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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day, Year B)

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 Isaiah declares the victory of God. The Lord who seemed absent and distant among the ruins has come into sight. The comforter of the people is here.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6 God makes Godself known in all sorts of ways, but none surpass the gift of God's very being found in our own time in the Son.

Gospel: John 1:1-18 This reading meditates on the Word and its part in creation. The creator God of life dwells among us and we are invited to experience this glory.

Tedesco, Joe. "Christmas Day - 25 December 2023." Pastoral Liturgy 54, no. 1 (2023): 1-5.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: Johnny "Boyet" Ticman

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Catherine Miller, Michael Woods, Kenneth Nolan, Gerald Nolan, Mario Cisneros, Luisito R. Mulato**

those who are unwell: **Marie Hutchinson, Armel Bolivar, Esmeralda Berrios, Adrianna Torres, Fr. Ray Sanchez, Chloe Hyland, Delfine Menendez, Graham Small**



St Vincent De Paul - Christmas Appeal



Congratulations and many thanks to the wonderful response to our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

A total of \$15,338 was donated.

In addition to donated food, largely due to the generosity of the OLOL School Community, we have been able to deliver 85 Christmas Hampers to the needy in the parish.

A Happy and Holy Christmas to all! See you in 2024.

The parish office will be closed after Christmas and reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

If you urgently need a priest, email sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au, leave a message at the parish office or call the parish emergency line: 0403 714 177

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The Christmas edition of the Catholic Leader is now available for \$4 in the church foyer. From January 2024, the Catholic Leader will no longer be available from the church, but will continue to be sent to subscribers.

In this edition read about the various groups helping people at Christmas, Brisbane's 2 new permanent Deacons and get a 2024 recipe calendar!



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.



Happy Christmas from the Sunnybank Parish Office

Gabby Enoch Louise Barbara
Megan Abbey Noel Dan Francisca



Monday 25th December

Christmas Day

8.00am Mass
9.30am Mass

Tuesday 26th December

St Stephen

Boxing Day Public Holiday
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass

Wednesday 27th December

St John

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am Mass
9.00am Rosary

Thursday 28th December

The Holy Innocents

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass

Friday 29th December

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am Mass
9.00am Adoration
10.00am Legion of Mary

Saturday 30th December

11.00am **No Reconciliation**
5.00pm **No Reconciliation**
6.00pm Mass

Sunday 31st December

The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

Monday 1st January

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Years Day Public Holiday

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass

Tuesday 2nd January

St Basil the Great &
St Gregory Nazianzen

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am Mass

Wednesday 3rd January

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am Mass
9.00am Rosary

Thursday 4th January

8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass

Friday 5th January

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am Mass
9.00am Adoration
10.00am Legion of Mary

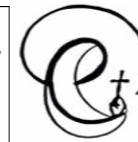
Saturday 6th January

11.00am Reconciliation
5.00pm Reconciliation
6.00pm Mass

Sunday 7th January

The Epiphany of the Lord

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



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Priests: Fr Enoch Iheme (Parish Priest) Fr Francisco Evangelista (Associate Pastor)

The Nativity of the Lord - Monday 25th December 2023

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

Believe me when I say, "God is with us."



To imagine that this is my last 2023 message to you makes me to feel so full of excitement and gratitude to God. How did we all pull through this year? How else could the year has ended? My answers may be different from yours but finally we are all here and with answers. **In all that we could say about 2023, one thing is sure, 'God is with us' and did not abandon us.** This is the Good News of Christmas. We, **"The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light" and we now can sing with the angels "Glory to God in the highest heaven and peace to all who enjoy God's favour."** Happy Christmas and a Blessed 2024.

This year the Archdiocesan data on Mass attendance shows that our Parish made a 40% recovery to our pre-2019 status. This is no mean feat given the overall recovery ratio across many parishes in the Archdiocese. **I dedicate this healthy sign of recovery to God and to the 3 years of intentional, constant, committed and faithful rebuilding of our community by all of you. Special acknowledgement to our Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council** for their unrelenting dedication to providing leadership in the many services and ministries that we offer. I humbly salute the patience and understanding of our Parish staff who have come to realize that ministry is contained in parish administration. **Well done to all in our leadership and administrative team.**

As we come to the end of the year, I feel a sense of accountability to you and to **bring to your attention somethings we may have to consider in 2024. There have been discussions on whether we need all the ministries, all the Liturgies and all the weekend Masses** that we offer here in the Parish. These discussions will lead to **consultations and survey in the 1st half of 2024 before any pastoral decision is taken.** Hence, I call on every parishioner **to pray for our community, consider what you can do and how you can support our Parish ministries in 2024 and beyond.**

I will be taking my annual leave after Christmas and will be visiting my family and friends in Nigeria. I will miss you but will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. **Fr Francis Arackal OP will be assisting Fr Francisco and the Parish staff in ministering to all your pastoral needs in my absence.** Fr Francis Arackal is a Dominican priest who believes that the Media provides News (information) but the Bible provides Good News (words of eternal life). I hope that his reflections during his short stay with us will help us to balance the many news on the media with the Good News in the Bible. **Welcome Fr Francis and enjoy your stay in our lovely parish.**

I wish you all a most wonderful Christmas, memorable holidays and I hope to see you all in February 2024. God bless you, Fr Enoch Iheme

A warm welcome to Fr Francis Arackal who will be visiting the parish and assisting with Masses while Fr Enoch is on holiday. Please keep Fr Francis and his ministry in your prayers.



