



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

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

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Fr Francisco Evangelista (Associate Pastor)

Monday 11th March

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 12th March

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

Wednesday 13th March

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Thursday 14th March

7.50am Christian Meditation
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass

Friday 15th March

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

Saturday 16th March

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

Sunday 17th March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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



Moses and the Brazen Serpent by Adriaen van Nieulandt the younger c. 1640. Dayton Art Institute.

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Sunday 10th March 2024

Dear friends,

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, the gospel presents us with the Cross as a "sign of attraction". **The Cross of Christ is, at the same time, an instrument of demotion and exaltation.** The Cross is the fruit of love. In the Gospel we hear that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." **For Christians, contemplating the Cross of Jesus Christ is a source of serene joy, because we see in it the clearest manifestation of God's love.**



This Sunday's liturgy invites us to **meditate on the love of God**, which is as unique, as God Himself, who is revealed concretely in the History of Salvation. **From the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation, we hear the story of God's unconditional love for us.**

We can try to understand God's love in stages; **the first stage of God's love for us begins before time and history. God is love in himself, and this love precedes creation.** We were already contemplated in his love before creation, like creatures hidden in the bosom and in the thoughts of the One who generated them.

The second stage is creation, which is the revelation of the love hidden in God's own eternity. Creation is the first act of God's love for creatures and **the reason for our existence is divine love.** God creates to expand his love, because love is the expansion of itself. **In order to manifest itself, love needs to spread.**

The third stage of God's love is called Jesus Christ. Jesus is the love of God made flesh; the visible manifestation of the Father's love. It was not enough for God to love himself; He wanted to love and be loved by someone outside of himself. In Jesus, God's love is adapted to our human condition that needs to be seen, to be felt, and be touched. Jesus' love for us is strong, constant and ultimately revealed by His death on the Cross.

The fourth stage of God's love dwells within us and is called the Holy Spirit. The love of God that was manifested in Jesus Christ remains among us and vivifies the Church through the Holy Spirit. This reciprocal love between the Father and the Son is the living memory of Jesus Christ that spread among believers. **The Holy Spirit is the great proof of God's love and makes God's love a current reality, today and forever.**

The entire story of God with human beings is a great love story. God who out of love creates, gives life, chooses a people to be present among them and becomes "flesh" in Jesus Christ to save us. **Love seeks the good of the loved one.**

On Tuesday the parish will be hosting the **Ageing Wisely Seminar**, which seeks to help people navigate the various circumstances that come with ageing wisely. A big thank you to the guest speakers, the Archdiocese of Brisbane and Holy Cross Funerals for organising this event, and **a warm welcome to parishioners and guests from outside the parish who will be attending.**

God Bless, Fr Francisco Evangelista

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-30

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Disobedience, exile, and God's redemptive action in human history are on display during this short account of the Babylonian exile of God's People.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10 Paul reminds the Church of Ephesus – and reminds us – that our own efforts do not achieve our redemption. Salvation comes from the God's gracious gift made manifest in Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 3:14-21 Jesus makes a clear link in today's Gospel between the bronze serpent lifted up by Moses in the desert and the salvation that will be possible by Jesus being lifted up on the Cross, an action that is the new focal point of our salvation.

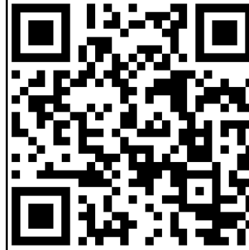
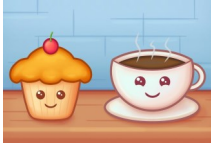
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Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

When: Monday 11 March 9:30am

Where: Chatterbox Coffee Shop,
Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown,
661 Compton Road, Sunnybank Hills.

All are welcome!



OLOL MINISTRY SUNDAY INVITATION

SCAN QR CODE TO
REGISTER IN A
MINISTRY

Come serve in:

- Weekend & Youth Mass
- Evangelisation
- Outreach
- Maintenance
- Care & Concern

It's not too late, volunteer now!

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES



After morning Mass on **Wednesday 20 March & Thursday 21 March**, we will be making Palm crosses in the media room. If you can spare an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated. It is a lovely way to meet fellow parishioners.

All you need to bring is a pair of scissors and willing hands. Morning tea will be provided.

