



## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

† Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 121 Mains Road, Sunnybank

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### Monday 6th November

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

### Tuesday 7th November

Melbourne Cup

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

### Wednesday 8th November

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

### Thursday 9th November

*Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

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

### Friday 10th November

*St Leo the Great*

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

### Saturday 11th November

*St Martin of Tours*  
Remembrance Day

10.00am **No Novena**  
11.00am **Memorial Mass**  
2.30pm Charismatic Prayer  
(Spanish)  
5.00pm Reconciliation  
6.00pm **Mass**

### Sunday 12th November

*32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

6.30am **Mass**  
8.00am **Mass**  
9.15am **Mass**  
10.30am **Mass**  
12.00pm Baptisms  
6.00pm **Mass (Youth)**



*Malheur à vous, scribes et pharisiens* by James Tissot, c. 1886-94. Brooklyn Museum

### Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th November 2023

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,



It is that time of the year again when we become very busy and committed to a bit more than usual. The first 3 days of November has been a taste of how fast our time in November will be flying and an indication that we are in for a fun time. **We have had a beautiful All Saints celebration, memorable All Souls Masses and wonderful First Friday Mass and morning tea.** This weekend is our **November Community Weekend** and my mind is drawn to a wider community than those who physically gather around our church at 121 Mains Road Sunnybank. **As a Christian Community, we participate in the wider community of the Communion of Saints.** Whenever we gather, we are not alone even at the physical location of 121 Mains Road Sunnybank. **I would like us to acknowledge the physical and spiritual characters of our community and the communion we share.**

**With the beautiful start of the month of remembrance are also a few questions about the dead.** Two parishioners have asked me to explain **the teachings of the church on cremation and preservation of Ashes.** I did give them some explanation but to be sure I was teaching what the church teaches, I revisited the 2016 **"Instruction Ad Resurgendum cum Christo"**. I would like to share five things from this document with you;

1. The Church has an official teaching on Christian Burial and Cremation. This teaching is essentially based on the **Christian understanding of death as to "be away from the body and at home with the Lord"**. Hence, all necessary measures must be taken to preserve the practice of reverently burying the faithful departed.
2. Following the most ancient Christian tradition, the Church **recommends that the bodies of the deceased be buried in cemeteries** or other sacred places. However, **cremation is not opposed** per se to the Christian religion.
3. The Church raises **no doctrinal objections to cremation of the deceased's body since it does not affect his or her soul**, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the deceased body to new life.
4. In order to avoid any form of scandal or religious indifferentism, **ashes of the faithful departed are not to be scattered in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way.**
5. **Cemeteries, tombs, columbarium and sacred places** where the remains of the faithful departed are resting, are **places of prayer, remembrance and reflection. The faithful departed remain part of the Church and should not be excluded from the prayers and remembrance** of their family or the Christian community.

You are invited to our **Parish Annual Memorial Mass on Saturday 11th November at 11am** and a refreshment after Mass. This event in the past has brought bereaved families so much consolation and renewed hope. **We will continue the practice of visiting our columbarium and saying a simple prayer for the dead every Tuesdays and Thursdays after Mass.**

In keeping to our mission of reaching out to the poor, **next weekend we will be taking up our Parish Annual Appeal to support the St Mary's Lae Street Kids Literacy Program in Papua New Guinea.** Bishop Rozario Menezes has written to affirm that our generous donations are changing lives.

God bless,  
Fr Enoch

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**First Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10** The somewhat harsh messenger Malachi invokes a curse upon priests who have betrayed the covenant, appealing to our common humanity to question the poor behaviour of those entrusted with a sacred duty.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13** In commending the Thessalonians ready embrace of faith in God's good news, Paul defends his own conduct amongst them, reminding them of his work for them, his care for them, his love for them.

**Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-12** In the Gospel reading, Jesus is warning the people and the disciples against the hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees. As custodians of the Law, these leaders were tasked with leading the people in faithfulness to the Covenant. Rather, they did not practice what they preached.

Doran, Anthony. "31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5 November 2023." Pastoral Liturgy 53, no. 3 (2023): 1-5.

### 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.



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 5 November 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.

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

10. It is often heard also that efforts to mitigate climate change by reducing the use of fossil fuels and developing cleaner energy sources will lead to a reduction in the number of jobs. What is happening is that millions of people are losing their jobs due to different effects of climate change: rising sea levels, droughts and other phenomena affecting the planet have left many people adrift. Conversely, the transition to renewable forms of energy, properly managed, as well as efforts to adapt to the damage caused by climate change, are capable of generating countless jobs in different sectors. This demands that politicians and business leaders should even now be concerning themselves with it.

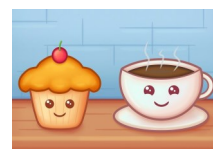
14. I feel obliged to make these clarifications, which may appear obvious, because of certain dismissive and scarcely reasonable opinions that I encounter, even within the Catholic Church. Yet we can no longer doubt that the reason for the unusual rapidity of these dangerous changes is a fact that cannot be concealed: the enormous novelties that have to do with unchecked human intervention on nature in the past two centuries.

