



## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

† Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 121 Mains Road, Sunnybank

**Parish Office** (adjacent to Church, Sunnybank) **Ph: 3345 3766** **Office Hours** Monday to Thursday, 8.30 am - 4.00 pm; Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm  
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**Priests:** Fr Enoch Iheme (Parish Priest) Fr Francisco Evangelista (Associate Pastor)

### Monday 8th May

8:15am Morning Prayer  
 8.30am **Mass**  
 9:00am Rosary at the Grotto

### Tuesday 9th May

8:15am Morning Prayer  
 8.30am **Mass**  
 9:00am Rosary at the Grotto  
 9.30am Bible Study  
 7.00pm Adoration

### Wednesday 10th May

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

### Thursday 11th May

7:50am Christian Meditation  
 8.45am Morning Prayer  
 9.00am **Mass**  
 9:30am Rosary at the Grotto

### Friday 12th May

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

### Saturday 13th May

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

### Sunday 14th May

6th Sunday of Easter  
 Mother's Day

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



Jésus s'entretient avec ses disciples (Jesus Discourses with His Disciples) by James Tissot, c. 1886-96. Brooklyn Museum

### Fifth Sunday of Easter - 7th May 2023

Dear Parishioners,

The last sentence from the last Sunday's Gospel passage of John 10:1-10 **"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full"**

remained with me much of the week. How do we experience this fullness of life and what does it even mean for us here and now? While I have not come to answer these questions, I would like you to reflect on what Jesus said to Thomas **"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."** This simple statement can be said to have **summarised the Person, Mission and Legacy of Jesus.** Hence, in our Christian vocation, **how do we know the Way, where can we find the Truth and are living the Life?** These reflection questions invite us to consider our whole life in God and the world.



**May; the month of Mary offers us an opportunity through the May Devotion to imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her humble witness to the Way, the Truth and the Life.** St Bernard said, "God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" and there is no greater gift than to know Jesus. Two of my friends have shared the benefits of May Devotion as **"going beyond the beads of the rosary to meditating on the mysteries of the rosary"** and **"flying to the patronage of Mary"**. In this month even as we await the celebration of Pentecost, we gather at the feet of the Mother of God praying the rosary, making sacrifices for the salvation of sinners and imitating the virtues of Mary. **I encourage you to say the rosary as a prayer to God through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** It is said that whenever we meditate on the mysteries of the rosary and enter into the key moments of the life of Jesus Christ, our hearts are transformed and our faith in God increased. Please pray for our sister Parish Our Lady of Fatima Acacia Ridge as they celebrate their Parish Feast next Saturday 13th May. **I thank those parishioners who gather at the grotto after daily Mass to say the rosary.**

**Archbishop Mark Coleridge restores the Sunday obligation after the COVID 19 Pandemic Dispensation.** This dispensation was granted in 2020 due to health and pastoral reasons but **"Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself"**. Taking a clue from the early Christian communities, Archbishop Mark recalls that **"Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day..."** Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (May 28) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, 'This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad' (Psalm 118:24). **It is expected that the revocation of this dispensation will clear the confusion around the age-long Sunday obligation as well as encourage greater participation of Catholics in the life of their parish.**

**I invite you to pray for our Parish Pastoral Council and those who serve us as parish leaders.** Most of our Parish Council members have been very generous, committed and dedicated to this ministry more than the required 2 tenures. **There is a need to get new members on board and for a sustainable transition.**

Next Sunday is Mothers' Day and we shall be thanking God for our mothers. In the spirit of Mothers' Day, we welcome the families that will be presenting their children for Baptism and the Enrolment Masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Let us share in the joy and fruitfulness of our parish.

God Bless, Fr Enoch Iheme

Next Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

## Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

**First Reading: Acts 6:1-7** In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we learn that the early Church – when faced with challenges – found new ways of living the Gospel. When we are faced with challenges, can we find new ways of being faithful? Or do we give up because it is just too hard?

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9** In one of the most beautiful passages in 1 Peter, we are reminded that we are called to be living stones, making a spiritual house, because the Lord himself is the living stone; the Lord who has called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**Gospel: John 14:1-12** In this familiar reading, Jesus assures those who follow him not to be afraid. For even if we think that we do not know the way, Jesus comforts us that he indeed is our way to the Father, the truth who sets us free and our life in this world and the next.

### 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

#### IV. JUSTICE BETWEEN THE GENERATIONS

161. Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth. The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now periodically occur in different areas of the world. The effects of the present imbalance can only be reduced by our decisive action, here and now. We need to reflect on our accountability before those who will have to endure the dire consequences.



### 2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

#### UPDATE:

**Due to the availability of Archbishop Mark, we have had to reschedule the latter half of the Sacramental program in preparation for Confirmation.** Please see the revised dates below and contact Noel Arceo if you have any questions.

**Formation Session 1**, OLOL School Auditorium:  
Sunday 7th May 1pm

**Enrolment Mass**, Church:  
Saturday 13th May 6pm or  
Sunday 14th May 9:15am, 10:30am or 6pm

**Formation Session 2**, OLOL School Auditorium:  
Sunday 21st May 1pm

**Review & Practice Session (Confirmation)**, Church:  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1pm

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation**, Church:  
Thursday 22nd June 5pm & 7:30pm

Please contact Mr Noel Arceo  
(OLOL Parish Pastoral Ministry Coordinator)  
at 07 3345 3766 or pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

#### PARISH COMMUNITY WEEKEND

Come celebrate with us this weekend, 6 & 7 May 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!



