



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Monday 18th September

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

Tuesday 19th September

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

Wednesday 20th September

*Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, &
Companions*

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

Thursday 21st September

St Matthew

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

Friday 22nd September

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

Saturday 23rd September

St Pius of Pietrelcina

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

Sunday 24th September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



The Unmerciful Servant by Pieter Pourbus, c. 1570. Private Collection, Arlington.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17th September 2023

Dear Parishioners,

R U Ok?

Last Thursday I took some time to reflect on the importance of this simple wellbeing question. **I appreciate that even as a Christian community, many a time we ask people 'R U Ok?' but less a time we do not have the patience to listen to the answers to our questions.** When we gather as a community, we do come from our different homes, circumstances, social, financial and emotional locations. **Someone surely will need some other's shoulder to lean on or some other's ear to whisper.** The theme for the 2023 'R U Ok? Day' is "I'm here to hear" and for us it re-echoes the Divine Character of God, I am. When we stop, pause, communicate and intentionally engage with others, **we make present, the presence of the God who is always I am especially to the needy.**



I would like to invite you to join our RCIA Team. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a programme designed to **journey with adults on a journey of deepening their understanding of faith and the Christian life.** A good RCIA team made up of all kinds of Parishioners ranging from Priests, Catechists, Teachers, Counsellors, Sponsors, Past RCIA Candidates, Cradle Catholics and you, will be a needed companion on the journey with our current RCIA candidates. **If you feel called to this ministry, contact the parish office by Wednesday 20th September.**

Our annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Friday 13th October 2023. It is always a beautiful celebration of love, family, companionship, support and amazing grace lived out in marriage. All parishioners whose wedding anniversary this year ends in 0 or 5 should **call the parish office to register.**

Please keep in your prayers all our youth and young adults who will be attending Ignite Conference 2023. The Ignite Conference brings together high schoolers, young adults, priests and religious in a contemporary faith setting. It is designed to give our church a feel of youth and vigour. This year, the conference will be in **Brisbane on 21 to 24 September** and in Sydney on 28 September to 1 October.

Happy holidays to all the students and staff of our schools.

God Bless,

Fr Enoch Iheme



CALL TO "ART" ASSISTANCE NEEDED



Is there anyone in our parish (or knows of anyone) who has knowledge of art valuation, preparing for art sales etc. who could help us prepare for an art sale?

The parish has a number of artworks that have been stored for many years and it is now time to offer these for sale to the parishioners and their family and friends. This sale will take place in late October. Further information to follow soon.

In the meantime, if you are able to offer your knowledge and assistance, please contact Lyn Smith by email smithlyn49@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 The wisdom of Ben Sirach reminds us of the corrupting effects of resentment, hate and vengeance. In contrast, the one who does not harbour anger and ill-will to a neighbour will find compassion from the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9 All situations in our life should be impacted by the Lord. Christ Jesus is the Lord of all, the living and the dead.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 A parable on the importance of forgiveness is offered. There is no limit to the Lord's forgiveness, and this is the spirit we are to have in our lives with each other; always prepared to forgive.

Tedesco, Joe. "24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 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

180. There are no uniform recipes, because each country or region has its own problems and limitations. It is also true that political realism may call for transitional measures and technologies, so long as these are accompanied by the gradual framing and acceptance of binding commitments. At the same time, on the national and local levels, much still needs to be done, such as promoting ways of conserving energy. These would include favouring forms of industrial production with maximum energy efficiency and diminished use of raw materials, removing from the market products which are less energy efficient or more polluting, improving transport systems, and encouraging the construction and repair of buildings aimed at reducing their energy consumption and levels of pollution. Political activity on the local level could also be directed to modifying consumption, developing an economy of waste disposal and recycling, protecting certain species and planning a diversified agriculture and the rotation of crops. Agriculture in poorer regions can be improved through investment in rural infrastructures, a better organization of local or national markets, systems of irrigation, and the development of techniques of sustainable agriculture. New forms of cooperation and community organization can be encouraged in order to defend the interests of small producers and preserve local ecosystems from destruction. Truly, much can be done!



2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank Sacramental Preparation for Teens & High Schoolers

Formation Sessions, OLOL Media Room:
Sunday 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

For more information, contact Mr Noel Arceo at
3345 3766 or pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au.



Let Justice and Peace Flow Season of Creation 2023

Psalm 103 celebrates God's forgiveness, mercy, patience, and compassion for us. As we pray this psalm in the context of the Season of Creation, the Spirit is working with us to deepen our felt gratitude for countless wonderful gifts of creation and for God's mercy and forgiveness for the abuse of these gifts.

