



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Monday 4th September

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

Tuesday 5th September

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

Wednesday 6th September

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

Thursday 7th September

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

Friday 8th September

*The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.00am Adoration
10.00am Legion of Mary
6.00pm **Volunteer Thank
You Mass**

Saturday 9th September

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

Sunday 10th September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3rd September 2023

National Child Protection Week is aimed at creating the awareness that the protection and safety of our children is everyone's responsibility. The Archdiocese of Brisbane and indeed our parish, is committed to ensuring a safe culture around our facilities, during our services and for every person.

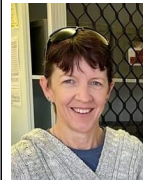
In 2023, the message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme 'Where we start matters'.

Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us, and the opportunities presented to us make a significant difference to our life outcomes. Certainly, the church is one of the significant places where our children start.

Where we start as a service sector in offering children and their families support and assistance makes a significant difference to life outcomes.

Where we start as decision makers in addressing large complex policy problems such as child abuse and neglect, also has a significant personal, social and economic outcomes.

Of course where we start isn't where we finish.



Jesus said;

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these children heart"

Matthew 19:14

The church acknowledges previous failures in the care of our vulnerable and young, and endeavours through protocols and education not to repeat the errors of the past. September 3rd to 9th is Queensland Child Protection Week and is a time for us as a community to respect and honour our children.

The psalmist said;

"Children are a gift from the Lord, they are a reward from him."

Psalms 127:3

As a mother and a parishioner, I wish for my children to be safe and protected in our community and to feel the church is a safe haven. Not only that, I wish that they also experience whatever the Catholic community can offer them including faith, teachings, the opportunity to be part of an extended family, to get involved and to learn that with faith comes friendship, fun and community spirit.

Church is not only about coming together on a Sunday to worship God, but also to experience God in many ways throughout the week. This week, let us all as a parish take time to protect, guide, mentor and teach our young people what being part of a caring active parish can mean as they are the future of the church.

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

3 John 1:4

God Bless,

Fiona Eastgate, Local Safeguarding Representative

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 Jeremiah laments his utter devotion to God's will. He is simply a pawn in God's plan, a man whose heart cannot be swayed from the burning truth of God's love.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 St Paul encourages the Romans to allow God's mercy to fill their lives, to ignore the behaviour of the world, so that their only desire be for God.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27 Jesus foretells of his impending Passion to his disciples. Peter protests in an attempt to dissuade him, and Jesus explains the true meaning of discipleship.

Marquis, Angela. "22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 3 September 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

II. DIALOGUE FOR NEW NATIONAL AND LOCAL POLICIES

178. A politics concerned with immediate results, supported by consumerist sectors of the population, is driven to produce short-term growth. In response to electoral interests, governments are reluctant to upset the public with measures which could affect the level of consumption or create risks for foreign investment. The myopia of power politics delays the inclusion of a far-sighted environmental agenda within the overall agenda of governments. Thus we forget that "time is greater than space", [130] that we are always more effective when we generate processes rather than holding on to positions of power. True statecraft is manifest when, in difficult times, we uphold high principles and think of the long-term common good. Political powers do not find it easy to assume this duty in the work of nation-building.

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

*Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as
they care for their families.
Give them strength, wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender,
Amen*



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

The Season of Creation has been added to the Catholic calendar by Pope Francis over the last several years as a way to collaborate with the global ecumenical community and to implement his 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si. In 2021, the Vatican launched the Laudato Si Action Plan (LSAP) designed to call to action all parts of the global Catholic community – from families to parishes to businesses, schools, healthcare institutions, religious communities.

The Season of Creation invites the whole Christian community into focused prayer and action. The 2023 theme takes up the cry of the prophets to Let Justice and Peace Flow...

At our focus area near the altar we have the image of water flowing. Each week we invite you to do an act of kindness for the earth and its waterways. It may be planting a bush, flower or cleaning up near a creek, taking a moment to walk along a river, offering a prayer for our common home. When you come to Mass each weekend take a ribbon from the basket at the foot of the tree and tie it on the tree. Hopefully by the end of the Season of Creation we will see the many actions we have taken for the earth and its rivers.



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.

