



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Priests: *Fr Enoch Iheme* (Parish Priest) *Fr Francisco Evangelista* (Associate Pastor)

Monday 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels
King's Birthday Public Holiday

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am **Mass**

Tuesday 3rd October

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

Wednesday 4th October

St Francis of Assisi

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

Thursday 5th October

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

Friday 6th October

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

Saturday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Sunday 8th October

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Parable of the Father and His Two Sons in the Vineyard by Georg Pencz, c. 1534-35. Metropolitan Museum of Art

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st October 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Our Faith presents God to us and in turn presents us to God in dialogue. From the beginning of creation, the creator God has been in a constant dialogical relationship with all creation, human beings included. To remove all possible barriers and obstacles to this kind of creator-creatures dialogue, God himself became one with us in Jesus Christ. St Paul re-echoes this Apostolic Faith in Philippians 2:5-11. **The incarnation of Jesus Christ is the culmination of the dialogue between God and his creation.** The history of human salvation, which began from creation, shows that God of Israel speaks and listens to his people. Although at some point in this history, we realise that **God's ways are not our ways, and God's justice is not our justice yet in dialogue, we seek to understand God's ways and justice.**



As we conclude the 2023 Season of Creation, we are called to **"Let Justice and Peace Flow."** According to Pope Francis, **"Creation refers both to God's mysterious, magnificent act of creating this majestic, beautiful planet and universe out of nothing and to the continuing result of that act, which we experience as an inexhaustible gift."** We are obliged to participate in this continuing act of creation and so maintain the creator-creature dialogue. Let our attitude towards our fellow creatures fulfil the following scriptures: "The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." (Psalms 19:1). "His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise." (Habakkuk 3:3). "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." (Isaiah 6:3). **As rational and faithful stewards of God's creation, let us acknowledge inseparably link between creation and salvation.**

We welcome our school community to the last term of the 2023 school year. Surely, this last bit is always busy and fast. We invite everybody to share in the many events happening in the parish in October and November. **Parents are reminded of the Parish Catholic Kids Club, Term 4 Teens Activity Dates, Alpha Course, RCIA, Eucharistic Faith Formation Workshop, Annual Wedding Anniversary and World Day of Mission.** Next Friday is our **First Friday Mass** and our **Community Weekend will be on the 7th and 8th October.** We pray that it turns out successful for everyone by the end of the year.

I would like to promote some of our regular parish prayer and spirituality groups; **Bible Study** at 9:30am on Tuesdays; **Eucharistic Adoration** from 7pm on Tuesdays; **Rosary** at 9am on Wednesdays; **Christian Meditation** at 7:50am on Thursdays; **Legion of Mary** at 10am on Fridays; **Novena** at 10am on Saturdays; **Charismatic Prayer Meetings** at 2:30pm on Saturdays and **Morning Prayer from the Divine Office** every weekday morning before Mass.

The Referendum on 14 October 2023 on the Voice to Parliament will be a critical moment for Australia. Our Bishops urge us to read the information available for both sides of the debate so that we can make our own informed decision on how we might vote in the referendum. **You can find information from www.aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.html, bit.ly/BishopsVoice and are encouraged to engage in conversations with First Nations people.** The bishops do not encourage people to vote one way or the other, but to inform themselves. **Whatever the outcome of the referendum, we must continue the work of justice, healing, reconciliation and recognition of our First Nations People.**

God Bless,

Fr Enoch Iheme

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 The way of righteousness is life, the way of wickedness is death. However, these ways are not set in stone; the one who is righteous can turn away from it and, similarly, the sinful one always has a path to righteousness and life along with it.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 Christ emptied himself of all privilege and power of being equal with God, humbled himself to be with us as sinners even to the point of death. Raised by God, we can follow Christ's example in shunning vain ambition and, through humility, find the glory of God.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32 A landowner needing work done is again used as a parable on the nature of the kingdom. Matthew presents us contrasting figures; one who says the right things but whose words have no substance, and one who outwardly seems outside the will of the landowner, but ultimately is the righteous one.

Tedesco, Joe. "26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1 October 2023." Pastoral Liturgy 53, no. 3 (2023): 1-6.



Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

On this last weekend of the Season of Creation and the weekend leading into the opening of the Synod in Rome let us pray each day in our homes, these prayers:

That we may grow in consciousness of the great gift of creation and all of its elements, we pray....

That we may deepen our gratitude for nature's rich Web of Life within which we live and may grow in openness to wiser, more nonviolent and just ways of caring for it and sharing it, we pray....

That we may take up our prophetic responsibility in this time of crisis to speak God's truth to each other and to call each other into ways of living within creation wisely, sustainably, justly, and reverently, we pray....

That our conversion and nonviolent actions may help to bring about urgent and far-reaching transformations all around Earth to restore the health of the planet and prevent the dramatic climate changes and grave devastation to life that threaten the future, we pray....

That the Synod Assembly about to open in Rome this week will bring wise discernment of the guidance of God's Spirit to the People of God, effective widespread healing to Earth, and new life and energy to all Earth's communities, we pray....



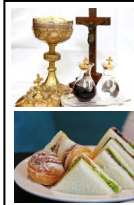
LOL ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS & CELEBRATION



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.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS & MORNING TEA

First Friday Mass will be held on **Friday 6 October at 10am.**

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

Hope to see you all there!

PARISH COMMUNITY WEEKEND

Come celebrate with us on the weekend of **7 & 8 October** at the usual Masses and share a 'cuppa' and meet new friends and old. The Welcoming Group invites you to stay for a while after Mass and get to know your fellow parishioners. See you there!



