



# 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 14th August

St Maximilian Kolbe

8:15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am Mass

## Tuesday 15th August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am Bible Study  
6.00pm Mass  
7.00pm Adoration

## Wednesday 16th August

Ekka Show Day Public Holiday

8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Mass  
9.30am Rosary

## Thursday 17th August

7:50am Christian Meditation  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Mass

## Friday 18th August

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

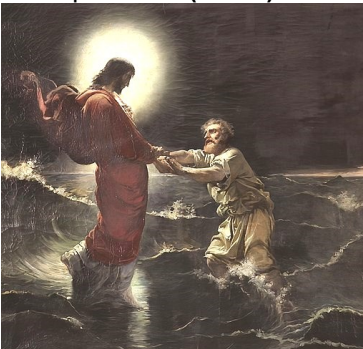
## Saturday 19th August

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

## Sunday 20th August

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Christ Walking on the Waters by Virgilio Mattoni c. Late 19th Century. Iglesia de San Pedro in Seville, Spain

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th August 2023

Dear Parishioners,

**We are called to practice the Christian Virtue of feeding the hungry.** This call is beyond the sharing of material bread with our sisters and brothers. It is a call to be hospitable, to welcome and to communion. **This weekend, we welcome 77 of our children and their families to the Table of the Eucharist.** As they arrive to the source and summit of our Christian life, **I would like to appreciate the parents, sacramental coordinators, and indeed our parish community for sustaining and leading these children to this summit of their Christian Life.** Following last weekend's story of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain, it is my wish that these children will experience Jesus in a real way and to the point of acknowledging **how wonderful it is to be in communion with Jesus.**



During the 2023 Archdiocese of Brisbane Clergy Convocation (9-10 August), we were asked, **"Where do you feel closest to God?"** This question took me back to one of the first questions in the Bible. After the Fall, God asked Adam, **"Where are you?"** **Both questions further led me to reflecting on how attentive or inattentive we can be to the presence of God around us.** In 1 Kings 19: 11-13, Elijah who previously experienced God in a 'consuming fire', now hears God in a gentle breeze. **May we always encounter God as closest to us in the high and low moments of our lives.**

**Our Parish Welcoming and Hospitality Committee and our Sacramental team create opportunities for us to encounter God,** spiritually in the Sacraments and socially in the community that we create around the parish. Once again, it is my wish that **all who visit our parish will be inspired to reach out to the church beyond our gatherings.**

**Thank you to our School communities for the two beautiful St Mary Mackillop Masses** last Monday at St Thomas More College and Tuesday at the Parish Church led by Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. **I have received some very good feedbacks from parents and parishioners who were at the two Masses.**

God Bless,

Fr Enoch Iheme

## PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST COMMICANTS

Dear Lord,  
 we thank You and praise You for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist.  
 We ask You to bless all those who are preparing to receive  
 Your Body and Blood for the first time.  
 You have provided for us richly through the gift of  
 Your Body and Blood in the Eucharist.  
 Please assist all who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion,  
 and we particularly ask today that You bless and assist  
 all children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion!  
 Help us to grow in love for You each day of our lives.  
 Help us to always appreciate the great gifts  
 You have given us for our salvation.



Amen

Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 2-7

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:2-28

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13** Elijah learns that the voice of God is in the silence.

**Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5** Paul's anguish at the way in which many Jews rejected Jesus as the Messiah is expressed in this reading. He would give anything for them to be able to see what God has done but he has to leave it to God in hope that in the end all will be one

**Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33** The frightening experience of Jesus walking on the water helps all the disciples to come to the conclusion that truly, he is the Son of God.

McCarthy, Angela. "19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 August 2023." Pastoral Liturgy 53, no. 3 (2023): 1-6.

