** I invite you to join us as we begin the Holy Week celebrations.

We have some correspondence from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The Archbishop invites you to the **Annual Chrism Mass at 7.00pm on Thursday March 30th 2023.** The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire Archdiocese where the Holy Oils are blessed and Priests renew their Ordination Vows. We are also called to support the **Holy Land Collection for Good Friday.** This collection helps the funding of the historic Church in Jerusalem. Our parish has received another invitation from Archbishop Mark for the Summit 23. **The Summit 23 is a three-day gathering, a kind of Synod for the Archdiocese to discuss, pray and encounter Jesus as we dream for the future of our beloved Church.** We have locked in the early bird rate of half price for the first 10 people who will register with the parish. Contact the parish on 3345 3766 or sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au before 1 April.

Congratulations to our school communities who will be finishing term 1 next Friday. Parents are encouraged to bring their children ages 4-11 to our **Catholic Kids Club** on **Saturday 1 April:** 3-5pm at the Avocado Room. Further details pg. 3 of this newsletter. Parents can also access the Archdiocesan Holy Week Ideas for Kids from <https://tinyurl.com/kidshwvideo> to engage our children during this holiday.

Thank you to the priests who came to administer the 1st Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation to our children. Congratulations to those children for completing the Sacramental program they started almost two years ago. Once again, we extend the end date for enrolment and **invite parents whose children are now in year 4, to register them for the 2023 Sacramental program before 1 April.**

Fr Jose has returned to the Ipswich Parish after almost 1 month. I can assure you that **Fr Jose enjoyed our community, our warmth and lively sense of welcome.** I have asked Fr Jose to keep us in his prayers and to come around whenever he is in town.

God Bless, Fr Enoch Iheme

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14 In this vision of Ezekiel, we learn that God brings life out of death. With God's spirit breathed into us once more, we are brought home to our own place.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11 Today's Second Reading is a Pauline reflection on where life is to be found. Life is to be found, not in the Law, but in the Spirit. While sin brings death, the Spirit of God living in us brings life to us

Gospel: John 11:1-45 John presents the raising of Lazarus as the last of the 'signs' given by Jesus and indeed the defining act of his public ministry. This Gospel reading reminds us that the story of Lazarus, the story of Jesus, our story ends never in death, but in God's glory.

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

155. Human ecology also implies another profound reality: the relationship between human life and the moral law, which is inscribed in our nature and is necessary for the creation of a more dignified environment. Pope Benedict XVI spoke of an "ecology of man", based on the fact that "man too has a nature that he must respect and that he cannot manipulate at will". It is enough to recognize that our body itself establishes us in a direct relationship with the environment and with other living beings. The acceptance of our bodies as God's gift is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father and our common home, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation. Learning to accept our body, to care for it and to respect its fullest meaning, is an essential element of any genuine human ecology. Also, valuing one's own body in its femininity or masculinity is necessary if I am going to be able to recognize myself in an encounter with someone who is different. In this way we can joyfully accept the specific gifts of another man or woman, the work of God the Creator, and find mutual enrichment. It is not a healthy attitude which would seek "to cancel out sexual difference because it no longer knows how to confront it"

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

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



PARISH COMMUNITY WEEKEND

Come celebrate with us next weekend, 1 & 2 April at the usual Masses and share a 'cuppa' and meet new friends and old. The Welcoming Group invites you to stay for a while after Mass and get to know your fellow parishioners. See you there!



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 **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.**



EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION

Community Cuppa & Celebration Cake will be offered following the Easter Vigil Mass. Please join with us and make this a special evening for those who have received the Easter sacraments of initiation and become full members of our parish. A contribution of a plate of finger food to share would be appreciated.

Please join with the community in this celebration!



Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: Rita Blade, John Jack McLaughlin, Carlos Burgos, Connie Di Francesco, Patricia Collingwood, Lydia Lo Presti, Jenő Kovács, Harry Batang, Lim Mei Ling

those with anniversaries & others who have died: Bernardo Cas Nopre, Leonardas Karvelis, Cayetana Roldan, Yvonne Augustine, Mervyn Augustine, Jim Miller, Matthew Chi Phan

those who are unwell: Eric Tong, Mauricio Flamenco, Sergio Mandujano, Dorys Rodriguez, Abelardo Portilla



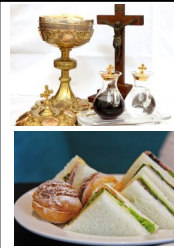
OLOL & OLOF MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST: APRIL 2023

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.



There will be no **FIRST FRIDAY MASS & MORNING TEA** in April as it clashes with Easter Celebrations.

Instead, we look forward to seeing you next month, on Friday 5 May.



Holy Week is just around the corner, marking the most important season of the Christian calendar - when we remember Jesus' death on the cross and celebrate his resurrection. This is an incredibly special week, no matter how old you are.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has created video resources with some ideas to engage the children in your life in the lead up to Easter: <https://tinyurl.com/kidshwvideo>



CATHOLIC KIDS CLUB

Catholic Kids Club returns!

Saturday 1st April: 3.00-5.00pm
Avocado Room - Parish Centre
(Ages 4-11)

Catholic Kids Club is a group for primary school aged kids that come together to learn about faith in a fun way that they can relate to. We play games, hear stories and make crafts which are centred around a different theme. This month we will be celebrating Holy Week and Easter. For more info email catholickidsclub@gmail.com.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME AND ITS PEOPLE

Carry your ecological conversion beyond Lent into Ordinary time. Our commitment to the planet needs to extend beyond our Lenten offerings. Catastrophic events are happening more frequently, and we in Australia have constant awareness of this. Until we join the struggle to combat climate change – until we commit to replacing fossil fuels with clean energy – the travail will intensify. The word 'ecology' comes from the Greek word oikos, meaning "home", and while the Lenten season is an ideal time for strengthening our commitment to our planet's "home economics", protecting the planet cannot be a merely seasonal endeavour. Let us, this Lenten season, pledge to devote our time and energy all year long to protecting the ordinary time of natural Creation.

Some ideas you can help our planet this Lent:

1. Buy pre-loved. 2. Ride a bike or walk more. 3. See what you can recycle

On behalf of earth, let us carry the energy and hope of Easter forward into Earth day and practice resurrection.

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

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

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



Summit 2023 is a 3 day event for all who belong to the faith community of the Archdiocese: parishioners, educators, parents, support staff, catechists, lay leaders, religious and clergy - this event is for everyone. It is a key step in the implementation phase of the Plenary Council and where Archbishop Mark will be sharing his priorities for the years to come.

For more information, please contact the parish office.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

25 & 26 March

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations



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.