



## 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 22nd May

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

### Tuesday 23rd May

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

### Wednesday 24th May

*Our Lady, Help of Christians*

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

### Thursday 25th May

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

### Friday 26th May

*St Philip Neri  
National Sorry Day*

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

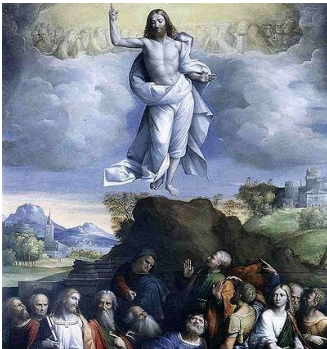
### Saturday 27th May

9.00am Spanish Prayer  
Retreat  
10.00am Rosary & Novena  
11.00am Reconciliation  
5.00pm Reconciliation  
6.00pm **Mass**

### Sunday 28th May

*Pentecost Sunday*

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



Ascension of Christ by Benvenuto Tisi c. 1550-60. Galleria Nazionale d'Arte Antica

## The Ascension of the Lord - 21st May 2023

Dear parishioners,

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord to Heaven**. It is the mystery of faith that the Acts of the Apostles places **forty days after the resurrection**, during which Jesus spoke to the disciples and taught them about the life of unity with God. **Jesus, after having presented his Father's project to the world, entered into the definitive life of communion with God, the same life that awaits all those who walk the same "path" that Jesus walked.**



The Christ's earthly mission ends and that of his disciples begins. **They cannot remain looking at the sky, but they need to go among the people in order to continue the mission that Jesus entrusted to them.** And Jesus himself promises to remain with them invisibly but really and effectively until the end of time.

**Now our mission is to sanctify the world and, for this, Christ will always be with us.** It is the promise that he himself left: **"Behold, I will be with you always, until the end of the world"**. His presence in the Church is a new, invisible but real presence. Jesus is still alive and active in the Christian community; where two or more gather in his name. **Christ continues to be present among us through faith, through the Word, through the Sacraments, especially through the Most Holy Eucharist.**

Next Sunday we will celebrate the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the miracle of Pentecost in the Upper Room where we find Mary, the Mother of Jesus and his Apostles gathered in prayer, when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. **I encourage you in these seven days before Pentecost, to invoke the impartation and the unction of the Spirit of the living God.**

**This year our church will gather to celebrate our 10th annual Multicultural Mass.** The Multicultural Weekend calls all our parishioners from all the different nationalities that make up our community, to come together **"To praise God with the Cultural Diversity of our Parish and to show our Unity in Christ"**. We are so blessed with the gifts that we all are and bring to our community. **You are invited to come along with your family and friends, with fellow parishioners, enjoy the rich diversity, different languages and different cultures.** Save the date: **Saturday 17th June 6pm Mass, Sunday 18th June 10:30am Mass & 6pm Youth Mass.** At the Masses, you are encouraged to show your national origins and culture, also to share as Australians and as Multicultural people by wearing your national dress or cultural clothing.

Do you know that it is your call to nominate those who will serve as our Parish Pastoral Council members? **Pastoral Council Nomination Forms will be available and you can nominate parishioners who will join the Parish Pastoral Council.** I would also encourage you to **pray for all our parish leaders and volunteers.**

From **May 21 to 28**, people around the world will come together to celebrate **Laudato Si' Week 2023**, a commemoration dedicated to reflecting and acting upon the message of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, **Laudato Si'**. This year's theme, **"Hope for the Earth"**. Thanks be to God for the ecological consciousness that **Laudato Si'** brought to the world.

**God Bless you always,**

**Fr Francisco Evangelista**

**Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday**

**Acts 2:1-11**

**1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

**John 20:19-23**

## The Ascension of the Lord (Year A)

**First Reading: Acts 1:1-11** The Acts of the Apostles opens with Jesus' final instructions; be ready to receive the Holy Spirit which empowers you to witness Christ to the whole world.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23** The reading from Ephesians attests that Christ, through his descending into death and ascension into heaven, has supreme sovereignty over all creation. Through faith and love, we come to experience this truth and find our place in Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20** The final scene in Matthew's gospel focusses less on Jesus' departing and more on instructions for Christ's followers. They are to go to 'all the nations' and draw people into Christ.

