



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Monday 30th October

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

Tuesday 31st October

8:15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.30am Bible Study
6.30pm ALPHA
7.00pm Adoration

Wednesday 1st November

All Saints

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

Thursday 2nd November

All Souls

6:30am **Mass**
7:50am Christian Meditation
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am **Mass**
6:00pm **Mass**

Friday 3rd November

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

Saturday 4th November

St Charles Borromeo

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

Sunday 5th November

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



The Pharisees Question Jesus by James Tissot, c. 1886-94. Brooklyn Museum

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th October 2023

Dear Parishioners,



Most of us will be familiar with these lines “No longer strangers to each other, no longer strangers in God’s house; we are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care, by the strength of those who care”. These are the lyrics that came to my mind while going through this weekend’s 1st reading; the Book of Exodus 22:20-26. **I pray that every member of our community will feel welcome and not a stranger.** The stranger will always remain a stranger until we encounter them and welcome them. In my 5 years and a bit in Australia, I have welcomed stranger priests who are now brothers. A few are still strangers to me and I **really appreciate how people wrestle to transform strangers to friends** especially in our Australian context where most of us were strangers encountering other strangers. **When Jesus comes to us as a stranger, he remains as such until we welcome him, as did the disciples on the way to Emmaus.**

November is a special Month of Remembrance. As Catholics, we renew our sense of the Communion of Saints. **Devotion to the Communion of Saints** is an efficacious means of becoming friends more than strangers to **All the Saints in Heaven and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.** St. Bernard said of our relationship with the saints, “**Surely we are the ones to benefit, when we venerate their memory.**” Regarding our hope for the souls in purgatory, St Paul said, “**Just as all die in Adam, so all will be brought to life in Christ.**” Praying for the dead is one of the traditional spiritual works of mercy and a partial or a plenary indulgence can be gained. **A plenary indulgence is granted to all who, on All Souls’ Day, devoutly visits a church or an oratory and recites an Our Father and the Creed.** Hence, we offer **3 Masses on the 2 November** to increase parishioners’ chances of getting this favour.

You are invited to the Solemnity of All Saints Day on 1st November and the Commemoration of All Souls on the 2nd November. We have **3 Masses on All Souls Day, at 6.30am, 9.00am, and 6.00pm. After Masses on every Tuesdays and Thursdays of November, we will gather for the Office for the Dead in our Parish Columbarium.** Our Parish Memorial Book will be displayed on our Sanctuary throughout November and we will continue to **add names to the book as you write them in the sheets provided at the church foyer. November Mass envelopes are also available at the foyer** for your Mass stipend. In addition to being National Remembrance Day, **we will be holding our Annual Memorial Mass on Saturday 11 November at 11.00am with a light refreshment following the Mass.**

Thank you to everyone who supported last weekend Catholic Mission Appeal. We will be collecting the returning appeal envelopes and you are welcome to drop the envelopes in the collection box or the parish office.

We congratulate the nine candidates who will be receiving their Confirmation and First Holy Communion this weekend as the conclusion of our 2023 Sacramental Program. **Thank you to Noel Arceo and the Sacramental Team** for all they’ve done this year.

God bless,

Fr Enoch Iheme

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 Amongst the various laws given by the Lord to Moses as he and the Israelites sojourned in the desert for forty years were social rules and regulations i.e., rules for how you might best live together with your neighbour. The Israelites were to have a special care for weaker groups in society e.g., the stranger in their midst. Because, as the Lord, reminded them, they had been strangers in the land of Egypt.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Having observed the sort of life which he lived when he was in their midst, Paul urges the Church of Thessalonika to imitate his witness both in good times and in bad. In doing so, they themselves become a witness to the other young churches around them.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 Again, the religious authorities attempt to trap Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment. And once again, Jesus refuses to fall into their trap; answering that there are two great commandments – interdependent and reliant on each other – love of God and love of neighbour. These two are the foundation for the whole Law and the Prophets.

Doran, Anthony. "30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th October 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

III. DIALOGUE AND TRANSPARENCY IN DECISION-MAKING

185. In any discussion about a proposed venture, a number of questions need to be asked in order to discern whether or not it will contribute to genuine integral development. What will it accomplish? Why? Where? When? How? For whom? What are the risks? What are the costs? Who will pay those costs and how? In this discernment, some questions must have higher priority. For example, we know that water is a scarce and indispensable resource and a fundamental right which conditions the exercise of other human rights. This indisputable fact overrides any other assessment of environmental impact on a region.

ALL SOULS MASS TIMES

Thursday 2nd November

6:30am Mass
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
6:00pm Mass



FIRST FRIDAY MASS & MORNING TEA



First Friday Mass will be held on **Friday 3 November at 10am.**



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

Hope to see you all there!

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

November is the month of remembrance of our near and dear ones who have gone to God before us.



We will have a "Book of Life" on display in the church throughout the month with the names of our deceased relatives and friends. November Mass envelopes are available at the foyer of the Church. Those names will then be added to the book each week.

PARISH COMMUNITY WEEKEND

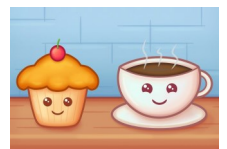
Come celebrate with us on the weekend of **4 & 5 November** at the usual Masses and share a 'cuppa' and meet new friends and old. The Welcoming Group invites you to stay for a while after Mass and get to know your fellow parishioners. See you there!



Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

When: Monday 13 November 9:30am

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



The **MEMORIAL MASS** to remember those who have passed away will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on **Saturday 11 November at 11am**



If you have lost a family member or a friend in the last 12 months and would like to attend this Mass, please contact the Parish Office and **RSVP by Monday 30 October with the number of people attending.**

For those with family who have passed away in the last 12 months, a rose will be provided. A family member will have the opportunity to present the rose in front of the altar at Mass in memory of your loved one.

Light refreshments will be served following the Mass.

Please inform your friends and relatives of the Mass and invite them to contact the Parish Office: 3345 3766.

MEMORIAL MASS ASSISTANCE

Help show our condolences to members of our parish community who have lost a loved one in the last 12 months

Assistance with light refreshments for the upcoming Memorial Mass on Saturday 11 November would be greatly appreciated.

Please let us know if you can assist by providing sandwiches, finger food or your favourite sweet treat.

Contact Trish 0414 855 911 or Clare 0421 341 763 if you are able to help and for more information.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Ruben Vicco, Eber Valladares, Imelda Omaña-Abadilla, Tu-Yen-Lan Monica, Lincon Hoad, Elizabeth Dixon, Jose Glorioso, Noli Rey, Desmond John O'Meara, Edgard Encinares, Marina Rosales de Mena**

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Fr Ray Kearney, Joseph Quy Nguyen, Maria Dau Nguyen, Romeo Perilli, Adan Hernandez, Ruben Salonga, Maria Trinh Nga, Agatha Trinh The, Dr. Hugh Cecil Deas, Rita Pobar**

those who are unwell: **Alberto Rebelo, Faustinus Benny Tany, Adhi Nugraha Wirawan, Ana Figueroa, Julie Daley, Catherine Marshall, Des Taylor, Michael Harvey, Verna Sharp, Baby Malakai, Mario Minera, Fredy Noyolo, Antua Cardona, Alfonso Hernandez, Malcolm Carroll**

SUNNYBANK PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS:

On **Wednesday 22 November** we will be having *Drace Illusionist* entertain us.

Bookings are still open for the Christmas Lunch at Sunnybank Community & Sports Club, to be held on **6 December 11:30am-2pm.**

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



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.



2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

Please pray for the young people in our parish who are receiving the Sacraments this weekend.

Confirmation & First Communion:

Sunday 29 October, 6pm (Youth Mass)

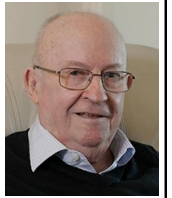
Ongoing Formation: Sunday 12 & 19 November, 7pm

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

The **Parish PNG Appeal** to support and sustain the Lae Street Kids School Program will be held on the weekend of **November 11 & 12**. More information to come.

FR RAY KEARNEY'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Please remember in your prayers Fr Ray Kearney, who was parish priest at Our Lady of Lourdes from 2001 to 2010 and passed away on 29 October 2018.



CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME AND ITS PEOPLE: *Laudato Deum*

In early October on the feast of St Francis, Pope Francis wrote his Letter *Laudato Deum* (Praise God) as a follow up to his writings in *Laudato Si* in 2015. This is vital in preparation for COP28 in Dubai during November to which he has been invited to address. The first time a Pope has been invited to this International gathering of governments. You can read the document on the Website [Laudato Deum.org](http://LaudatoDeum.org). During November there will be information from *Laudato Deum* in the newsletter.

2. Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si*, when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migrations, etc.

This is a global social issue and one intimately related to the dignity of human life. Please watch this video:

https://youtu.be/Pwe_bd0TUjk



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If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.



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Unite Teens

→ **TERM 4** **2023**

- 22-21 Oct** Teens Retreat
- 3/11 Fri** Teens Night
- 17/11 Fri** Teens Night
- 1/11 Tue** Teens Christmas Party
- TBD** Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 24/12** Youth Christmas Mass

Young Adults

→ **TERM 4** **2023**

- 5/11 Sun** Games Night
- 7/11 Tue** Reclaim
- 19/11 Fri** Escape Room Hang out
- 3/12 Sun** Christmas Dinner
- TBD** Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Mass
- 24/12** Christmas Eve Mass

Teens All Saints' Costume Party
Celebrated in Honor of all the saints.

3 NOV 2023

Avocado Room 7-9 PM

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Game Night

Next Sunday **Avocado Room**
After Mass

Young Adults

Start at **7PM**

Other Upcoming YA Events: Reclaim Tuesday 7th November 7-9PM Emmanuel City Mission

Last weekend, a group of 15 teens went to the Passionist Retreat Centre for our Unite Teens retreat. Across the weekend, we had the opportunity to participate in games, quiet reflection, affirmation activities and group discussions. The retreat was centred around self-discovery and our personal relationship with God. Teens were encouraged to think about how open they are, the masks they use every day, their personal connection with God and the people in their lives that help them in all these aspects. We participated in prayer experiences including a gratitude experience where all of us shared and prayed about particular experiences and people that we are grateful for. It was a wonderful weekend filled with lots of growth and fun memories. Thanks to all our teens who came along and made it such a great weekend. A special thanks go to Gabby, Sam and Kristen for their support of teens across the weekend and to Tom from Passionist Youth Retreat Team for running the retreat! - Abbey

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.

SAFEGUARDING
It takes a whole community

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.