



## 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

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**Priests:** Fr Enoch Iheme (Parish Priest) Fr Francisco Evangelista (Associate Pastor)

### Monday 15th May

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

### Tuesday 16th May

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

### Wednesday 17th May

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

### Thursday 18th May

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

### Friday 19th May

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

### Saturday 20th May

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

### Sunday 21st May

*The Ascension of the Lord*

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



*Dernier Sermon de Notre-Seigneur (The Last Sermon of Our Lord) by James Tissot, c. 1886-96. Brooklyn Museum*

### Sixth Sunday of Easter - 14th May 2023

Dear Parishioners,

**Happy Mother's day to all our amazing mothers.** We are lucky to have you and we love you yesterday, today and always. Receive all our good wishes and prayers this Sunday. After 5 years of finding home away from home in Australia, I have come to appreciate the variety of roles mothers play to keep every community. **Motherhood is well above childbearing. Motherhood is life giving and life nurturing. Let us acknowledge and support all mothers in their diverse roles for the good of our community.**



**We welcome all the families presenting their children for Baptism in our Parish this Sunday.** These families are sharing in the life-giving ministry of the Church and **we are called to support them with our prayers** so that they will be the best first church for our newly baptised. In the same vein, **we congratulate our 2023 Confirmation candidates and their families who will be celebrating their Rite of Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.** At the completion of their formation, **Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be confirming their Baptismal Faith** and like Peter in the Acts 8: 14-17, the Archbishop will pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit on **Thursday 22nd June 2023.** Let us keep them in our prayers.

This week, the Archdiocese of Brisbane led by Archbishop Mark will be participating in the **Summit 23.** It is hoped that we will be unpacking the document entitled **"Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023."** The seven priorities ranges from finding our way into a new and deeper experience of prayer as a way of life for all the baptised to understanding what a synodal mode of governance in the Church means for us. **Seven members of our community will be attending the Summit but we all will be participating by praying to the Holy Spirit to fill the Church gathered during this Summit.**

**Next Sunday is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate the ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven and our waiting for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit on the Church.** As Christians we have be gifted with all authority in heaven and on earth but **we need the animation of the Holy Spirit to function to our full capacity.** Let us join the Church in praying for the fresh unction of the Holy Spirit on all of us.

**God Bless and Happy Mothers' Day,**

Fr Enoch Iheme



**Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord**

**Acts 1:1-11**

**Ephesians 1:17-23**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

**First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17** The Apostles, from their base in Jerusalem, were heartened by Philip's success preaching the good news in Samaria. They sent Peter and John to pray with them so that the Samaritans, too, would receive the Holy Spirit.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18** In the Second Reading today, Peter writes to encourage the persecuted Christians in Asia Minor to always behave justly and be respectful to everyone, especially to those who are not followers of Christ.

**Gospel: John 14:15-21** I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

### 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

162. Our difficulty in taking up this challenge seriously has much to do with an ethical and cultural decline which has accompanied the deterioration of the environment. Men and women of our postmodern world run the risk of rampant individualism, and many problems of society are connected with today's self-centred culture of instant gratification. We see this in the crisis of family and social ties and the difficulties of recognizing the other. Parents can be prone to impulsive and wasteful consumption, which then affects their children who find it increasingly difficult to acquire a home of their own and build a family. Furthermore, our inability to think seriously about future generations is linked to our inability to broaden the scope of our present interests and to give consideration to those who remain excluded from development. Let us not only keep the poor of the future in mind, but also today's poor, whose life on this earth is brief and who cannot keep on waiting. Hence, "in addition to a fairer sense of intergenerational solidarity there is also an urgent moral need for a renewed sense of intragenerational solidarity".



**NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
**THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK**

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#### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Due to a variety of reasons, some of our members have had to step down so we are **urgently looking for new members!**

Can you spare 2 hours a fortnight? If you have the time and are looking for a rewarding opportunity to help out our community, come and **join the Sunnybank St Vincent de Paul Team!** All are welcome to join!

#### Our Mission:

To help people in our local community who are needing a "hand up" in these tough economic times.

If you are interested contact Michael O'Brien on 0408 208 908 or the parish office.



