



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Monday 20th November

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

Tuesday 21st November

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday 22nd November

St Cecilia

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

Thursday 23rd November

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

Friday 24th November

St Andrew Dũng-Lạc

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

Saturday 25th November

10.00am Rosary & Novena
11.00am Reconciliation
5.00pm Reconciliation
6.00pm **Mass**

Sunday 26th November

Christ the King

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



Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor

2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th November 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The second verse of 'Bring Forth the Kingdom of God' by Marty Haugen is my first message for you this weekend. **"You are the light on the hill, O people, light for the city of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people, Shine for the kingdom of God."** I am affirming for you the very words of Jesus in Matthew 5:14 and St Paul's exhortation to the Thessalonians in 1 Thess 5: 5. **As the leader of this community that bears the Light of Jesus for the world to see, I pray that the light of God in us will not grow dim.** Through our faith, hope and charity, may our light shine so brightly and warmly for the kingdom of God.



This Sunday 19 November 2023 is the **seventh World Day of the Poor**, with the theme **"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7).** **Whenever we turn away from those who are poor, we turn away from Jesus himself**, who is forever associated with the most vulnerable in society. Jesus wants us to include the poor in our scheme of prayer, justice and charity. **"For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me"** (Matt 26:11). We are called to do more than giving alms. **We turn our face towards the poor when we listen, engage, try to understand and deal with difficult situations and causes of poverty.**

Without exaggerations, our Parish has been true to the words of Proverbs 31:19-20 **"She holds out her hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy."** We have generously supported the Aid to the Church in Need, Annual Catholic Campaign, Catholic Mission, Lae Street Kids' Literacy Program, Sisters and Brothers of the Missionary of the Poor Society, St. Vincent De Paul Society, and lots of individual commitments to the poor. **If the poor are always with us, surely there will always be more for us to do.** As part of our Advent and Christmas Program this year, I am proposing a Shoebox Activity for us to provide and share the joy of Christmas with those that feel that our society has turned her face away from them.

We will be having so many end of the year events next week. **The solemnity of Jesus Christ the King of the Universe** will mark the official end of the current liturgical year. Next Friday will be our last **Anointing Mass and Christmas Morning Tea** break up until February 2024. Our **Parish Youth Group will have their Christmas party** on Friday 24th November. Our Schools will be celebrating their **Graduation and end of school year Masses.** Our 2024 Parish Calendar is gradually filling up with programs for next year. All these end of the year programs remind us that we have gone through the course of the year and approaching a new beginning.

Across this weekend Masses, **Parish Advent Program Flyers** will be handed to you and please invite your family and friends let us prepare for Christmas. This weekend also we will include in our liturgy, **the Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan and all other war-torn countries.** **Monday 20th November is our Parish Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace** as a prelude to the celebration of Christ the King of Peace.

Peace be with you, Fr Enoch Iheme

Next Sunday: Christ the King Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 The full text of this reading (Wisdom 31:10-31) forms an acrostic poem, so beloved of Hebrew authors. While it depicts a woman of that time going about her daily tasks, she is worthy of praise because what she does, she does well.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 At the time Paul wrote, the belief was that the Lord's coming was imminent. Paul's advice is to be ready, because the Lord's comes unexpectedly; but also, to have no fear because we are children of light.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 This parable is not about using our God-given gifts to their full extent. In Greek a talent was unit of money or a unit of weight or measurement. This parable is about what we do with what we have been given. We have heard the kingdom proclaimed – what do we do with it?

Doran, Anthony. "33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19 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.



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.



FRIDAY ANOINTING MASS & CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

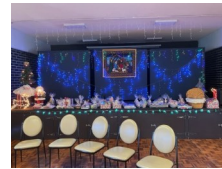


There will be an Anointing Mass on **Friday 24 November at 10am**.

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:

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.



PARISH RETREAT

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

When: Saturday 25 November, 10am—2pm

RSVP by 18 November to Marta 0433 526 703

BREAK OPEN THE WORD & DAILY MASS BOOK 2024 HAVE ARRIVED

If you have pre-ordered a copy of Break Open The Word 2024 or The Daily Mass Book 2024, they have arrived and are available for collection from the parish office.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Advent is starting and with it preparations for Christmas are beginning. Have you considered preparing spiritually by attending Advent Reconciliation?

