



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Monday 26th February

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 27th February

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.30am Bible Study
7.00pm Adoration

Wednesday 28th February

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Thursday 29th February

7.50am Christian Meditation
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am **Mass**

Friday 1st March

6.30am **Mass**
8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
10.00am **Anointing Mass**
10.00am Legion of Mary
6.00pm **Stations of the Cross**

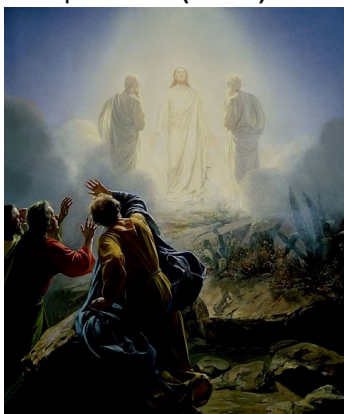
Saturday 2nd March

10.30am **Marian Way of the Cross**
11.00am Reconciliation
2.30pm Charismatic Prayer (English)
5.00pm Reconciliation
6.00pm **Mass**

Sunday 3rd March

Third Sunday of Lent

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



Transfiguration by Carl Bloch, c. 1872. Frederiksberg Castle, Denmark

Second Sunday of Lent - Sunday 25th February 2024

Dear Parishioners,

On this 2nd Sunday of Lent and while meditating on the 1st reading from the book of Genesis 22: 1-18, I feel honoured and humbled to be your parish Priest. When I joined you on 1st January 2019, I had just my story to share but today your story is my story. I started as a 2nd Associate Pastor, then the 1st Associate Pastor and today the Parish Priest. This parish was so alive and vibrant, a community to belong and a parish with lots of opportunities for prayer and spirituality. At the beginning of 2020, the world changed and our parish was affected. Our parish life and ministry was disrupted and we struggled to get back on track.



Our resilience and openness to hear and see where God is leading our community has been my source of encouragement. I am honestly humbled by the generosity of many old and new parishioners who have taken part in multiple ministries to restore the vibrancy of our parish. **I understand and would like to affirm the sacrifices that we make for our parish on this 2024 Ministry Sunday.**

Our annual Ministry Sunday is a day that we set apart to acknowledge **and affirm the variety and richness of the ministries in our Parish.** This weekend **we thank God who has called us to different ministries and services** within and outside our parish. We pray that God may continue to nurture in us the variety of gifts for the building up of the Church.

The reason I began this message by telling my story is to **encourage those parishioners who feel new or having little to offer in the life of the parish.** My story in this parish like Abraham in Genesis 22: 1-18, has a little beginning. In Genesis 22:1-18, God spoke to Abraham 3 times; "Take your son ... offer him as a burnt offering", "Abraham, Abraham, do not raise your hand against the boy" and lastly, "I swear by my own self, I will shower blessings on you". **In our journey of faith, God keeps leading us and I pray that we keep responding to God's call. The 2024 Ministry Sunday Forms will be available in the Church and on our Parish website.** The form is for everyone to commit or recommit to the ministries where you have something to offer. **You are called to consider volunteering in one or two ministries. We will organise Training and Induction sessions for all volunteers once we collate the completed ministry forms.**

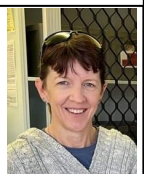
Next weekend we will welcome the children and their families who will be enrolling into the Sacramental Program for Reconciliation. These children have completed their Sacraments of Initiation and are now invited to embrace the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Their enrolment this time of Lent is also a reminder for us to consider going to Confession during this Lent.**

Just a friendly reminder that **the parking at the front of the Church on weekends, is especially reserved for the elderly the handicapped, and those with small children.** Please consider these people and perhaps use the grass carpark near the train station.

God Bless, Fr Enoch Iheme

Welcome to 2024 Ministry Sunday! We hope to see as many of you as possible sign up to volunteer in our wonderful parish. All help is appreciated, whether a little or a lot, it helps make our community so special.