#### 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.**

#### 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

For more information, please contact Mr Noel Arceo (OLOL Parish Pastoral Ministry Coordinator) at 07 3345 3766 or [pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au)

#### 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.

### Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Rolston Foenander, Margaret Melrose, Tom Vester, Wilfredo Portillo, Bernadette McLay, Peggy Barnes**, Hernan Montalva, Jacqueline Nova Santana, Pamela Keschenski, Benjamin Agoha, Paul Smith

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Mrs L. Pinto, Mayrose Pankaj, Dominador Tolentino Jr, Anna Joseph**, 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

those who are unwell: **Zeneida Feril, Agnes Hyland, Mario Minero, Diane Gobert, Deanna Francis**, Megan Carroll, Roxana Martinez, Armida Cisneros, Hugo Keschenski, Barry Stack, Maria Turner, Patricia Toohey



Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School is currently interviewing all families for enrolment into Prep 2024. Contact the school office for further information or complete the online application form via the website:

[www.ourladyoflourdes.qld.edu.au/enrol/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.ourladyoflourdes.qld.edu.au/enrol/Pages/default.aspx)



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)

### 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 Hatton on 0411 140 031 by Wednesday 24 May.



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)

### CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME AND ITS PEOPLE

There is an exciting opportunity for parishioner to come together to view and discuss this film. We are organising an event on **Wednesday night 24th May at 7pm – 8.30pm in the Media room** at the Parish.

This is a new documentary about how spiritual values call us to take action on the planetary crisis. It focuses on a small group of people from around the world who have an encounter with Pope Francis that gives them hope. After watching the film we will chat together and think about how we can take action. Add this to your calendar and let the parish secretary know you are coming: 3345 3766 or [sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au)



### 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*



### A VOCATION VIEW: 6th Sunday of Easter

That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.

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



### 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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**Come and join us at the Grotto for the rosary after morning Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during May!**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES HEALING PRAYER**



O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, where you dispense your favours; and where many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory.  
Amen

**SVDP: COMMUNITY SLEEPOUT JUNE 16/17**

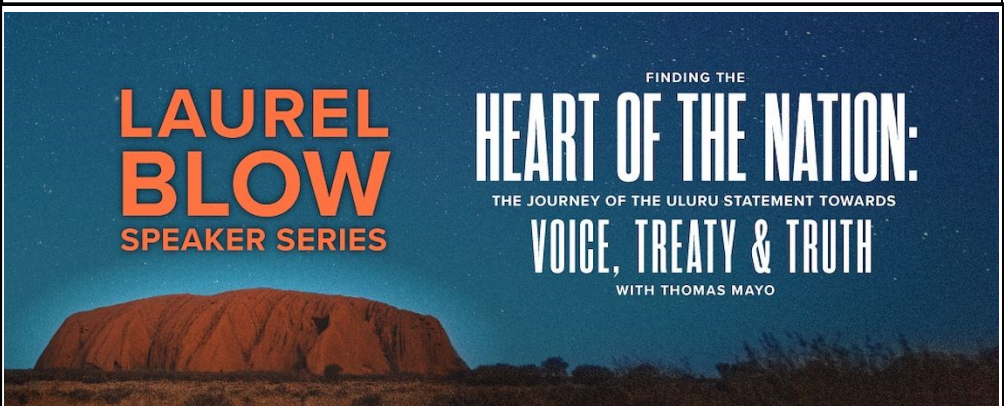
**St Vincent de Paul is raising money specifically to help give crisis accommodation** to women, children and men who suddenly find themselves homeless in our local area.

There are several people in the parish who would love your support as they commit to sleeping out on the 16th of June. **Fr Enoch** is leading the way and will be sleeping out as well as **Les Micale** and **Zac Hare**. The **youth group** is also planning on having a sleepout to support this cause.

So how can you help? **Just use the QR code to go online to register to sleepout or find one of the church members/groups under the Leaders icon, that you would like to support, and donate to them directly online.** There will also be flyers at the front of the church with the details.

Thank you so much for all the support you regularly give to SVDP. It is only through you that its members can help those in need in our community.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Julie Just 0403 881 596.



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>