When: Thursday, 21 December at 6pm

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Church



PARISH NEWSLETTER: If you would like to start receiving the parish newsletter via email, please contact the parish office at sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

We call on all members of our community to join our

Parish Day of Fasting & Prayer

When: Monday 20 November, 8:30am

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Since the 7th of October, 2023, our world has witnessed another horrifying devastation, including civilian deaths, kidnappings, and infrastructure damage in the Israel-Palestinian conflict. The crisis has impacted not only Gazans but the global psyche. We can no longer watch and wait for the next news from Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan or any other war-torn places.

Come, let us apply our faith in prayer.



Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Roberto Lay, Brendan Seeto, Frank Duff, Catherine Marshall, John Steffan, Alfonso Hernandez, Maria Vicente, Patrick Hayes**

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Guy Catchlove, Carol Ann Wilson, Patricia Hundt, Bayani Villanueva, Magdalena Villanueva, Cathy Herbert, Sylvia Torres, Maisie Wockner, Inez Wockner, May Wockner, Luis Melgar, Tomas Parada**

those who are unwell: **John Mcready, Nicole Araujo, Agnes Hyland, Robyn S., Andreana Rapain, Kerry Mannings, Esmeralda Berrios, Bret Francois, Betty Pengelly**

for those resting in our Columbarium: **Fredrick Aisthorpe, Harold Aisthorpe, Minnie Aisthorpe, Allan Alvis, Dawn Angus, Helen Bailey, Harold "Gordon" Barker, 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 Lorenson, Noemi Lorenson, Maureen McDonald, Frances McKenzie, Peter McSweeney, Harry Mohr, Eusebia Morao, Gerard Murphy, Cuong Nguyen, Quy Thi Nguyen, Nghia Bao Nguyen, Michael Ogle, Marie Therese Ong, 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: **Anne Carroll, Lyn Catchlove, Margo Couldrey, Mary Dixon, Cynthia Impey, Baby Malakai, Christopher Riley, Jim Scriha, James Scriha**

VINTAGE VOICES CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Come and see the free community performance of Centacare's Vintage Voices Choir, with a sausage sizzle to follow.

When: Wednesday 29 November, 12:30pm

Where: Jacaranda Room



PARISH COMMUNITY WEEKEND

Come celebrate with us on the weekend of **2 & 3 December** 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!



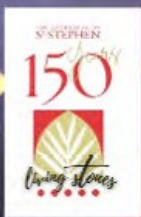
WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: 19 NOVEMBER 2023

For this year's World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis has instructed us "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7), a message taken from the book of Tobit.

Once again, Pope Francis has issued a call to action, a call to encounter one another.



Advent Concert Series St Stephen's Cathedral December 2023



**5pm Saturday 2nd
Advent Vespers
Cathedral Schola #**

**5pm Sunday 3rd
Dominic Perissinotto
(pipe organ) ***

**5pm Sunday 10th
Christopher Trikilis
(pipe organ) ***

**5pm Sunday 17th
(in the Chapel)**

Susan Collins (violin) *

3pm Saturday 23rd

Christmas Carol Service #

Free Admission

* Ticketed Admission

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

52. Today we can continue to state that, "the accords have been poorly implemented, due to lack of suitable mechanisms for oversight, periodic review and penalties in cases of noncompliance. The principles which they proclaimed still await an efficient and flexible means of practical implementation". Also, that "international negotiations cannot make significant progress due to positions taken by countries which place their national interests above the global common good. Those who will have to suffer the consequences of what we are trying to hide will not forget this failure of conscience and responsibility".

58. Once and for all, let us put an end to the irresponsible derision that would present this issue as something purely ecological, "green", romantic, frequently subject to ridicule by economic interests. Let us finally admit that it is a human and social problem on any number of levels. For this reason, it calls for involvement on the part of all. In Conferences on the climate, the actions of groups negatively portrayed as "radicalized" tend to attract attention. But in reality they are filling a space left empty by society as a whole, which ought to exercise a healthy "pressure", since every family ought to realize that the future of their children is at stake.



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PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE!

Unite Teens Christmas Party

7pm - 9pm
AVOCADO
ROOM

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Real Talk Australia present Youth
Theology of the Body

Come and join us for an introductory TOB program exploring the fullness of love, life and purpose through a weekend of fun and formation. For 14-19 year olds.

When: 9 & 10 December 1-6pm.
Where: Twelve Apostles Church Hall, Jindalee.
Cost: \$15 (snacks included)

RSVP by 24 November, to georgina@realtalkaustralia.com



Young Adults

→ **TERM 4** **2023**

3/12 Sun	Christmas Dinner
TBD	Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Mass
24/12	Christmas Eve Mass

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

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.