



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 26th November 2023

Dear Parishioners,



Our annual celebration of Jesus Christ as the King of the universe marks the end of our Liturgical year. The reason for the institution of this solemnity almost a century ago is even more evident currently. In his 1925 encyclical *Quas Primas*, Pius XI argued that the **“manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men and women had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives.”** He went on to say, “as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Saviour, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations.” **May our veneration of Jesus Christ as the universal king of peace instil an excellent remedy** in the hearts of those who seek to destabilise the peace in our world, our countries and our families.

While the feast of Christ the King references the glorious coming of Jesus as Lord at the end of history, we are called now to participate in the kingdom of God. **Jesus clearly linked “when the Son of Man comes in his glory” with our simple acts of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and welcoming the stranger. Wherever these acts are found, there Jesus reigns and whoever practises these charities is an ambassador of the reign of God. Thank you to everyone in our community who through your works of faith, hope and love in our parish brought forth the kingdom of God among us.**

Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning a new liturgical year. Let us prepare to set out afresh in the midst of our busy and commercial commitment. Our Sunday readings and prayers will be taken from the Cycle B while the weekday readings and prayers will be from Cycle 2. **We invite parishioners and friends to join our 2023 Advent Program featuring the Christmas Carols, Advent Reflections, Shoebox Operations, Advent Reconciliation and Prayers.**

We welcome Fr Francisco back from his holidays. He is very delighted to be back and will be bringing much freshness to his ministry within our parish. I really appreciate the generosity of the **supply priests who ministered to us while Fr Francisco was on holidays. Thank you to Frs Pan Jordan, Harry Chan, Raju Joseph and Ejikeme Ntamaka.** In addition, to you our parishioners, I received very beautiful feedback from all the priests on how **active, involved, welcoming and lovely we are as a community.**

We will conclude our November Masses for the dead on Thursday 30th November. Thank you to all who prayed for our departed brothers and sisters, well done to those who visited our columbarium and the cemeteries. **May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

God Bless,

Fr Enoch Iheme

Monday 27th November

8:15am Morning Prayer
8:30am **Mass**

Tuesday 28th November

8:15am Morning Prayer
8:30am **Mass**
9:30am Bible Study
6:30pm ALPHA
7:00pm Adoration

Wednesday 29th November

8:15am Morning Prayer
8:30am **Mass**
9:00am Rosary

Thursday 30th November

St Andrew

7:50am Christian Meditation
8:45am Morning Prayer
9:00am **Mass**

Friday 1st December

8:15am Morning Prayer
8:30am **Mass**
9:00am Adoration
10:00am Legion of Mary

Saturday 2nd December

10:00am Rosary & Novena
11:00am Reconciliation
5:00pm Reconciliation
6:00pm **Mass**

Sunday 3rd December

First Sunday of Advent

6:30am **Mass**
8:00am **Mass**
9:15am **Mass**
10:30am **Mass**
6:00pm **Mass (Youth)**



Separation of Sheep and Goats . Reproduction of a 6th Century Byzantine Mosaic. Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 For the Old Testament, the qualities of a good king are also the qualities of a good shepherd. Unlike the evil shepherds who fail in their care of the people, in Ezekiel's prophecy, God is the best and truest of shepherds.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 The kingship of Christ finds its source in the Resurrection: Christ is the first-fruit of all who have fallen asleep, destroying death in the process. So now, all is subject to his reign.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 A final, eschatological parable telling of the coming of the Son of Man and the judgement he brings. We are judged not on our wealth or prestige, but on how we have treated the least of the Lord's sisters and brothers: 'as often as you did this to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.'

Doran, Anthony. "Christ the King - 26 November 2023." Pastoral Liturgy 53, no. 3 (2023): 1-5.



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 oil4109@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 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!



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.