### 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

#### I. DIALOGUE ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

175. The same mindset which stands in the way of making radical decisions to reverse the trend of global warming also stands in the way of achieving the goal of eliminating poverty. A more responsible overall approach is needed to deal with both problems: the reduction of pollution and the development of poorer countries and regions. The twenty-first century, while maintaining systems of governance inherited from the past, is witnessing a weakening of the power of nation states, chiefly because the economic and financial sectors, being transnational, tends to prevail over the political. Given this situation, it is essential to devise stronger and more efficiently organized international institutions, with functionaries who are appointed fairly by agreement among national governments, and empowered to impose sanctions. As Benedict XVI has affirmed in continuity with the social teaching of the Church: "To manage the global economy; to revive economies hit by the crisis; to avoid any deterioration of the present crisis and the greater imbalances that would result; to bring about integral and timely disarmament, food security and peace; to guarantee the protection of the environment and to regulate migration: for all this, there is urgent need of a true world political authority, as my predecessor Blessed John XXIII indicated some years ago".[129] Diplomacy also takes on new importance in the work of developing international strategies which can anticipate serious problems affecting us all.

#### WEEKDAY MASS UPDATE

Tuesday 15th August:

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**9am Mass**

**6pm Mass**

**7pm Adoration**

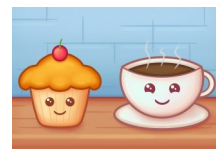


#### Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

**When:** Monday 14 August 9:30am

**Where:** Chatterbox Coffee Shop,  
Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown,  
661 Compton Road, Sunnybank Hills.

All are welcome!



#### VOLUNTEER THANK YOU MASS & DINNER

In appreciation of our volunteer's commitment and contribution to the parish, we would like to express our thanks by extending an invitation to a special Mass and dinner on Friday 8 September from 6pm.

Invitations for this event have been sent out. If you have not yet received one, please contact the parish office as we may have incorrect contact information.

**Please RSVP before Thursday 24 August and include how long you've been volunteering in the parish.**



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

##### For World Youth Day

*We pray the World Youth Day  
in Lisbon will help young people  
to live and witness the Gospel  
in their own lives.*



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



##### Sacramental Preparation for Teens & High Schoolers

Sacramental Preparation for the older children in our parish will start at the end of August. If you or someone you know has not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion and would like to, please contact Mr Noel Arceo at 3345 3766 or [pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au).

**Information Meeting, Media Room:**

Sunday 27 August, 5pm

**Enrolment Mass, OLOL Church:**

Sunday 3 September, 6pm (Youth Mass)

**Formation Sessions, OLOL Media Room:**

Sunday 3 Sept, 10 Sept, 8 Oct, 15 Oct & 22 Oct

**Sacrament of Penance, OLOL Church,**

Thursday 26 October, 5:30pm

**Retreat & Rehearsal, OLOL Media Room:**

Sunday 29 October, 4pm

**Confirmation & First Communion:**

Sunday 29 October, 6pm (Youth Mass)

**Ongoing Formation: Sunday 12 & 19 November, 7pm**

## Your Prayers Are Asked For:

*recently deceased:* **Mariam Matthew, Lourdes A. Rojas, Pacita Monteclaro, Alex Castillo, Theresa Ong**

*those with anniversaries & others who have died:* **Fr. Ricardo Neves, Ada Duarte, Kiang Chung Yap, Miladi Fuentes, Filomina Torres, Augustine Jose Antopina, Nwayimma Amajuoyi, Eligio Jumayao, Ascuncion Gogola, Anthony Linton, John Farrelly, Jose Rafael Gomez, Joseph & Catherine Whittaker, Natividad Villa, Mayrose Punkaj, Monica Wong, Theo Jovellanos**

*those who are unwell:* **Krystyna Wasniowska, Monica Henriquez, Francisca Alfaro, Ana Acosta, Tricia I. Carroll, Agnes Hyland, Chloe Hyland, Grace Kelly, P. Karvelis**



### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The next batch of Planned Giving Envelopes has arrived and is ready for collection from the tables along the side of the Church.

If you would like to change your method of giving, (envelopes, direct deposit or credit card), please contact the parish office.



### SUNNYBANK PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS:

David Krouse will be talking about Mother Theresa of Calcutta and her life on Wednesday 23 August.

