



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 18th March

St Patrick

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 19th March

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday 20th March

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
6:00pm **Reconciliation**

Thursday 21st March

7.50am Christian Meditation
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass
9.30am Palm Cross Folding

Friday 22nd March

6.30am **Mass**
8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.00am Palm Cross Folding
10.00am Legion of Mary
6.00pm **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday 23rd March

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

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

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



With Passover Approaching, Jesus Goes Up to Jerusalem by James Tissot c. 1886-94. Brooklyn Museum.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Sunday 17th March 2024

Dear Parishioners and Friends,



There are and always will be people who would want to see Jesus.

In the passage of the Gospel according to St. John, which we read on the 5th Sunday of Lent in year B, we hear that some Greeks came to see Jesus. In the historical context of the passage, to be Greek was to be a gentile; someone who had no appreciation of the promise or the coming of the Messiah. **However, their desire to see Jesus is a vital seed of faith to be planted and watered by the disciples of Jesus.** Those Greeks could be likened to all those who today approach the church wanting to see or know more about Jesus. They may choose to be anonymous or to join the RCIA program. **Whoever they are among us, they are potential Christian disciples.**

Whenever adults come to faith and are celebrated through the RCIA and the Easter liturgies, we are called to experience our faith anew. Their newfound faith renews our old lived faith. While they relish the history of our faith journey, we appreciate the vigour of their faith even in the midst of our secular society. **Let us pray for those among them who will be having their final scrutiny this Sunday in preparation for their Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil Celebrations.**

Our Responsorial Psalm this Sunday ushers us into the week that I love to call Reconciliation week. **On Tuesday 19th March, some of our children who have had their Confirmation and First Holy Communion will have their Sacrament of Penance** to conclude their Sacramental Program. **Thanks to parents and catechists for teaching and supporting these children.** I hope that we have been able to help them to see Jesus through the sacraments they have received and will continue to receive.

In preparation for a holy and gracious Easter for everyone, there will be the celebration of the **2nd Rite of the Sacrament of Penance on Wednesday 20th March at 6pm.** We will continue to offer the **1st Rite of the Sacrament of Penance, that is the auricular confession every Saturday at 11am and 5pm.**

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 21st March at 7pm and you are invited to come if you can. The Holy Oils of Baptism, Anointing and Chrism will be blessed and consecrated in the Chrism Mass. These oils will then be used for the sacramental wellbeing of the people of God throughout the year until the next Chrism Mass.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the Holy Week. Palm Crosses will be provided for everyone and we are expected to take them home after Mass to be kept for Ash Wednesday next year. The Passion narrative of Jesus Christ will be read on Palm Sunday as well as on Good Friday. **It is my hope that these solemn prayer opportunities will avail us the grace of a holy Easter and means to see Jesus.**

God Bless you,

Fr Enoch Iheme

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Through the Prophet Jeremiah, we hear of a new covenant to be established by God, based on a law written in the hearts of God's People rather than on stone.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9 We are called to reflect on the obedience of Christ, an obedience that took him to the Cross and brought salvation to all humanity.

Gospel: John 12:20-33 Jesus reflects on the events that are about to unfold, events that will see Jesus go to the Cross in obedience to the Father. In embracing the Cross, Jesus brings new life to all who follow him.

Doohan, Andrew. "Fifth Sunday of Lent - 17 March 2024." Pastoral Liturgy 54, no. 2 (2024): 1-6.

PALM SUNDAY CROSSES



After morning Mass on **Thursday 21 March & Friday 22 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

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 EASTER MASS / SERVICE TIMES

Holy Thursday - 28th March

8:30 am - Morning Prayer

7:00 pm - **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Good Friday - 29th March

9:00 am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Stations of the Cross

2:00 pm - **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

4:00 pm - **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

Holy Saturday - 30th March

9:00 am - Morning Prayer

7:00 pm - **Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday - 31st March

6:30 am - **Mass**

8:00 am - **Mass**

9:15 am - **Mass**

10:30 am - **Mass**

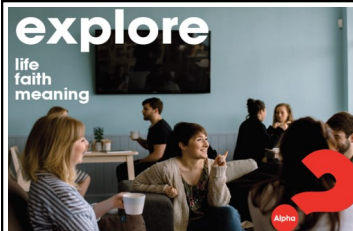


EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION



Community Cuppa & Celebration Cake will be offered following the Easter Vigil Mass. Please join with us and make this a special evening for those who have received the Easter sacraments of initiation and become full members of our parish. **A contribution of a plate of finger food to share would be appreciated.**

Please join with the community in this celebration!