Next Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2:22-40



First Friday Mass & Morning Tea

2023 At Our Lady of Lourdes

Baptisms:	49
Confirmations:	58
RCIA Candidates:	4
Weddings:	8



Good Friday Passion Play

LENT 2023

ALL NEW PARISH MISSION EVENT PRESENTED BY THE CATHOLIC GUY

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish
121 Mains Road, Sunnybank QLD

2-7 MARCH 2023

FREE ADMISSION

BE CHANGED...BE RENEWED
...BE INSPIRED

FOUR INSPIRING SESSIONS

Session 1	Thursday 2 March	9.15am & 7.00pm
Session 2	Friday 3 March	9.15am & 7.00pm
Session 3	Monday 6 March	9.15am & 7.00pm
Session 4	Tuesday 7 March	9.15am & 7.00pm

OLOL Operation Shoebox



Almost 50 shoeboxes delivered!



Folding Palm Crosses



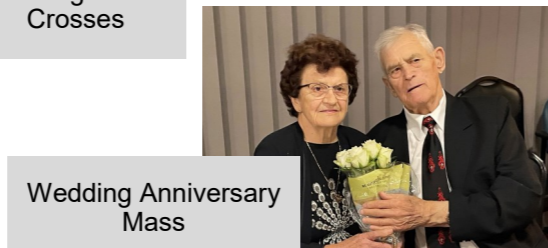
The Cross Saves the Church



World Youth Day



Parish Retreat & Pilgrimage to Marian Valley



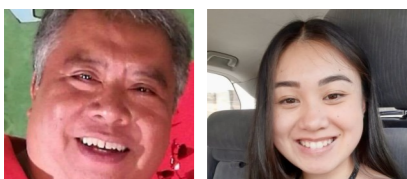
Wedding Anniversary Mass



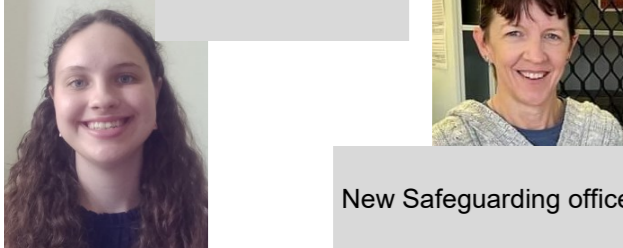
Multicultural Masses



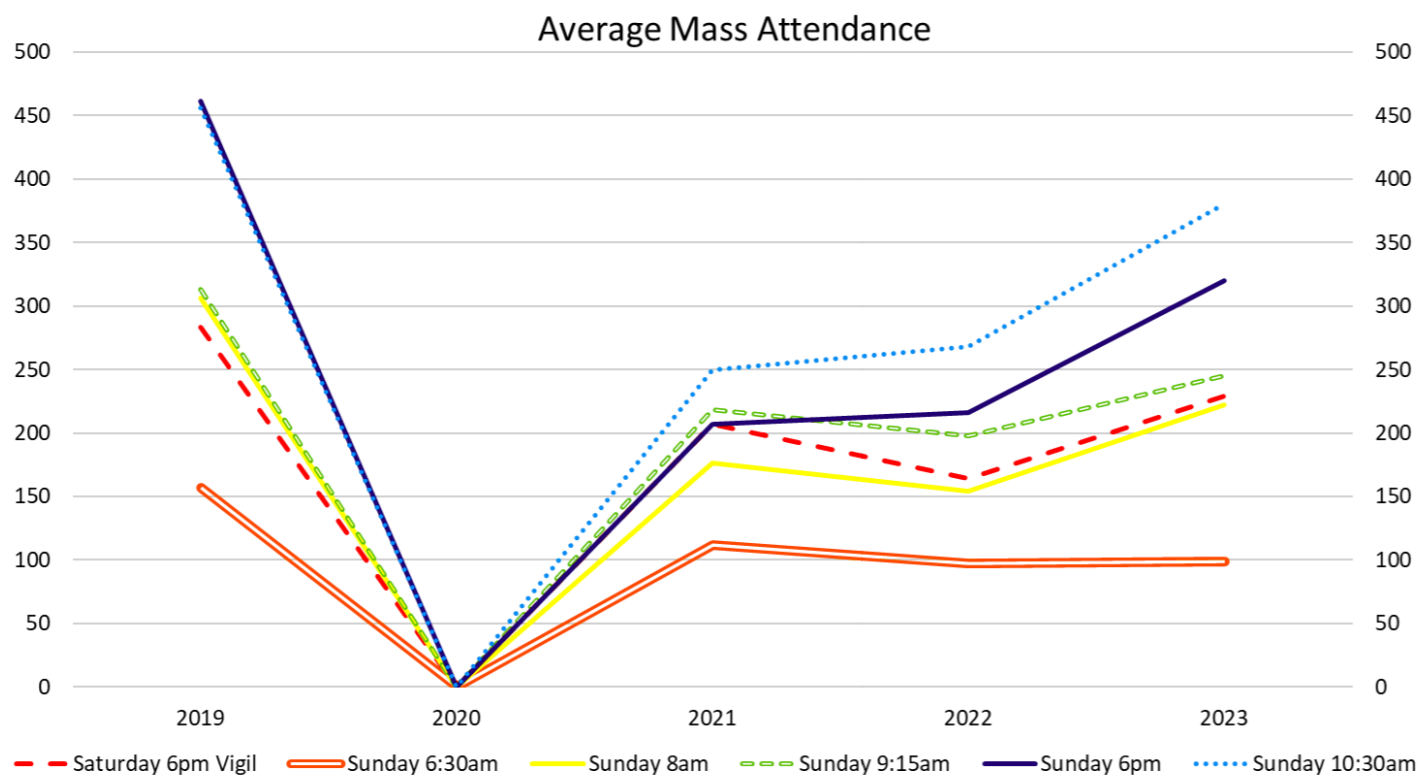
SVDP Sleep Out



New Parish Staff!



New Safeguarding officer



Volunteer Thank You

