



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 8th April

The Annunciation of the Lord

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 9th April

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
7.00pm Adoration

Wednesday 10th April

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Thursday 11th April

St Stanislaus

7.50am Christian Meditation
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am Mass

Friday 12th April

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

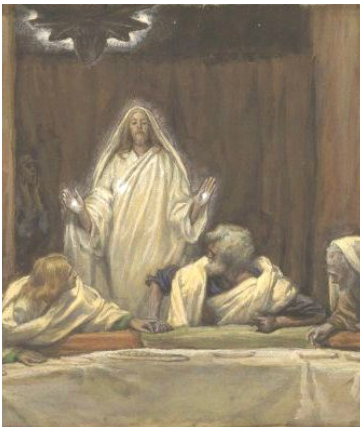
Saturday 13th April

10.00am Rosary & Novena
11.00am Reconciliation
2.30pm Charismatic Prayer
(English)
5.00pm Reconciliation
6.00pm **Mass**

Sunday 14th April

3rd Sunday of Easter

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



*Apparition du Christ au cénacle
(The Appearance of Christ at the Cenacle)
by James Tissot, c. 1886-1894.
Brooklyn Museum*

Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday 7th April 2024

Dear Parishioners,

It is still proper to wish you; Happy Easter! I would like to acknowledge the generosity of our volunteers and the very positive feedback after our Easter Liturgies. This Second Sunday of Easter is known as Divine Mercy Sunday, established by Pope John Paul II in 2000. The liturgy shows how the mercy of God rebuilds our relationship with God and creates new relationships of fraternal solidarity among people. We not only receive and experience God's mercy, but we are also called to have mercy towards others. Mercy can be experienced or expressed in many ways; in the forgiveness of sins; in meeting the needs of all people; in bearing the weakness of others and becoming the face of Jesus to the doubtful.



Divine Mercy and Divine Love is completely free, not the result of merit. As God's love is endless, Divine Mercy is also everlasting. God demonstrates His merciful love for us through the death and resurrection of Christ while we are still sinners. Divine Mercy is the first and eternal love of God who is the Father and the source of all true human love, even the most limited. God's love for us is not because of our "works" or our "merits".

Mercy is not simply love: it is a love that knows no limits, barriers, obstacles, frontiers: it is a love that knows how to love even those who have become "unworthy". The merciful not just give something to the poor or needy, but also to those who are "unworthy" of being given a gift. Mercy is a special power of love, which prevails over hatred, disloyalty and ingratitude.

Thank you for the good response to Ministry Sunday 2024! There are many new volunteers in our Evangelisation, Maintenance, Hospitality, Outreach and Care & Concern ministries. However, more volunteers are needed for our weekend Masses. To comfortably run each of our Masses, we need at least 20 volunteers to fill the roles of Mass Coordinator, commentator, readers, special ministers of Holy Communion, collectors, altar servers, musicians, singers and computer operators. At the moment some Mass Coordinators struggle to maintain a regular roster. Tell the person next to you to consider taking up a role in our Masses. 2024 Ministry Sunday Forms are still available and training will be provided on the following dates; Saturday 13 April, Monday 15th April and Thursday 18th April. Contact the parish office for more information.

God bless you and may the light of the resurrected Jesus enlighten everyone.

Fr Francisco Evangelista

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Eternal God,
in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent,
but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen.



Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday (Year B)

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 The season of Easter features the Acts of the Apostles for the first readings. They witness to the emerging early Church. Today we hear the interdependent nature of that community and the singular purpose which drove them; to be witnesses to the living Jesus Christ.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 As we grow in love and faith in Christ, we draw on the power of God that 'conquers the world'. The world here represents all evil that stands in opposition to Christ and the values Christians are called to hold. As children of God, we share in God's victory allowing us to live the rich life of Christ.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 Unlike Thomas, we cannot see and touch the risen Christ in the flesh. However, this is not an impediment to faith. Indeed, we are invited to a special place of blessing that comes from not seeing yet believing.

Tedesco, Joe. "Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) - 7 April 2024." Pastoral Liturgy 54, no. 2 (2024): 1-6.

RCIA: A Journey Into Faith For Adults



Ron De Guzman:

"Coming back to church I came to pursue a journey in discovering my faith.

I was not expecting the incredible experience I've had being initiated into the church. The people and the mentors that are within this church are the core and heart of this community from the Priests to the church ministers and the great friends I've made along the way is what made my experience a fulfilling and life changing journey. My own heart was always deep rooted in having faith that God exists but during this journey and with all the knowledge and wisdom I've attained from every volunteer within the initiation program really pulled my deep rooted faith into the forefront of my own life.

This journey transformed my belief in God to knowing that God is real and alive today. I think that it's rare to find such faith within a church but now it's clear to me that God is present amongst us within this blessed community."

Elizabeth Thomas:

"Before my first visit, I did not know what to expect but I received a lot more than I could have ever asked for. Coming from a Buddhist family the experience of being a part of the church was so unique to me. The community and the environment that surrounds this church is so friendly and welcoming, I truly felt at home. The educational sessions helped me to gain an understanding of the background of the Catholic faith and how much it plays a part within my life right now. Having these understandings and experiences made me feel so much more connected to God and helped me appreciate every moment that passes by."

