



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Monday 11th September

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

Tuesday 12th September

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

Wednesday 13th September

St John Chrysostom

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

Thursday 14th September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Friday 15th September

St Cornelius

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

Saturday 16th September

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

Sunday 17th September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Two or Three Gathered in My Name
by James Tissot, c. 1886-94. Brooklyn Museum

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th September 2023

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we **conclude the National Child Protection Week** and to mark the importance of this week, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates this Sunday as **Safeguarding Sunday**. This is an effort to shed the light of the Gospel on the church's safeguarding principles, practises and operations. **Safeguarding is so much our Christian duty as well as everyone's responsibility.**



I would like to share with you a sentence from the second reading of this Sunday. **"Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour"** (Rom. 13: 8-10). These instructive words of St Paul should be able to form our consciences and direct our actions in relation to our neighbour, whoever that may be. It is also in this vein that I would like to share some **excerpts from Archbishop Mark's recent Pastoral Letter**;

The Referendum on the Voice brings Australia to a threshold moment, since it looks not only to our past but to our future, not only to what we have been but to what we can become.

There is no doubt that Australia has achieved great things since European settlement, and that is a source of national pride. But Australians are increasingly coming to appreciate the devastation that European settlement has brought to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Australia's first Catholic bishop, the English Benedictine John Bede Polding, spoke plainly of their treatment. In 1842 he wrote, "The life of an (Aboriginal) human being is valued no more than the life of a kangaroo, and far less than that of a bullock". Later he wrote, "The Aborigine will demand, 'What right have you to come here? We have not asked you to come, and you take away our lands, you drive away our means of subsistence'." Polding went on to denounce "occupation by force, accompanied by murders, ill-treatment, ravishment of their women...the white man coming for his own advantage, without any regard to their rights". He concluded, "I am making myself [an Aborigine], putting myself in that position, taking away all that I know except that this is my country, that my father lived by pursuing the emu and the kangaroo, that I am driven away from my hunting grounds, that my children and tribe are subjected to the grossest barbarities."

There emerged in time a policy of assimilating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples into mainstream Australian culture. However well-intentioned it may have seemed, the policy led to the dissolution of Indigenous culture. We are now familiar with the concept of terra nullius (that before European settlement the land belonged to no-one), the tragedy of the Stolen Generation and the fact that the prior habitation of the First Nations peoples was not recognised in the Australian Constitution...

...Therefore, all Australians need to educate themselves on the issues, asking not so much what we might lose but what the nation might gain. One part of this would be a careful and openminded reading of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The status quo is not an option, because the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia is growing wider rather than closing. Therefore, I urge everyone in the Archdiocese to prepare to vote in a way that looks to the Gospel and, whatever the result of the Referendum, to commit to redressing the chronic disadvantage suffered by the Indigenous peoples and promoting reconciliation for the good not just of some but of the whole nation.

We thank all our Parish Volunteers who I have rightly come to acknowledge as special ministers who plant, water and care for the seed of the kingdom of God in our community. Thank you to our Parish staff and St Thomas More College Students who help during our Volunteer Thank Mass and Dinner.

God Bless, Fr Enoch Iheme

Next Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 Our reading from Ezekiel supports the communal responsibility for speaking out in the face of wrongdoing. The prophet is warned that if he does not speak the word of God into situations, he too bears some of the blame for the poor outcomes that follow.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10 Paul expounds the pre-eminent Christian teaching around love of God and neighbour. Our love for each other is a mirror of God's love for all creation and has no limits. Our debt to our neighbour is always one of love.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 Today Jesus is teaching us the ways of reconciliation in the community, the power of communal prayer and his presence amongst the gathered community.

Moore, Gerard. "23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10 September 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

179. In some places, cooperatives are being developed to exploit renewable sources of energy which ensure local self-sufficiency and even the sale of surplus energy. This simple example shows that, while the existing world order proves powerless to assume its responsibilities, local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instil a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. They are also concerned about what they will eventually leave to their children and grandchildren. These values are deeply rooted in indigenous peoples. Because the enforcement of laws is at times inadequate due to corruption, public pressure has to be exerted in order to bring about decisive political action. Society, through non-governmental organizations and intermediate groups, must put pressure on governments to develop more rigorous regulations, procedures and controls. Unless citizens control political power – national, regional and municipal – it will not be possible to control damage to the environment. Local legislation can be more effective, too, if agreements exist between neighbouring communities to support the same environmental policies.

Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

When: Monday 11 September 9:30am

Where: Chatterbox Coffee Shop,
Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown,
661 Compton Road, Sunnybank Hills.
All are welcome!



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.

Formation Sessions, OLOL Media Room:
Sunday 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

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 PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS:

Just a reminder that the bus to Toowoomba on Wednesday 20 September leaves outside the church at 8am sharp. Please be at the bust stop by 7:45am.

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



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: **May Taylor, Colleen Maunder** Valerie Borrie, Lolita Prinacio Alilin, Kim Bostok, David Robinson, Valentina Parkes, Dr Emerson Arcena

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **John Drew, Louise Gordon, Lily Chase-Currier, Elaine Nina, Luis Henriquez, Giuseppe Guarino, Nina Cuera,**

those who are unwell: **J. McVey, Maria Monroe, Aschonti Bolivar, Cathy Crust, Sara Alfaro, Agnes Hyland**



BAPTISMS AT OLOL

Interested in having your child baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes? The journey of faith that you are about to embark on with your child is an ongoing life-long journey of commitment to assisting your child to grow to become a disciple of Jesus. To prepare, you are invited to attend one of the upcoming Baptism Preparation Sessions at **10:30am in the Avocado Room:**

Sunday 17th September or Sunday 15th October

Baptisms then take place on the 2nd Sunday of the month. For more information contact the parish office.



FUNERAL NOTICE: MAY TAYLOR

Relatives and friends of May Taylor are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Thursday 14 September at 11:30am.**

If you can't make it in person, the link to the live stream is: <https://youtube.com/live/Qd2c3FU-7s4?feature=share>



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

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

This season celebrates God as Creator of the vast cosmic universe. It explores God's revelation in creation and our calling to care for Earth, to protect its rich diversity, to end the destructive violence of humans, and to address the urgent crises threatening Earth's health and future – and our survival.

Today's readings remind us of the essential importance of calling each other to conversion. Jesus offers guidance in approaching each other with gentle respect in these times of deep social division and too-often violent conflict and invites conversion gently but persistently.

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 remembering an act of kindness and appreciation you did this week for the earth and its waterways. Hopefully by the end of the Season of Creation we will see the many actions we have taken for the earth and its rivers.



TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP FAITH ALIVE:

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?

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

[catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](https://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

Supporting Safe Communities

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023
10 SEPTEMBER



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

Find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE:

Centacare's Vintage Voices Choir & Bluebirds Choir

When: 12:30pm, Wednesday
13 September

Where: The Paloma Centre

Cost: Free!



All are welcome, we hope to see you there!

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





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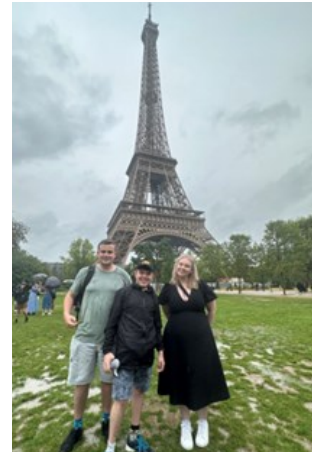
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ALYSHA GRAY REFLECTS ON WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

I understand how deeply confusing spirituality can be for young people, even more so in the frame of reference of the Church. I believe that there are more confused young people now than ever – young people searching for meaning and community. That's why World Youth Day is such a bold and incredible experience. 1.5 million young people committing a great act of authenticity – to travel to the other side of our planet to express who they are and what they live for. This authenticity mirrored by the Church to call out and welcome these young people in. There is this beautiful sense of connection at World Youth Day – between the young and the Church, between the old traditions and the new and between one another – each drawing on the wisdom of the other.

In Pope Francis' homily he called on everyone young and old to acknowledge the importance of the work of young people 'The world needs young people, like the earth needs rain.' I think this is reflected in our Church – it needs young people like the Earth needs rain. We need to boldly step up to welcome young people into the leadership of the Church, to learn from the history of it, to reconcile it and to make changes that sustain it.



TEENS DATES TERM 3

Come join in on the fun. Hope to see you there:)

~~14 JULY | 7PM-9PM~~

~~28 JULY | 7PM-9PM~~

~~11 AUGUST | 7PM-9PM~~

~~25 AUGUST | 7PM-9PM~~

15 SEPTEMBER |

7PM-9PM

AVOCADO ROOM IN PALOMA

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

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

If you are interested in attending, please scan the QR code and fill out this expression of interest survey QR before Sunday 10 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