How have we experienced God's patience and forgiveness for the ways we receive, live in, and treat God's gift of creation? As individuals? As a community?

Matthew's gospel asks, how often must we forgive someone who seeks forgiveness? And what will happen if we don't forgive each other? To recognize how precious God's forgiveness for the misuse of the gifts of creation is, we need to be conscious of how precious and sacred those gifts are.

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.

SUNNYBANK PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS: TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS

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.



Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **J. McVey, Dolores Primacio, Steven Townsend, Elza Liberona, May Taylor, Colleen Maunder**

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **John Browning, Naila Softic, Bruno Klaser, Emil Klaser, Shafik Torbey, Teopista P. Maicle, Ramon Maicle, John Drew, Louise Gordon**

those who are unwell: **Fe Chua, William Chua, John Mcready, Delfina Melendez, Cheryl Barrientos, Christopher Riley, Marie Brink, Josephine Dinglasan, Marco Berrios, Maria Monroe, Aschonti Bolivar**



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 Lorensen, Noemi Lorensen, 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, Cheryl Barrientos, Jo Bowman, Denise Burgess, Anne Carroll, Lyn Catchlove, Lawrence Chua, Elizabeth Cho, Peter Clark, Hilary Collins, Alan Cooke, Margo Couldrey, Mary Dixon, Jamie Edwards, 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, Christopher Riley, Katie Ryan, Madonna Ryan, Julio Santana, Jim Scriha, James Scriha, Brian Strangman, June Sultana, Maria Turner, Nick Vakanas, Margaret Yap, Carole Young

BREAK OPEN THE WORD & DAILY MASS BOOK 2024

Orders next year's Break Open The Word (\$22) and Daily Mass Book (\$22) are now open. To order, contact the parish office at sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au or call 3345 3766.



2024 DAILY MASS BOOK

Please place your order by Thursday 5 October. It is estimated that the books will arrive in early November.

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



Do you have questions about life, faith, meaning, or God? Would you like to explore what the Christian faith is all about in a relaxed and fun environment? Then come along and try the ALPHA course!

The first session will be in the Avocado Room on Tuesday 10 October, 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start.

To find out more or to register, please contact the parish office on 3345 3766. Please note: **Numbers are limited**

RCIA: A Journey Into Faith For Adults

RCIA is a program of 12 sessions over 6 months for those looking to become a full member of the Catholic Church. You can be from another faith, or someone who has just felt a call to follow the Catholic Faith.

It is run in small groups to suit the particular needs of the participants and explores topics such as; The Life of Faith, the Sacraments and Ministry & Mission.

The program will commence on **Sunday 8 October at 10:30am** in the Parish Media Room.

If you would like more information or to book into the next session, please contact the parish office.



OLOL ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS & CELEBRATION



Will be held on **Friday 13 October 2023, 7pm** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, ending in a '0' or '5', you are welcome to attend this celebration as well as any family or friends who would like to celebrate with you. A light supper and cake will be served after Mass.

Please advise the Parish Office on 3345 3766 by Friday 6 October of your attendance along with the number of guests who will be coming.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Will be in recess over the school holidays and will Resume Sunday 8 October



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& CONTACTS**

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VOLUNTEER THANK YOU MASS & DINNER



Last Friday evening, the parish celebrated the volunteers of the parish with a Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner. Almost 120 attended (which is still less than half the total number of volunteers!).

Thank you once again 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!



A special thank you to all those who have been volunteering for 25 years or more!

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: Veteran's Care Association Luncheon
with Guest Speaker Deacon (Padre) Gary Stone**

When: Sunday 8 October 2023, 12 noon for a 12:30pm start

Where: McGuire's Reception Centre,
Corner of Beaudesert Rd & Compton Rd, Calamvale

Cost: \$50/head (main and desert), refreshments at bar prices.

RSVP: Tuesday 26 September

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ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

Hello, I am Cathie Donovan, and I am a Parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes since 2013. I have Sole ownership of an Art & Craft Business for online ordering of Products and Bookings of Workshops – HM CREATIONS. 15% of funds given to charities weekly.

From *Tuesday 19 September 2023* and *Wednesday 20 September 2023* onwards I will be presenting **Art and Craft Workshops in the Media Room**. The Workshops are usually for 30 or 60 minutes - Groups of 6-8 people - all materials and equipment supplied, and refreshments are provided afterwards (homemade food, yum!)

You are ALL INVITED TO COME TO THE WORKSHOP of your choice
Have Fun and Be CREATIVE – Make a GIFT for someone special or take home to enhance your HOME DECORE

All enquiries & Bookings:

Email: cd.hmcreations@gmail.com



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.