For those of you kind people who already minister in some form can I ask you to check over this weekend that your safe guarding requirements are met. Whether that be police checks, blue cards or online training. We would very much appreciate if this can be completed and the appropriate forms handed into the office so we can keep up to date with keeping all our parishioners and volunteers safe.



Thank You!
Local Safe Guarding Representative

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 This ancient, violent and puzzling story must be carefully interpreted in order to avoid the mistake of imagining our Creator God would ever desire or demand violence to be inflicted upon anyone.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34 Saint Paul assures us that Christ, the risen Jesus, is always acting for us as our mediator with God. We cannot be separated from the love of Christ who stands always by our side.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10 This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!

Purcell, Michele. "Second Sunday of Lent - 25 February 2024." Pastoral Liturgy 54, no. 2 (2024): 1-7

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES IN LENT

Extra Friday Morning Mass

During Lent, there will be an additional **Friday morning Mass at 6:30am**, starting on Friday 16 February.



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held weekly, beginning on **Friday 16 February at 6pm**.

Marian Way of the Cross

Instead of Novena, we will be having Marian Way of the Cross on **Saturday mornings from 10am**.

Lent Reconciliation

In preparation for Easter, the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on **Wednesday 20 March at 6pm**. Individual reconciliation is also held every **Saturday at 11am and 5pm**.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Held every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.

Christian Meditation

Meets on **Thursdays at 7:50am** in the media room.

SUNNYBANK PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS:

Welcome back! Our first meeting is a registration day on Wednesday 28th February. We will be entertained by Vintage Choir, meeting 9:30am - 11:30am. We hope to see you there!

Inquiries to Haji Kelly at 0438 734 706 or 3273 1802.



OLOL MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST

An invitation is extended to all the men of our Parish to come along and enjoy breakfast on the first Saturday of each month.

Our next breakfast will be held on **Saturday 2nd March from 7am**, in the Avocado Room of Paloma Centre. A full BBQ breakfast plus tea, coffee and juices will be available for the usual **\$10 per person**.



If you would like to attend, please contact Ronnie (0400 738 811) to register.

AGEING WISELY: FREE SEMINAR

The Archdiocese of Brisbane's free Ageing Wisely seminar provides advice and information on a range of pertinent matters, as a service to older parishioners.

Date: Tuesday 12 March

Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes,
121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank

RSVP: To sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au
by Thursday 7 March

Morning tea and lunch will be provided free of charge.

FAREWELL FR FRANCIS!



A big thank you to Fr Francis who led this year's Parish Mission Retreat! We wish him well as his time in our parish draws to a close. Please keep him and his ministry in your prayers as he returns to India.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



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.

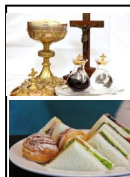


Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: Irene Garcia Flores, Fumio Shimamoto, Hernan Montalva, Robert Woods, Fr Ian Wren, Alfred Gangemi, Zenon Fortozo

those with anniversaries & others who have died: Arthur & Kathleen Bailey, Amelia Guerrero, Lydia Cruz, Jamie & Jose Alarcon, Gladwyn Catchlove, Rosanna Collins, Peg McKey, Yvonne Stranks, Maria Rietberg, Carol Wilson, Therese Dutton, Bernardo Cas Nopre, Marie Barker, Pushparani Martin

those who are unwell: Robyn S., John Mcready, Mario Minero, Thomas Huey, Ana Luz Figueroa, Katherine Ortiz



ANOINTING MASS & MORNING TEA

First Friday Anointing Mass will be held on **Friday 1 February at 10am**. This will be followed by Morning Tea in the Avocado Room. All are welcome, see you there!

SVDP

St Vincent de Paul has functioned in the parish for many years and is a vital source of help for many people in our local area. During the course of a week, we can see up to 25 families plus single men and women; visiting them and helping them with the basic needs of life.

Volunteers go out in pairs and the time commitment is only a couple of hours a week plus a short meeting once a fortnight. Training and resources are provided.

If you are looking for a way to answer God's call in your life to show His love in our community, joining the Sunnybank conference of SVDP may be the answer.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please indicate this by ticking the SVDP box on the form this Mission Weekend. We will contact you with more info.

Please help us keep this vital mission going in 2024.



