



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Monday 21st August

St Pius X

8:15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 22nd August

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.30am Bible Study
7.00pm Adoration

Wednesday 23rd August

8:15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.00am Rosary

Thursday 24th August

St Bartholomew

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

Friday 25th August

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

Saturday 26th August

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

Sunday 27th August

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



The Canaanite Woman Asks For Healing For Her Daughter by Juan de Flandes c 1500. Royal Palace of Madrid, Spain

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20th August 2023

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to extend my last weekend reflection on the question "Where do you feel closest to God?" This time, the question is "**How do you bring God closer to people?**" **As a church, we sometimes expect people to come to us and could easily think that those who do not come to church do not want to meet God.** In Matthew 15: 21-28, we read of a woman who was regarded as pagan but yet in need of Jesus. The richness of this woman's desire for Jesus lies in the fact that she wants to bring Jesus to her daughter who was unable to come to Jesus. This woman stands as an example for us who encounter Jesus just for our own sake.



This weekend, Parishes in the Archdiocese support the Annual Catholic Campaign. Archbishop Mark says that **bringing the mercy of Jesus to those in needs is at the heart of the Annual Catholic Campaign.** "The Campaign is one very concrete sign of the mercy of God at work, entering the world of wrong relationship and setting it aright, breaking down the walls of "us and them" and building bridges so that all people, but especially those most in need, can take their place in the house of God." **To bring God closer to people is to allow the mercy of God to flow from our own personal encounter with Jesus to others.** "It's our faith which opens a door into the lives of people in need, and through that door, in mysterious and even hidden ways, comes the healing power of the Risen Lord, for whom there is no wound that cannot be healed, no torment that cannot be calmed." In fact, **the Archdiocese has been involved in several outreach ministries through the support received during previous Annual Catholic Campaigns. There will be envelopes in the church for your donation and support.**

Next Saturday will our Parish Charismatic Retreat to be facilitated by Fr Ray Sanchez. Thank you to Marta Rodriguez and the Charismatic Prayer Group for organising this retreat. I pray that as many as would be attending will be touched and nourished by the Holy Spirit. **If you would still like to attend, use the sign up sheet at the church entrance or contact the parish office by Monday.**

All new parishioners and their families who joined the parish in the last 12 months are invited to our **Annual New Parishioners Function next Sunday 27th August** in the Avocado room. **This is an opportunity for us to welcome you, listen to you as well as share our stories with you.** We are so privileged to have more than 25 new parishioners who have registered to become part of our lively parish. **Details of the function are on the second page.**

Parents and families with High School Children who have not completed their Sacraments are invited to Parents Information Session next Sunday 27th August in the Media Room at 5pm. This is in preparation for a special Sacramental Program that provides **formation for our older children** who may have missed all or some of the sacraments during their primary school. Contact the parish office for more information.

God bless you,

Fr Enoch Iheme

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 The prophet declares that salvation is open to all the peoples, who are invited to pray and worship on God's holy mountain.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 The mercy of God is not to be conceived of in a confined or constrained way.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus is confronted by a determined woman of wit and passion who seeks a cure for her ailing daughter.

Moore, Gerard. "20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20 August 2023." Pastoral Liturgy 53, no. 3 (2023): 1-6.

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 FIVE: LINES OF APPROACH AND ACTION

II. DIALOGUE FOR NEW NATIONAL AND LOCAL POLICIES

176. There are not just winners and losers among countries, but within poorer countries themselves. Hence different responsibilities need to be identified. Questions related to the environment and economic development can no longer be approached only from the standpoint of differences between countries; they also call for greater attention to policies on the national and local levels.



ANOINTING MASS & MORNING TEA

Anointing Mass will be held on **Friday 1 September at 10am.**

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

Hope to see you all there!

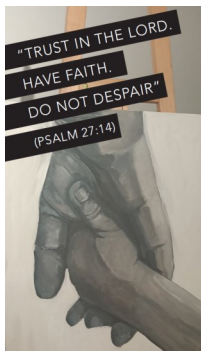
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: RETREAT

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.



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



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.

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

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.



Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Lesley Podevin, Joyce Dickens, Christine Beattie**, Mariam Matthew, Lourdes A. Rojas, Pacita Monteclaro

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Caroline Yoong, Bic Mednis**, 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, Joseph & Catherine Whittaker, Jose Rafael Gomez

those who are unwell: **Dan Dickins, May Taylor, Maria Forotzo**, Krystyna Wasniowska, Monica Henriquez, Francisca Alfaro, Ana Acosta, Tricia I. Carroll, Agnes Hyland, Chloe Hyland

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, Frances McKenzie, 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, Jo Bowman, Denise Burgess, Anne Carroll, Lyn Catchlove, Lawrence Chua, Elizabeth Cho, Peter Clark, 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, P. Karvelis, Istvan Kovacs, Malcolm Lilley, Denise Mann, Barbara Martin, 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, Maria Turner, Nick Vakanas, Margaret Yap, Carole Young

THE QUESTION OF THE VOICE - By David Grace

- Referendum to change the Constitution to include a "Voice To Parliament" and include acknowledgement of Indigenous peoples. Government: "Modest change to give indigenous brothers & sisters a say over matters affecting indigenous people".
- David supports the acknowledgement but disagrees with the Voice to Parliament aspect of the proposal, especially as the language used is not very specific.
- Reported that governments have collectively provided approx. \$30 billion dollars per year to First Nations people but many still need help. Unclear how the Voice will assist when \$30 billion dollars has not.
- Warren Mundine (Indigenous Australian, businessman, political strategist) is opposed to the Voice and worries that it will be used by activists for their own ends.
- How can one person or 'Voice' speak for such a diverse culture?
- Prime Minister supports the Uluru Statement from the Heart which aims to enshrine the Voice in the Constitution, create a commission to supervise agreements/treaties/reparations to First Nations people and to tell the truth of Australian history.
- Not sure what the commission intends, but taxpayer money has already been committed to it.
- Christians have a duty to love our neighbour (race/skin colour are irrelevant). Unclear how the Voice will achieve that result when in some ways other actions have failed before.
- If this proposal changes the Constitution, it will be very difficult for the government to change it in the future.

More information on Yes/No:

<https://www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm>

OLOL MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST

An invitation is extended to the men of our parishes to enjoy a full BBQ breakfast on the first Saturday of each month.

The next breakfast will be held on **Saturday 2 September from 7am**, in the Avocado Room of the Paloma Centre. A full BBQ breakfast plus tea, coffee and juices will be available for the usual **\$10 per person**.



As we will celebrate **Fathers Day**; all Grandfathers, Fathers and Sons are invited to attend. We will also offer Ronnie's famous 'Lambs Fry & Bacon' followed by Ross's Trivia and Prizes.

If you are new to the parish and would like to attend, please contact Bob on 0467 341 604. Our usual email advice will be sent to members.

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.



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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TEENS DATES TERM 3

Come join in
the fun this
Friday

14 JULY | 7PM-9PM
28 JULY | 7PM-9PM
11 AUGUST | 7PM-9PM
25 AUGUST | 7PM-9PM
15 SEPTEMBER |
7PM-9PM

AVOCADO ROOM AND
JACARANDA ROOM

FAITH, FUN AND FRIENDS



It's the excuse you've been looking for to chuck on your fancy clothes and head out for a night with your mates!

Tickets come with cocktail food, access to the bar tab, photobooth & music

For more information, contact Gabby on 0490 479087

IGNITE CONFERENCE BRISBANE 2023

When: 21 to 24 September 2023
(Thursday afternoon to Sunday midday)
Where: St Laurence's College,
South Brisbane

A National Catholic Conference for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their Catholic faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way.

Sunnybank Youth have been awarded a grant to help our parish young people attend Ignite. Registration for the conference is normally over \$300. With this amazing grant we are able to bring the cost down to only \$50!!!!

If you are interested in attending please see Abby or Gabby after Mass or email youth@sunnybank.catholic.net.au



2023 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

This 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.

When making a gift please put your donation inside the campaign envelope so it remains separate from the parish collection. If you add your details to the envelope you will receive a tax receipt in the mail.



Give children living in hardship a Catholic school community.

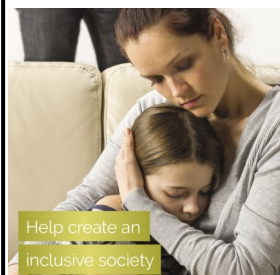
Thank you for your generosity and for making sure our Church is here to help in times of need!



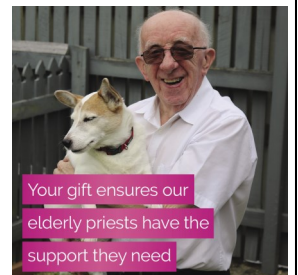
Be the face of Christ for others



Give future priests the support they need to answer God's call



Help create an inclusive society



Your gift ensures our elderly priests have the support they need