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 2023

For People Living On The Margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Valerie Borrie, Lolita Prinacio Alilin, Kim Bostok, David Robinson, Valentina Parkes, Dr Emerson Arocena,** Mariyakutty Abraham, Marie Denise Farla, Maria Knight

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Lily Chase-Currier, Elaine Nina, Luis Henriquez, Nina Cuera,** Vic Mednis, Ray Greenwood, Natividad Lema, Steve Kaggelis, Carlos Romero, Blanca Fuentes, Kamala Lawrence

those who are unwell: **Cathy Crust, Sara Alfaro, Agnes Hyland,** Grace Kelly, Consuelo Acevedo, Saulo Jerez, Sheila Daley



IMPORTANT BLUE CARD UPDATE

In the coming weeks, you may be contacted by Blue Card Services to inform you that your Blue Card has been 'delinked'. **DO NOT PANIC!**



You still have a valid Blue Card, it's just no longer registered with the Archdiocese in accordance with the new volunteer safeguarding requirements.

For example, Readers and Communion Ministers at Mass no longer need a Blue Card. A Blue Card is required for those in Ministries that involve children or adults-at-risk such as Communion to the Sick, Youth Group, Children's Liturgy and the Sacramental Program.

If you have any questions please contact the parish office

SUNNYBANK CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting:



Saturday 9 Sept - English Prayer Meeting
Saturday 16 Sept - Spanish Prayer Meeting
Saturday 23 Sept - English Prayer Meeting
Saturday 30 Sept - Spanish Prayer Meeting

Held in the Media Room, 2:30pm to 5pm.

All Welcome! Contact the parish office for more info.

CHARISMATIC PARISH RETREAT

Praise The Lord Almighty! Sunnybank Charismatic Prayer Group had a joy-filled retreat conducted by Fr Ray Sanchez and attended by 70 participants on 26th August. I was very glad to see many parishioners touched and nourished by the Holy Spirit.



We all sensed God's power moving among His people!

We would like to thank parishioners for your great support in making this retreat a successful one.

APPEAL FOR TIMOR-LESTE MISSION MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR (MOP)

Please help MOP as they continue to assist the poor, disabled, and elderly at the Saburai mission in Timor-Leste, by providing in-kind donations of:

- New clothing for children, girls and boys, sizes 2-14
- Back to school supplies
- Adult toiletries (soap, tooth paste/brushes, shampoo etc)
- Medication (first aid, aspirin, antifungal, betadine, scabies/lice treatment, voltaren, cough/cold&flu meds.)
- A new keyboard piano and guitar for the Brothers.

Please drop-off your donation at the back of the church or in front of the grotto next to OLOL Church, after 9.15am and 10.30am Masses on the weekend of 16th and 17th of September.

For more information, please contact Louis on 0412 073 965



SAVE THE DATE: Wedding Anniversary Mass



If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, ending in a '0' or '5', save the date for the OLOL Wedding Anniversary Mass:

Friday 13 October 2023

More information to come...

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

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.



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED**

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith?

The Catholic Charity Aid to the Church in Need has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria?

Next weekend we welcome to our parish a speaker who will share with us the work of ACN.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Let the little children come to Church every Sunday at 9.15am



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ALEX ACLAN REFLECTS ON WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Admittedly in the face of the current economic situation and during the time of the COVID lockdowns, there were times when I questioned how faith could help those in need.

However, as I learned throughout the sessions during the World Youth Day week, **faith can be a source of strength and guidance during such difficult times.**

As an example, there was a talk titled 'Do not wait to get on with life' by two women who had both unfortunately given birth to children with serious lifelong medical conditions. Both of them had almost given in to despair, but their faith in God helped them to move forward with their lives and even become drivers of change in starting up company projects to help children and families suffering similar diseases.



As stated by Pope Francis during his welcoming address, the ability to trust God and come to him with questions about our difficulties is what can help move us forward: "One who asks remains restless, and restlessness is the best remedy for routine, which is sometimes a form of normalcy that numbs the soul."

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.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR IGNITE CONFERENCE

Sunnybank Youth have been awarded a grant to bring down the cost of registration to only \$50!!!!

To organise everything, I need to start getting a list of potential attendees, so if you are interested in attending, please scan the QR code and fill out this expression of interest survey QR before Sunday 9 September. Thank you!

For more information about IGNITE, go to <https://igniteconference.com.au/about> or speak to Abby or Gabby after Mass or email youth.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.