



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Monday 13th November

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

Tuesday 14th November

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

Wednesday 15th November

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

Thursday 16th November

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

Friday 17th November

St Elizabeth of Hungary

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

Saturday 18th November

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

Sunday 19th November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins by Ernst Friedrich von Liphart, c. 1886.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12th November 2023

Dear Parishioners,



We have a newly themed Sunday and this is **Prison Sunday**. This is another signature of the Papacy of Francis. **The Leadership style of Pope Francis has a committed focus on the poor and the marginalised.** He has a heart for the other, the neighbour, the victim, the captive and the prisoner. Anyone could be the other; male or female, the Christian or Muslim neighbour, the abused or migrant victim, the unjust or condemned prisoner. In accordance with Jesus' mission statement in **Luke 4: 18-19**, Pope Francis is convinced that **the Church's mission in the world is to bring God's closeness, compassion, tenderness and favour to those on the periphery.** During the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at the *Casal del Marmo* prison for minors, northwest of Rome, on April 6, 2023, Pope Francis told the prisoners **"Each one of us can slip, every one of us. And this awareness, this certainty that each of us can slip, is what gives us the dignity – listen to the word – the "dignity" of being sinners."** The celebration of the Prison Sunday brings our attention to the plight of prisoners and the important work that prison chaplains undertake. **Prison apostolate is a great ministry in the Church and we all can share in it.**

Also this Sunday in our Parish, we are called to reach out at least to some kids in the streets of Lae in Papua New Genuine. **For 8 years, we have collaborated with St Mary's Street Kids Literacy ministry.** We offer them two things: **Our Prayers and Financial support.** Last month, I got in contact with the Bishop of Lae who expressed gratitude for our generous support to the street kids in his diocese. Bishop Rozario assured me that **"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, we give them remuneration for their work with the kids." I was delighted to hear that our gifts are changing lives in faraway PNG. **It is my hope that our partnership in mission with the diocese of Lae will bring God's closeness, compassion, tenderness and favour to their street kids.**

As the liturgical year draws to a close in two weeks, I would suggest that **we review our individual and collective commitment to our Parish vision and mission.** I am happy that we have gathered as a community through the year and surely, **whenever we gather, God is among us.** I am also grateful to all our parish groups, committees and associations who have helped us to persevere in prayer, faith formation and spirituality. It is my hope filled with optimism that our community built and sustained through hospitality, prayer and spirituality will **produce intentional disciples that are willing to go out to the whole world to proclaim the Good News.**

God Bless,

Fr Enoch Iheme



**PRISON SUNDAY 2023
NOVEMBER 12**

catholic.au/s/article/Prison-Sunday



Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20, 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 A reflection on the king who searches for wisdom – the one who looks for wisdom will surely find it: Wisdom shows herself to them as they go.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Paul's reflection on the hope which faith affords us in the face of death. We are not like others who have no hope. We believe that we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus has risen from the dead.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 Today's gospel reading – about some bridesmaids being ready with lamps lit and others with no oil – is a parable urging watchfulness and preparedness for the coming of the Son of Man, for we know neither the day nor the hour.

Doran, Anthony. "32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 November 2023." Pastoral Liturgy 53, no. 3 (2023): 1-5.

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!



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.

COLUMBARIUM

Friends, as you are aware the Parish has a Columbarium which is located along the southern side of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, a quiet location surrounded with gardens and seating. There are three granite walls at present, with other walls to be erected in the future, for the resting place of the mortal remains of our loved ones.



The Columbarium garden is a peaceful prayer filled garden, and offers a special area for prayer and reflection.

For further information please contact the Parish Office by emailing sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

BE AN ETERNAL GUARDIAN OF YOUR FAITH A Legacy of Gratitude through a gift in your Will

Eternal Guardians is a special recognition program created to honour and acknowledge that a gift in your Will is one of the greatest commitments you could make to sustain the future of our faith. You will be invited to receive a special blessing from the Archbishop of Brisbane at a Thanksgiving Mass and you will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a special lapel pin.

A gift in your Will creates a ripple effect that supports the good works of the Church for generations to come. **If you have already remembered the Church in your Will, please let the Catholic Foundation know so they have an opportunity to thank you.**

Go to www.catholicfoundation.org.au or contact the parish office for more information.

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

The Weakness of International Politics

34. Although "our own days seem to be showing signs of a certain regression... each new generation must take up the struggles and attainments of past generations, while setting its sights even higher. This is the path. Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day". For there to be solid and lasting advances, I would insist that, "preference should be given to multilateral agreements between States".

42. Our world has become so multipolar and at the same time so complex that a different framework for effective cooperation is required. It is not enough to think only of balances of power but also of the need to provide a response to new problems and to react with global mechanisms to the environmental, public health, cultural and social challenges, especially in order to consolidate respect for the most elementary human rights, social rights and the protection of our common home. It is a matter of establishing global and effective rules that can permit "providing for" this global safeguarding.

FRIDAY ANOINTING MASS & CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

There will be an Anointing Mass on **Friday 24 November at 10am.**

This will be followed by the First Friday Christmas party, which will be held in the Jacaranda Room.

For catering purposes, please let us know if you are coming by contacting the parish office or using the sign up sheets at the church entrance.

All are welcome!



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.



Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: Catherine Marshall, John Steffan, Patrick Hayes, Alfonso Hernandez, Maria Vicente, Ignacio Malapiten, Noli Rey, Ngana'eiki Fonua, Addison Miller

those with anniversaries & others who have died: Maisie Wockner, Inez Wockner, May Wockner, Luis Melgar, Tomas Parada, Colin Brew, Kelvin Price, Maria Riell Nguyen

those who are unwell: Andreana Rapain, Esmeralda Berrios, Kerry Mannings, Bret Francois, Betty Pengelly, Tibisay Bracovich, Maria Franco, Carlos Pacheco, Betty Pengelly, Cynthia Impey



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 for a receipt.



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

CAMPUS MINISTER: ST THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

St Thomas More College, Sunnybank is seeking a Campus Minister to work as a member of a team that provides faith and spiritual support to students. The role is project-focuses and designed to contribute to the mission life of the school community. The Campus Minister seeks to empower young people to utilize their gifts and talents and to live their faith in a variety of settings including school, parish and local community.



Tenure: Fulltime, 38 hours a week, term time.

Applications submitted to Brisbane Catholic Education by 15 November (or via [This link](#))

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 19th Nov 2023 or Sunday 21 Jan 2024

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



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.



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 "

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

CHURCH PARKING

The car park at the front of the Church is organised for those who are elderly, those with a young family, and for disability parking.



If you do not have a disability parking permit, please do not park in the area reserved as disabled parking. Also, please do not park at the front of the Paloma centre or the parish office driveway during business hours. At all weekend Masses the car park at the back of the Church is open for all others attending.



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Unite Teens

→	TERM 4	2023
TBD	Youth Choir Rehearsal	
24/12	Youth Christmas Mass	

Teens Night

This Friday 17th November
7-9pm Avocado Room

A light will enter the darkness

Young Adults

→	TERM 4	2023
19/11 Fri	Escape Room Hang out	
3/12 Sun	Christmas Dinner	
TBD	Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Mass	
24/12	Christmas Eve Mass	

Youth & Young Adult Ministry



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish
invites you to the...

Christmas Carols & Sausage Sizzle

Come and join us for an evening of
singing, friendship and fun,
lead by our amazing Filipino choir!

Date: Friday 8th December
Time: Commencing at 6pm
**Place: Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank**

Merry Christmas & we'll see you there!

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.