#### SUNNYBANK CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting:

Saturday 6 May - English Prayer Meeting  
Saturday 13 May - Spanish Prayer Meeting  
Saturday 20 May - English Prayer Meeting  
Saturday 27 May - Spanish Retreat,  
Fr Sanchez & Fr Francisco

Held in the Media Room, 2:30pm to 5pm.  
All Welcome! Contact the parish office for more info.

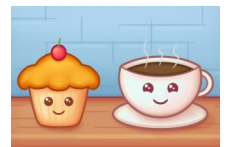


#### ANNUAL SPANISH RETREAT

Come and celebrate Pentecost with  
Fr Francisco and Fr Sanchez  
Saturday 27 May, 9am - 4:30pm, in the Avocado Room.  
Please contact the parish office on 3345 3766 to register.

#### Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

**When:** Monday 8th May 9:30am  
**Where:** Chatterbox Coffee Shop,  
Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown,  
661 Compton Road, Sunnybank Hills.  
All are welcome!



#### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - MAY 2023

#### For Church Movements and Groups

*We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world*



#### FUNERAL NOTICE: BOZICA PINTER

Relatives and friends of Bozica Pinter are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Thursday 11 May at 10:30am.**

## Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Hernan Montalva, Jacqueline Nova Santana, Pamela Keschenski, Benjamin Agoha, Paul Smith, Jorge Mena, Wilfred Orpilla Jr., Tom Vester**

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Christine Coorey, Margaret Haker, Ephney Nolan, Celso Dato, Soledad & Elpidio Majerano, Corazon Platon, Alicia Rosales, Rosario Alarcon, Maria Antonieta Yazbeck, Romeo Perilli, Antonio Verdeflor, Januaria Verdeflor, Lidia Melgar, Daniel Beatson, Jairo Cifuentes**

those who are unwell: **Megan Carroll, Roxana Martinez, Armida Cisneros, Hugo Keschenski, Barry Stack, Maria Turner, Patricia Toohey, Graham Small, Esmeralda Berrios, Joshua Coral, Marcella Wockner**

### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS, SUNNYBANK Annual Fundraising Dinner

Raising money for Soubirous Place, Sunnybank, a respite Centre coordinated by Sr Brigid Courtney.



Dinner to be held at the Southern Cross Sports Club, Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt on Wednesday 31 May, 6.30pm for 7pm start.

\$50 a head for a 2 course meal - Mains and dessert. Guest speaker is Fr. Francisco Evangelista the Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes.

TV will be available for the State of Origin.

To book, contact Bernard Hattonon 0411 140 031 by Wednesday 24 May.



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. **NOTE: The parish will be subsidising half the cost for the first 10 people who register via the office. There is 1 spot remaining so act fast!**

### TWO MINUTE HOMILIES AND REFLECTIONS

This week **Fr Wrex Woolnough** gives the homily for the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

*"To find the way, we have to work together, trusting in each others' wisdom and keeping our eye on the final goal which is God."*

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/)



Could you do with some time away to go deeper in your faith? *A Morning's Prayer* is a 3 hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend some quality time with God.

The topic for the event will be "Knowing and Loving Our God". We will delve into understanding who God is for us and the mystery of the Trinity through input, personal prayer, meditation and fellowship in a space designed to facilitate an encounter with God.

**When:** Saturday 3 June, 9am—12pm  
**Where:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston

**Cost:** \$20  
**Register:** [https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23\\_2](https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amp23_2)



### A VOCATION VIEW: 5th Sunday of Easter

The institution of the Diaconate is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational, or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.


Is God calling you to vocation? To find out more call 1300 133 544 or go to [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com)

### BRISBANE SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

*Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment?*

A confidential and professional service, "the purpose of spiritual direction is to help turn our wandering into journeying." (Archbishop Mark Coleridge)

For more information and a list of the directors on offer in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, visit the website at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/>



St Stephen's School are currently taking enrolments for Prep in 2024. For a personalised tour of our school, or for any questions please contact our office on 3711 4911. Applications can be made via this link: [www.ststephens.qld.edu.au/Enrolments/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ststephens.qld.edu.au/Enrolments/Pages/default.aspx)



### 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.***





## PARISH STAFF & CONTACTS

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## 2023 Catholic Leadership Intensive

Equipping today's leaders for tomorrow's Church

In these 10 sessions, clergy and laity will learn side-by-side as we explore contemporary leadership practices integrated with scripture and the example set by Jesus and His followers. This year, there is a special discounted pricing for 18-35 year olds to encourage young leaders to participate and engage.

**When:** 7-9pm Mondays, 29 May—14 August

**Where:** Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary Banyo

Contact the parish office at 3345 3766 for more information.

## LAUREL BLOW SPEAKER SERIES

## FINDING THE HEART OF THE NATION: THE JOURNEY OF THE ULURU STATEMENT TOWARDS VOICE, TREATY & TRUTH WITH THOMAS MAYO

Are you aware of the conversations happening around the Voice to Parliament but not really sure what it's all about? This session of the Laurel Blow Speaker Series will help you understand what's really being asked and navigate the noise that is surrounding the issue.

**When:** Thursday 1 June, 10am- 12:30pm

**Where:** Guadete Centre, ACU, 1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo

**RSVP:** Monday 29 May

You're invited to engage in this important conversation and listen with an open heart by registering now at: <http://app.tickets.org.au/eb/LaurelBlow>

## Archbishop's VOCATIONS DINNER 2023 for WOMEN 1 JUNE

**A night of discussion and discernment with the Archbishop.**

**When:** Thursday 1st June 2023, 6.00pm

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

**RSVP:** To [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au) by Monday 22 May



## IGNITE LAUNCH 23

Please keep our young parishioners attending Ignite Launch 2023 next Saturday in your prayers.  
We hope they have a great time!