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



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

4th Sunday of Advent, Sunday 24th December

- * 6:30am Mass
- * 8am Mass
- * 9:15am Mass
- * ~~No 10:30am Mass~~

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December:

- * 4pm Children's Mass with the Nativity Play
- * 6pm Children's Mass with the Nativity Play & Youth Carols
- * ~~No 8pm Mass~~
- * 12.00am Midnight Mass with Christmas Carols

Christmas Day, Monday 25th December:

- * 8.00am Mass
- * 9.30am Mass

CATHOLIC KIDS CLUB:

Christmas

Saturday 2nd December: 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.

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.

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!

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Colin Nicholls, Nicholas Reynolds, Roberto Lay, Brendan Seeto, Frank Duff**

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Arthur Bailey, Kathleen Bailey, Alfonso Pineda, Carlos Herrarte, H. Karvelis, Guy Catchlove, Carol Ann Wilson, Patricia Hundt, Bayani Villanueva, Magdalena Villanueva, Cathy Herbert, Sylvia Torres**

those who are unwell: **Josh Campbell, Antonio Duke, Laura Hernandez, Ellen Garrigan, Katura Henriquez, Corbin Mullamphy, John Mcready, Nicole Araujo, Agnes Hyland, Robyn S.**

PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS WITH THE... *Parish Advent Event*

Let us share in Advent Teachings as we wait for the Lord's arrival with reflections and a variety of family activities for all ages.

Date: 6th, 13th & 20th December 2023

Time: 6:30pm—7:30pm

Place: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sunnybank

Join your parish family for activities centred on Advent as a season of repentance, preparation and joy.

RSVP: By Monday 4th December

Email: sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

Phone: Parish Office, 3345 3766



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



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

69. I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values. At the same time, I cannot deny that it is necessary to be honest and recognize that the most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the national and international level.

70. Nonetheless, every little bit helps, and avoiding an increase of a tenth of a degree in the global temperature would already suffice to alleviate some suffering for many people. Yet what is important is something less quantitative: the need to realize that there are no lasting changes without cultural changes, without a maturing of lifestyles and convictions within societies, and there are no cultural changes without personal changes.

71. Efforts by households to reduce pollution and waste, and to consume with prudence, are creating a new culture. The mere fact that personal, family and community habits are changing is contributing to greater concern about the unfulfilled responsibilities of the political sectors and indignation at the lack of interest shown by the powerful. Let us realize, then, that even though this does not immediately produce a notable effect from the quantitative standpoint, we are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society.

73. "Praise God" is the title of this letter. For when human beings claim to take God's place, they become their own worst enemies.

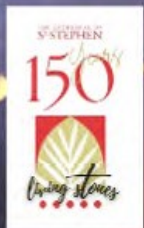
This Advent and Christmas season is a time when we can take to heart the words of Pope Francis and ensure the way we gift each other and celebrate our faith can also care for our common home and its people.

PNG APPEAL & CATHOLIC MISSION UPDATE

This year, the parish has raised \$3566.75 for Catholic Mission, and \$4716.85 for the PNG Appeal.

Well done, and thank you for your generosity!

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



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Help us support disadvantaged people in our
community this Advent!

There are 3 ways in which you can
assist:

1. Take a tag off the tree and fill a shoebox with fun gifts, school supplies and/or hygiene items for that age.
2. Buy an item/s that could go in a shoebox
3. Financial support of the initiative

Operation Shoebox



The tree will be in the church foyer next week.
Parish office can also take donations.



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

UNITE YOUTH SUNNYBANK

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

**SUN DEC 03 2023
AFTER 6PM MASS**

MOVIE NIGHT OUT.
HOYTS SUNNYBANK

FOR MORE INFORMATION
GO TO OUR WEBSITE

OUR LADY OF LOURDES YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL DAY

When: 10th of December 2023, 3:00pm before the 6pm Mass
Everyone aged 18-35 are welcome!



The Youth Choir has been asked to sing the Christmas Carols before the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass.
We are in need of more SINGERS and MUSICIANS

Please text Gabby 0490 479 087
if you would like to join our Youth Choir



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.