Any queries please contact Ben & Clare on 0421 341 763
God Bless!

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.

Legion of Mary

Meets on **Fridays at 10am** in the media room.



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.

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

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

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



Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **John William Tomi**, Josephine Dinglasan Bhatti, Luciano Ferrari

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Lidia LoPresti, Teresita de Leon, Mario Dias, Greg O'Mara, Eddy Hartano, Gloria Pineda, Gloria Salonga, Queenie Sinclair, Derek Gordon**

those who are unwell: **Maria Turner, Rodrigo Zapata, Katherine Ortiz, Esmeralda Berrios, Peter Morandini**



SUNNYBANK PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS:

The next meeting is on Wednesday 27 March and we will be having a craft morning with Bunnings.

Also, bookings will be taken for our bus trip to Pimpama on 24 April to see the show "Keeping Up Appearances" with Hyacinth Bucket. Cost is \$45

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



CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME 4TH 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.

Water: Minimise water consumption and reduce water wastage

10th March: Water is sacred: How 'water-savvy' is your church? Look at the bathrooms and kitchens. John 4:7-15

11th March: Think about the Christian rituals of baptisms and Eucharist – how is water sacred? (Meat Free Monday)

12th March: Ban the Bottle! Commit to no bottled water from today onwards. Buy a strong bottle and drink tap water.

13th March: Turn off taps: Do you ever leave a tap running? Brushing teeth? Rinsing veggies? Washing up?

14th March: Water wise - Only fill the kettle with as much water as you need.

15th March: Fix leaks at home & report public water leaks to the Municipality.

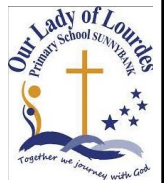
16th March: Find out where you were baptised and which river that water came from. Give thanks to God for the river!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL TOUR

We are please to welcome prospective students and families to Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School to view our school facilities and learn more about our school.

When: Tuesday 12 March at 9:15am

RSVP: OLOLenrolments@bne.catholic.edu.au 3345 0736



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane 4000

A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE
ALL WELCOME

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM
A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS

St Thomas More College
SUNNYBANK
Do More. Be More.

VISITORS' DAY COLLEGE TOURS

TUESDAY
26 MARCH 2024
3.45pm

The Thomas More Café will be open for afternoon tea.

Register at
[JTA.link/STMCTours](https://jta.link/STMCTours)

150 BENEDECTUS
a Photographic Exhibition
by Alan Edgecomb
Purple Moon Photography
grand opening by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

exhibition duration 10 am - 4 pm
16 - 22 March
location Hanly Room
cost free

LITURGY IN FOCUS

Join internationally acclaimed Catholic speaker Fr Richard Leonard SJ as he presents... *Living Liturgy: Being Sent Out on Mission to the World*



When: Wednesday 13 March, 7pm-8:45pm

(60 min presentation, 20 min tea/coffee/chat, 20 min Q&A)

Where: Hanly, Room, Francis Rush Centre (located beside the Cathedral)

Cost: \$10pp (or \$8pp for bookings of 5 or more)

For more information and to register, go to:
liturgybrisbaneworkshops.weebly.com/richard-leonard.html



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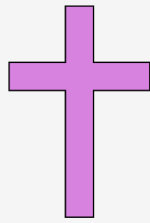
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Community



"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



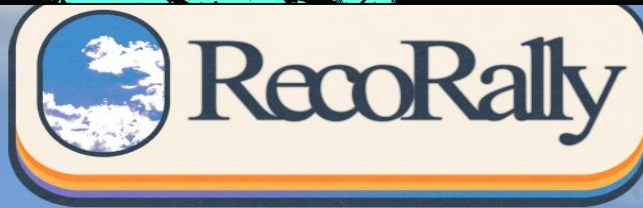
Unite Youth- Sunnybank
@uniteyouth.sunnybank



7pm -9pm



Avocado Room, OLOL Parish Church



MARCH 22ND 2024
6-8.30PM

Padua College Kedron

live music, games,
prizes, prayer,
input &
Reconciliation

Good Friday Drama



Grade 7+
(YA included)



2pm and 4pm
Good Friday Liturgies

Rehearsal Times:

17 March After 7 - 8:15pm

24 March 7-8:00pm

29 March 11am - 1:30

* Lunch provided 29 March*



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.