PARISH COMMUNITY WEEKEND



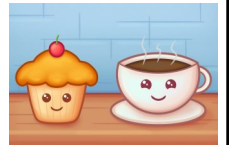
Come celebrate with us on the weekend of **6 & 7 April** at the usual Masses and share a 'cuppa' and meet new friends and old. The Welcoming Group invites you to stay for a while after Mass and get to know your fellow parishioners. See you there!

Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

When: Monday 9 April 9:30am

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

All are welcome!



*There's A Seat For You
At The Table...*

At ALPHA, you can ask anything! ALPHA is a safe space where you can ask questions about life, faith and meaning. The great news is *ALPHA runs here*. Right now, a seat at the table has been prepared for you, all you have to do is come.

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

Register via the sign up sheet in the church foyer or by contacting the parish office on 3345 3766.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

If you are a newcomer, we are honoured to have you celebrate with us, and would like to have the opportunity to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.



If you would like to hear more about our caring faith community, please take a New Parishioner form from the front of the Church and send it to the parish office.

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Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

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Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

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Your Prayers Are Asked For:

recently deceased: **Grace de Leon, Rizalina Ang, Marilyn Atkinson, Marlene Poynton, Clarissa C. Onofaro, Hector Ramirez, Lizbeth Rodriguez,** Elide William Sonego, Kerry Davison, Oscar Corona

those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Shirley Kiehne, Joan Torbey, Dominic Linton, Kathleen Barrett,** Theodora Salonga, Elizabeth Aspillaga

those who are unwell: **Anne Fletcher, Frank Staunton, Marco Berrios, Miriam Castillo,** Julio Vega, Brett Francois, Carlos Figueroa, Carol Ann Grace, John Sumera

SUNNYBANK PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS:

Our next meeting in on Wednesday 24 April.

Darryl McCormack from Centacare will be giving a talk on services for seniors. Bookings will be taken for our bus trip to Pimpama on **16 May to see a show, "Keeping Up Appearances" at a cost of \$45.**

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



PARISH LIBRARY

In the **MEDIA ROOM** next to the Church

OPEN: 7:30am - 12noon, this Sunday 7 April.

Recently donated books are currently being added to the shelves.

Come and look...find something of interest... borrow for 1 month!

We have well over 1000 books, and our on-line catalogue can be accessed through Our Lady of Lourdes website:

- ⇒ menu
- ⇒ contacts & links
- ⇒ forms & downloads
- ⇒ parish library listing

or via this link:

<https://www.olol.com.au/uploads/1/0/3/8/103877698/parishlibrarylisting.pdf>



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

Children aged 8 to 10 are eligible for this year's Sacramental Program, which begins with Confirmation. Registration are now open.

Parent Info Session:

Sunday 19th May, 1pm
OLOL School Auditorium

Rite of Enrolment Masses: (during weekend Mass)

Saturday 25 May, 6pm
Sunday 26 May, 9:15am, 10:30am & 6pm

Key Formation Session 1:

Sunday 2nd June, 1pm
OLOL Primary School Auditorium

Key Formation Session 2:

Sunday 9th June, 1pm
OLOL Primary School Auditorium

Rehearsal:

Sunday 16th June, 3pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Sacrament of Confirmation:

Thursday 20 June, 6pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

If you have any questions, please email the parish office at:

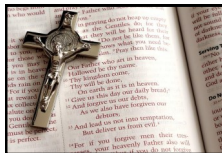
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BIBLE STUDY - FAITH FORMATION

When: Tuesdays, 9:30am-10.30am

Where: The Media Room

Weekly Bible Study is on hiatus and will resume Tuesday 16th April.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - APRIL 2024

For The Role Of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



ANZAC DAY 2024

The parish will be celebrating **ANZAC Day Mass at 9am on Thursday 25 April.** As part of our celebration, we would like to put a face to the names of all those our relatives and parishioners who served and died to secure our peace and freedom.

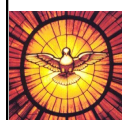
We will be using last year's photo presentation, so if there is anyone new to be included, please contact the parish office with their Photos, Names, Time & Places of service; and their connection to us.

Following Mass, the Welcoming & Hospitality Committee will be serving a cuppa with ANZAC biscuits to share.



SUNNYBANK CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting:



Saturday 6 April - Spanish Prayer Meeting
Saturday 13 April - English Prayer Meeting
Saturday 20 April - Spanish Prayer Meeting
Saturday 27 April - English Prayer Meeting

Held in the Media Room, 2:30pm to 5pm.

All Welcome! Contact the parish office for more info.

If you would like to start receiving the parish newsletter via email,

please contact the parish office at

sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au



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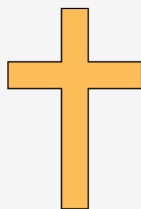
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Centacare

Service Leader -

Darryl McCormack

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Community



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



Thank you to all who assisted in making Holy Week at OLOL so special. Special mentions to our Young Adults, Musicians, Teens, Mass Team and Fathers Francisco & Enoch for their assistance on Good Friday.



7pm -9pm

17 May

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3 May

31st May

**UNITE
TEENS
Term 2 2024**

19 April

14 June



Yrs 6-12

Avocado and
Jacaranda Rooms



**Archbishop's
VOCATIONS DINNER 2024**
for WOMEN 18 APRIL

**A night of discussion and discernment
with the Archbishop.**

When: Thursday 18th April, 6pm-8:30pm

Where: Wynberg, Newfarm

RSVP: vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



LAUNCH
A day of riding coasters. A night of praise with friends.



18 May

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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.

SAFEGUARDING