### ENCYCLICAL LETTER

#### LAUDATO SI'

#### OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

What is Happening to our Common Home

#### CHAPTER FIVE: LINES OF APPROACH AND ACTION

163. So far I have attempted to take stock of our present situation, pointing to the cracks in the planet that we inhabit as well as to the profoundly human causes of environmental degradation. Although the contemplation of this reality in itself has already shown the need for a change of direction and other courses of action, now we shall try to outline the major paths of dialogue which can help us escape the spiral of self-destruction which currently engulfs us.



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

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

**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)

### 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)



### OLOL & OLOF MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST: JUNE 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 3 June 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.

As well as our full BBQ breakfast this month, we will also offer the very popular **LAMB'S FRY & BACON**. This will be followed by **ROSS' QUIZ & PRIZE** segment. Our guest speaker will be **BEAUTIFUL** (compared to the cooks).

If you would like to attend, please contact Lindsay on 0480 494 627 or [fom.sunnybank@gmail.com](mailto:fom.sunnybank@gmail.com) by Thursday 1 June 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

#### Reminder:

High Tea on Wednesday 24 May at Sunnybank Community & Sports Club. Please arrive by 10am, High Tea will be served at 10:30am

Enquiries to Haji Kelly on 0438734706.



### 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](mailto: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.**



### Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Genara Gabucan, Maria Thao Nguyen, Anthony Tan, Robert Manitta,**  
Rolston Foenander, Margaret Melrose, Tom Vester, Wilfredo Portillo, Bernadette McLay, Peggy Barnes



those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Octavio Ortega, Cornelia Paragna, Epefania Gabriana, Irene Elford, Beatriz Tolentino, Maria Ave, Elpidio Yator, Manickum Gounden, Genara Gabucan, Brian Morgan,** Mrs L. Pinto, Mayrose Pankaj, Dominador Tolentino Jr, Anna Joseph

those who are unwell: **Esneda Florian, Cecillia Morandini, Nick Vakanas, Maria Turner, Diane Gobert, Elvira Pontarollo, Gordon Barker,** Zeneida Feril, Agnes Hyland, Mario Minero, Diane Gobert, Deanna Francis

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, 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, Margaret Yap, Carole Young

#### 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.



#### 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.

#### 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.

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

# Thank you

for being a Change Maker

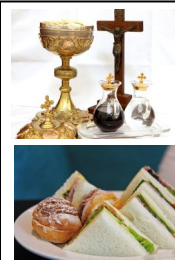
**Dearest Volunteers,**

Thank you so much for ministering in the parish. Your willingness to give your time, talents, effort and service is greatly appreciated. Your support of our parish allows us to continue to fulfil our mission to build a Christian community where everyone is welcome and has a deep sense of belonging.

Thank you to all those who help at Mass, Cleaning, Maintenance, Music, Home Communion, RCIA, ALPHA, Children's Liturgy, Baptisms, Sacramental Program, Welcoming & Hospitality, SVDP, Care & Concern, First Friday, Funerals and for those who help out anyway they can!

Best Wishes,

Fr Enoch, Fr Francisco  
& Parish Office Staff



#### ANOINTING MASS & MORNING TEA

Anointing Mass will be held on  
**Friday 2 June at 10am.**

This will be followed by Morning Tea  
in the Avocado Room.

Hope to see you all there!





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3345 0700

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Sunnybank**

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**Soubirous Place**

Sr Bridgid

**Centacare**

Service Delivery Manager -

Emma Rohde

3323 2100

**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. *If you  
would like to donate by cheque, please make it payable  
to St Vincent de Paul Society QLD or Vinnies QLD.*

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.



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)

**FLORES DE MAYO AT ST. BERNARDINE'S PARISH**

Everyone is welcome to join in the celebration of the traditional 'Flores De Mayo'  
(Flowers of May) at St. Bernardine's to honour the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in her  
month of May.

Highlights include Rosary Procession at 2:30pm, followed by Flower Offering  
at 3pm and Holy Mass at 3:30pm. Everyone is invited to a light refreshment at  
5:00 pm. Please bring a plate to share for fellowship.

Any enquiries phone 3297 0007 or 0417 343 678.

**When:** Sunday 28th May 2023

**Where:** St. Bernardine's Church, 25 Vergulde Rd, Regents Park