### 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!



### MEMORIAL MASS ASSISTANCE

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

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.

### 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.



### SAVE THE DATE:

**Parish Pastoral Council Annual Christmas Carols & Sausage Sizzle**

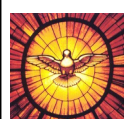
**When:** Friday 8 December, 6pm

**Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes Church

More information very soon...

### SUNNYBANK CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting:



Saturday 4 Nov - English Prayer Meeting

Saturday 11 Nov - Spanish Prayer Meeting

Saturday 18 Nov - English Prayer Meeting

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

All Welcome! Contact the parish office for more info.

Saturday 25 Nov - **Marian Valley with Mass & teaching by Fr Zachary. All are welcome, contact Marta to RSVP**



## Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Ignacio Malapiten, Noli Rey, Ngana'eiki Fonua, Addison Miller, Ruben Vicco, Eber Valladares, Imelda Omaña-Abadilla, Lincon Hoad, Tu-Yen-Lan Monica, Elizabeth Dixon, Jose Glorioso, Noli Rey, Desmond John O'Meara**

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Colin Brew, Kelvin Price, Maria Riell Nguyen, Alfonso Hernandez, Fr Ray Kearney, Joseph Quy Nguyen, Maria Dau Nguyen**

those who are unwell: **Tibisay Bracovich, Maria Franco, Carlos Pacheco, Betty Pengelly, Cynthia Impey, Alberto Rebelo, Faustinus Benny Tany, Adhi Nugraha Wirawan, Ana Figueroa, Julie Daley, Catherine Marshall, Michael Harvey, Verna Sharp, Baby Malakai**



### SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023

The annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal will be held on 25 & 26 November 2023

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

To make an online donation:

BSB: 064 786

Account: 100 026 096

Reference: [use your surname]

Email [oll4109@svdpqld.org.au](mailto:oll4109@svdpqld.org.au) for a receipt.



Non perishable food items for Christmas hampers may also be left in the baskets at the church doors.

### PARISH ART SALE

Thank you to those who attended our Parish Art Sale and purchased some of the artworks on offer. It was great to share a glass of wine with some of you also.

We sold a large number of the artworks and I hope the buyers will get much enjoyment from them. We still have a few remaining for purchase. If you are interested in viewing these, please contact Lyn Smith on 0410 360 086.

Lastly thank you to those who donated their time in helping prepare for and assist in this endeavour.



### POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 2023

#### For the Pope

*We pray for the Holy Father;  
as he fulfils his mission,  
may he continue to accompany  
the flock entrusted to him,  
with the help of the Holy Spirit.*



### TWO MINUTE HOMILIES AND REFLECTIONS

This week **Fr Saldie Resolado** gives the homily for the 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

*"Humility is a willingness to share the gifts we have been given, not out of motivation for oneself, but for the common good of all people."*

Two Minute Homilies and Reflections can be viewed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane YouTube channel or go to:

[brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies-and-reflections/](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/two-minute-homilies-and-reflections/)

## THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The November edition of the Catholic Leader is now available for \$4 from the church foyer.

### 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.

### Join us in Spiritual Growth & Fellowship at Marian Valley, Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians

**When:** Saturday 25 November, 10am—2pm



Itinerary:

10am Adoration & Rosary

11am Holy Mass

12pm Lunch (bring a plate to share)

1pm Teaching by Fr Zachary of the Pauline Fathers

**RSVP by 18 November to Marta 0433 526 703**

### PARISH PNG APPEAL

Parish PNG Appeal to support and sustain St Mary's Literacy School will be held on the weekend of **11 & 12 November**. Donation envelopes will be available next weekend.

The Bishop Rozario Menezes of the Diocese of Lae has written to the Sunnybank Parish;

*"First of all thank you for your generously supporting the literacy school for the street kids in Lae."*

*The literacy program for the street kids will continue, it is one of the ways to keep the kids out of streets and help them to find meaning in their life, or live life meaningfully. We have experienced teachers some of whom are retired from their teaching career, and still willing to give their time and energy for this ministry...*

*... May God bless your generous support and all the generous donors "*



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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**

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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

Over the past few years there have been Mass counts in the month of May. This is to see the number of people attending weekend Mass across the Brisbane. Please find the collected data below.

It's great to see that the parish (and the Archdiocese) are bouncing back from COVID!

Average Weekend Mass Attendance:	2016	2016 - 2019 Variance	2019	2019 - 2021 Variance	2021	2021 - 2022 Variance	2022	2022 - 2023 Variance	2023
Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunnybank	2045	- 3%	1976	- 41%	1169	- 7%	1086	+ 40%	1469
Archdiocese of Brisbane	54297	- 2%	52967	- 33%	35587	- 2%	35016	+ 19%	41770

**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.

**It takes a whole community**

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