LOL 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 7 October 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.**



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.

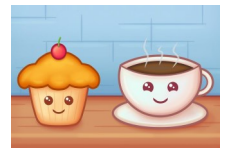


Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

When: Monday 9 October 9:30am

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

All are welcome!



CATHOLIC KIDS CLUB: Mary & the Saints

Saturday 7th October: 3pm-5pm
Avocado Room - Parish Centre
(Ages 4-11)

Catholic Kids Club is a group for primary school aged kids that come together to learn about faith in a fun way that they can relate to. We play games, hear stories and make crafts which are centred around a different theme.

For more info email catholickidsclub@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.



Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: Ernie Catchlove, Monica Guivarra, Maria Song, Yonglin Hou, Boyon Olaer, Carmelita Guilas, Nilda Modesto, Fely Barrientos Relao, Erlinda S. Yson, James Yuk Loon Wong, José Morán, Antonio Henriquez, Fe Chua, Dr. Becky Arellano, Lincon Hoad

those with anniversaries & others who have died: Dawn Pereira, Peg McKey, John Dixon, Thomas & Rosanna Collins, Guy & Gladwyn Catchlove, Margaret Hvass, Maria Rietberg, Yvonne Stranks, Maria Castro, Louise Jade, Rosario & Benito Alarcon, Rogelio Macapobre, Bienvenido delos Santos, Wenceslao delos Santos, William Lunney, Paul Thanh Tran, Raymundo Manalac, Vidal Gregorio Jr., Coralie Purcell, Marjorie Jacobson, Ruth Evangelista, Leo Hayes, Pat Hayes, Eric Glennon, Jose Carlos Moran, Thomas Ky Hoang, Teresa Hao Nguyen

those who are unwell: Robyn S., Catherine Marshall, Norma Melgar, Mateo Rodriguez, Robert Bajar, Eileen Talty, Olga Iocco, Micahel Marsden, Antonio Duke, Yennifer Urrutia

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.



SUNNYBANK CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting:

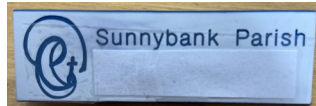


Saturday 7 Oct - English Prayer Meeting
Saturday 14 Oct - Spanish Prayer Meeting
Saturday 21 Oct - English Prayer Meeting
Saturday 28 Oct - Spanish Prayer Meeting

Held in the Media Room, 2:30pm to 5pm.
All Welcome! Contact the parish office for more info.

PARISH NAME BADGES

The parish office will soon be placing another order for name badges.



If you don't have a name badge but would like one, please visit or call the parish office to place your order **before Friday 12 October**. Badges cost \$15 each.



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.



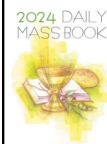
Do you have questions about life, faith, meaning, or God? Would you like to explore what the Christian faith is all about in a relaxed and fun environment? Then come along and try the ALPHA course!

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

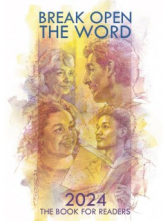
To find out more or to register, please contact the parish office on 3345 3766. Please note: **Numbers are limited**

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.



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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Church Cleaning

Do you have a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning to spare? We are currently looking for parish volunteers to join the rostered groups that clean the church once every 5 weeks.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

OUR LADY OF
LOURDES PRIMARY
SCHOOL

RETIREMENT/FAREWELL MASS & MORNING TEA

CELEBRATING THE SERVICE OF
JO BOWMAN, MICHELLE GILLIES, SUE
FRANKLIN, PENNI CUSKELLY AND PAULA
SHARPE

9AM, THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 12 2023
OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH,
121 MAINS ROAD,
SUNNYBANK



**PARISH STAFF
& CONTACTS**

Pastoral Ministry Coordinator
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Louise Weston

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3345 3766

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Sr Bridgid

Centacare
Service Delivery Manager -
Emma Rohde
3323 2100

Term 4 Teens Dates

**6 October Jacaranda Room
21st-22nd October Day Time
Retreat at Passionist Retreat
Centre**

**3 November Avocado Room
17 November Avocado Room
1 December Avocado Room
Christmas Party**

**Youth & Young Adult
Ministry**



SAVE THE DATE

Unite Youth have teamed up with the Passionist Retreat Team to offer a fun filled weekend for our young people in our parish and beyond.

This will be a great opportunity to meet others in the parish as well as surrounding parishes and schools. There will also be some great talks, fun games and activities as well as some prayer and reflection.

When: Saturday 21st October and Sunday 22 October

**Saturday 1pm-9pm and Sunday 10am - 7pm
(finish with sunnybank Youth Mass)**

Who: Everyone in Year 6 - Year 12

**Where: Passionist Retreat Center Oxley
(travel to and from Sunnybank provided)**

Cost: FREE (due to a grant provided by our Archdiocese)

***Transport and Meals included**

**For more information and to register please email
youth.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au or see Abbey and Gabby after Mass.**



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MISSION**

Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale.

This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.



**DIocese OF BROOME:
Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service
Needed Urgently - Volunteer Workers**

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist in working with the local Church in various locations.

There are a variety of important voluntary tasks in **administration, building and vehicle maintenance, gardening, hospitality, general cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and a small weekly allowance.

If you would be interested to offer your skills and learn more about the local culture, please see the contact details below (couples or singles welcome):

**The Diocese of Broome Office: 08 9192 1060
Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org
Website: www.broomedioocese.org**