2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

Sacrament of Reconciliation

For those who received their First Communion last year, the Sacramental Program will conclude with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parent Info Session:

Sunday 25th February, 1pm
OLOL School Auditorium

Rite of Enrolment Masses: (during weekend Mass)

Saturday 2nd March, 6pm
Sunday 3rd March, 9:15am, 10:30am & 6pm

Key Formation Session 1:

Sunday 10th March, 1pm
OLOL Primary School Auditorium

Key Formation Session 2:

Sunday 17th March, 1pm
OLOL Primary School Auditorium

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday 19th March, 5pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

If you have any questions, please email the parish office at: pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME 2ND WEEK OF LENT

Lent is a time of repentance and fasting, of turning away from all that is counter to God's will and purposes for his world and all who live in it. We can focus our Lenten 'acts of love and sacrifice' on our contribution to climate change, and those most impacted by it. Each week with a different focus on actions for care of our common home and its people.

Energy: Minimise energy emissions by increasing energy efficiency and adopting renewable energy sources where possible.

25th Feb: How are our church and homes saving energy? Are the light globes energy saving, what kind of heating and cooling used?

26th Feb: Visualise the millions of people taking action for our Earth – together we have power – try meat free Mondays during Lent.

27th Feb: Map your movement – when can you share a lift/take public transport or walk?

28th Feb: Analyse your clothes washing – what can you do to save water and energy?

29th Feb: Save your cents – switch off appliances at the wall to save electricity.

1st March: Join people around the world fasting for the planet on the 1st of every month.

2nd March: No electronics day! Challenge yourself to not use any electronics today.



RETIREMENT OF FR ALBERT CHAN

Fr Albert Chan the chaplain of the Chinese Catholic Community in Brisbane will be departing Brisbane for his retirement in Sydney on 11 March. There will be a **Thanksgiving & Farewell Mass** for him at the Sacred Heart Centre on **Sunday 3 March at 10:30am**.

Please RSVP before 28 February to 0401 578 189 or sacredheart@cccbrisbane.org.au

SUNNYBANK SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY

In his Christmas Day "Urbi et Orbi" address, Pope Francis said that Israel's bombardment of Gaza is reaping an "appalling harvest" of innocent civilians. He also called the October 7 attack on Israel by Hamas "abominable" as he appealed for an end to hostilities.

The Vatican, which has diplomatic relations with both Israel and the Palestinian Authorities, believes a two-state solution is the only answer to the long-running conflict. Francis called for "persevering dialogue between the parties, sustained by strong political will and the support of the international community".

The monthly community meeting will be held in **ARMIA House, Mains Road**, opposite the church on **Thursday 29th February commencing at 7pm**. All are invited to join the discussion and to plan activities for 2024.



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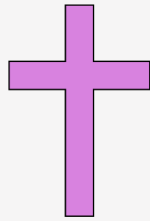
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Community



"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"
Matthew 18:20

Dates

~~9 February~~

~~23 February~~

8 March

22 March

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UNITE TEENS

FUN, FAITH, FRIENDS



Unite Youth- Sunnybank
@uniteyouth.sunnybank



7pm -9pm



Avocado Room, OLOL Parish Church

Young Adults Events

FEBRUARY
Young Adults Night
Sunday 25th

TIMES
After 6pm
youth mass
and BBQ

COME HANG OUT AND GROW WITH OTHER YOUNG ADULTS

Avocado Room
@uniteyouth.sunnybank
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UNITE ADULT
SUNNYBANK



OLOL MINISTRY SUNDAY INVITATION

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER IN A MINISTRY

- Come serve in:**
- Weekend & Youth Mass
 - Evangelisation
 - Outreach
 - Maintenance
 - Care & Concern

Can you give some time to the parish?

'Thanks be to God who has blessed the Sunnybank Parish with varieties of gifts and ministries. We believe that the same God activates these gifts in everyone. Listen and answer the call of the Spirit for the common good of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Your service is needed!'

- Fr. Enoch IHEME, Sunnybank Parish Priest

Ministry Sunday 2024: February 24 & 25