On this date, final payment for the Carnival of Flowers trip on 20 September will be taken (\$45 including morning tea and lunch).

Inquiries to Haji Kelly at 0438 734 706 or 3273 1802.



### INVITATION:

#### *New Parishioners Of OLOL & Their Family*

*Are offered the opportunity to meet the Priests, Welcoming Committee and members of various groups within our Parish Community*

**DATE:** Sunday 27th August 2022

**WHERE:** Paloma Centre – Avocado Room

**TIME:** 11.30am for 12.00 noon BBQ Lunch

**RSVP:** Monday 21st August to the parish office

If you are new to the parish and wish to meet others while finding out what we have to offer you or your family please complete a New Parishioners form so you can receive an invitation to the Lunch.



Get the New Parishioners Form from the church entrance or from the parish website.



Return the form by placing it in the collection box in the church, submitting it to the parish office, or by email to [sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au)

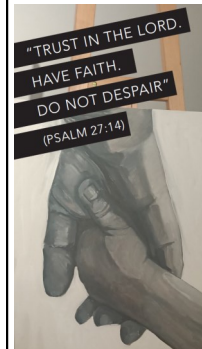
### CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: RETREAT

*Praise & Worship, Mass, Confession, Teaching, Fellowship with Fr Ray Sanchez of the Passionist Community*

**When:** Saturday 26 August, 9:30am - 5pm

**Where:** Avocado Room, the Paloma Centre

For more information or to RSVP, please contact the parish office or use the sign up sheet in the church foyer.



**ST THOMAS MORE COLLEGE, SUNNYBANK** is a progressive Catholic coeducational secondary college located in Sunnybank offering an inclusive faith, learning community with numerous academic, vocational, arts, sporting and cocurricular opportunities.

Enrolling now for 2025, 2026 and 2027.

### VISITORS' DAY COLLEGE TOURS:

Saturday 19 August 2022 on the hour from 9am to 12pm

**REGISTER:** at [www.JTA.link/STMCTours](http://www.JTA.link/STMCTours)

### ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES:

to Catherine Sudholz, Enrolment Officer - 3323 4600 or [enrolments@stmc.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@stmc.qld.edu.au).

### 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)

## 2023 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

LISTEN LEARN LOVE

LAUNCH

The Social Justice Statement from the Australian Bishops 2023-2024, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples", will be launched on Wednesday 23 August.

Through thorough consultation with many First Nations communities, the statement's focus is justice for First Nations People in Australia. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, with NATSICC, invite all Catholics to join them on a journey to restore justice with the oldest living culture on our planet. Br Damien Price will speak in response to the Statement.

**When:** 7pm, 23 August 2023

**Where:** St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Avenue Coorparoo

**RSVP:** [https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement\\_2023](https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/sjstatement_2023)



### 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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*“Youth is for taking risks, good risks, risks full of hope. It is meant to be staked on great things. Youth is meant to be given away, to help others to know the Lord. Don't keep your youth to yourselves: get out there!”*

- Pope Francis

Youth and Young Adult Ministry



Hello, my name is Abbey, and I am excited to be coordinating our Teens group here in the parish.

I have the honour of carrying the torch and continuing to inspire faith in our teens. Our young people are the future of the church and through our reflection and activities, it is my goal for our teens to build their relationship with God. I benefitted from this same ministry through my teenage years, and I hope to give to others what was given to me. As a young person myself, with the current climate, it is very important that we support our teens and give them a space to explore their faith in a safe environment filled with friends, family, and games. I look forward to welcoming all into our Unite Teens' family.



**Our next teens night is the 25th of August, I hope to see all our teens there!**

God Bless,  
Abbey

Welcome back World Youth Day pilgrims  
**Sam Eastgate, Alysha Gray, Zac Hare & Alex Aclan!**



**2023 ANNUAL**

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**

Our Church ■ Our Mission ■ Our Community

Next weekend, our parish is delighted to support the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection.