ALPHA

Are you looking to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning?

Invite your friends who don't connect with faith to explore the possibility of ALPHA in a friendly, open and informal environment!

Commencing Tuesday 30 April in the Avocado Room (6:15pm for 6:30pm start)

To find out more or to register, please contact the parish office on 3345 3766. Please note: **Numbers are limited**

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

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: Maria Turner, Rizalina Tomale-Ang, Jose Gilberto Barrera, Esther Margarita Flores, Alfredo Salonga, William Bricknell, Michael Harvey, Pedro Taylor, Liliy Maganaka, Romeo Enhaynes, Jaime Romero, Alexis Lucero, John William Tomi

those with anniversaries & others who have died: James Mercy, Del Whittaker, Yvonne Augustine, Antonija Babic, George Coley, James Miller, Mary Dias, Erlinda Abella, Rodrigo Abella, Nino Abella, Arnold Lanoa, Marina Sanchez, Francisco Hernandez, George Maganka, Tony Van der tott, Lidia LoPresti, Teresita de Leon, Mario Dias, Greg O'Mara, Eddy Hartano, Gloria Pineda, Gloria Salonga

those who are unwell: Jose Zapata, Rodrigo Zapata, Katherine Ortiz



2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

FUNERAL NOTICE: Maria Turner

Relatives and friends of Maria Turner are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wednesday 20 February at 11am.**

If you can't make it in person, the link to the live stream is: <https://youtube.com/live/i47ro3qhBnQ?feature=share>

LENT RECONCILIATION

In preparation for Easter, the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held in the church on **Wednesday 20 March at 6pm.** There will be 4 priests available for Confession, including Sunnybank's very own Fr Enoch & Fr Francisco.

All are welcome, whether you go to confession every week or it's the first time in a long time.

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

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 5TH 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.

Plants are a fine way to heed Pope Francis's call "to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family."

17th March: How Green is your Church? Walk around & dream of what could be grown. **Genesis 1:11-12**

18th March: Ponder this: What does it mean to be "of the Earth?" (Meat Free Monday)

19th March: Create a natural weed-killer with vinegar and a squirt of dishwashing liquid.

20th March: Plant a tree! Think of a place to plant a tree and make it happen this month!

21st March: Green Gifts - Choose plants as birthday or other gifts this year.

22nd March: Be a Gardener - Grow herbs, veggies or plants in your home. (Fish Friday)

23rd March: Commit to 5 lifestyle changes of your carbon fast to continue in the future.

SUNNYBANK SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY ALMSGIVING - AN EXPRESSION OF GENEROSITY

Generosity is most heartwarming when it is a habit. We see it in people whose first inclination is to give something to a deserving person, to subscribe to an appeal, to stop and listen to a hard luck story, to think first of persons affected by war and economic crises and to welcome people into their homes and to go out of their way to help.

Generosity is attractive in individual persons and also when seen in local communities and government. People who have been in good hospitals have commented on how, in their encounters with nurses, doctors and others, they have found respect and attention that valued them.

When working in enterprises that rely on generosity for survival, many of us who are not naturally generous feel both shame and gratitude at the support given to us by people with few resources. It is also a privilege to be vicariously generous by doing things like highlighting projects in need of resources, introducing writers to readers, and encouraging second thoughts for hardened minds. This Lent, let us be practical in our almsgiving.

Andrew Hamilton SJ

The next meeting will be on Thursday 21st March, 7pm in ARMIA House, Mains Road. All are welcome!



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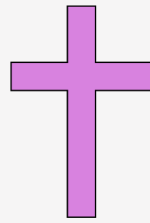
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Community



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

Matthew 18;20

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*



Unite Teens 22 March

For our highschoolers (7-12) we will be taking a group and we are providing transport. Please contact Abbey for more information and to register.



Unite Teens 22 March



Game's Hangout

Year 6's Only!
Avocado Room
7-8:30pm



Please contact Abbey for more information.



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.