



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 15th April

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 16th April

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.30am Bible Study

Wednesday 17th April

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Thursday 18th April

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

Friday 19th April

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

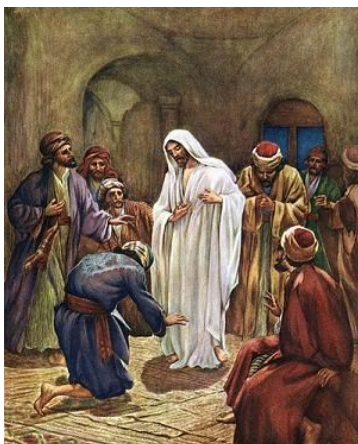
Saturday 20th April

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

Sunday 21st April

*Good Shepherd Sunday
4th Sunday of Easter*

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



Jesus Appears to the Disciples
by William Hole, c. 1906.
"The Life of Jesus of Nazareth: 80 Pictures"
(Eyre * Sporriswoode, 1906)

Third Sunday of Easter - Sunday 14th April 2024

Dear Parishioners,

The Easter message as the high point in the entire history of human salvation offers Christians of every generation the empowering experience to be witnesses of Jesus Christ. **The Scripture and Tradition of the Church are based around the story of human salvation as revealed by God and witnessed by Christians down the centuries.** In the early days after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples multiple times and in different settings. To renew the faith of his disciples, Jesus would show them his wounds, breath on them and eat with them. **In every of the post Resurrection encounter, the disciples were left empowered, transformed and commissioned to become witnesses.** Till this day and for the church, the "Breaking of Bread" as a sacrament, has been "at the service of communion and the mission of the faithful" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1211).



For us here in Sunnybank, our gathering for the breaking of bread for about 70 years, has offered us the opportunity to pray, build our community, recognise Jesus and become disciples. **Recently, we introduced a Parish Prayer to be said together at the start of every weekend Mass on the first weekend of every month.** In this prayer, we thank God for our community where everyone is respected and valued, as well as ask for the grace to become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. Becoming intentional disciples of Jesus Christ entails recognising the person of Jesus Christ and his mission for us as a community and as individuals. Hence, **I would like to encourage parishioners in this Year of Prayer, to include the Parish Prayer in their personal daily prayer.**

It is time to revisit the ongoing discussions on the possibility of changing our weekend Mass Times. Like the Catholic Church, I love tradition and will always like to maintain traditions but a big part of our tradition is "Ecclesia Semper Reformanda." The Church is always even if it is slowly changing. In the almost 70 years of our Parish, **we have maintained a rich tradition that reflects spiritual vitality, worship, people-orientedness, cultural diversity, abundance of Sacramental opportunities, pastoral stability and a great sense of volunteer services.** We need to maintain these even while change is inevitable. I appreciate all those who have given me their feedback and **I would like to suggest that you send your opinions to the parish office or sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au.**

Welcome to our students and staff to the 2nd Term of the 2024 School Year. It is our hope that refreshed from your holidays; you will get on to an exciting term with your friends and colleagues. **In the course of this term, those aged 8-10 will be enrolled into our Sacramental Program and on 20th June, some of them will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.** Parents are encouraged to contact the parish office on pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au to register their children.

Next Sunday is the Good Shepherd Sunday when we create awareness and pray for Vocations. There is a need to **encourage our young people to discern Vocations** to the Priesthood and Religious Life. **On Thursday 18th April, Archbishop Mark will be having a Vocation Dinner with women who are discerning vocation, and with the men's Vocation Dinner to be announced at a later date.**

As we gather this weekend to worship and break the bread, may we recognise Jesus.

Fr Enoch Iheme

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Peter, preaching to the Israelites following the healing of the man-born-lame, places this latest marvellous act of God in line with all the marvellous things God has done from the time of Abraham. Peter challenges his listeners to repent and turn to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5 Earlier in this First Letter of John, the author states that 'God is love.' Everything else flows from this, including this week's exhortation to refrain from sin. Jesus always is our advocate with the Father.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48 Following their encounter with the risen Christ at Emmaus, the two disciples hurry back and recount their experience. While doing so, the risen Christ stands in their midst, bringing the gift of peace and the assurance that the Crucified One is the very same as the risen One. They are witnesses to this.

Doran, Anthony. "Third Sunday of Easter - 14 April 2024." Pastoral Liturgy 54, no. 2 (2024): 1-5.

RCIA: A Journey Into Faith For Adults



Jenny & Manuel Gaerlan:

"Our RCIA journey came about when Manuel and I decided to have a Catholic wedding and receive the Sacrament of Marriage. Although being legally married already for 16 years, we have never received our church blessing. We have been blessed to have been born from Catholic families in the Philippines, however, we somehow missed out the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our RCIA journey has taught us that we have been quite passive in practicing our faith, attending mass every Sunday is not enough to fully live a Christian life. We have also learned so much from our RCIA sessions and realised how much there is still to learn. We are looking forward and excited to continue and grow in our faith journey and serving the community with parish."

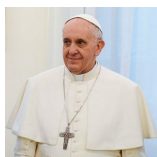
Janaka Seneviratne:

"Reflecting on RCIA journey of last few months at Our Lady of Lourdes marks the beginning of a longer journey of being a Catholic adult. Coming from a different religious background, I was inspired by my partner's beliefs to enter into the Catholic church. It is through difficult times that later in life I realise the importance of Church as a place of healing. With advances made as humans, ever expanding horizons in knowledge in the universe and many other fields, it is a wonderful time to be born and live. Still, there were times that the only place that could heal us and bring about peace of mind was the Church. I am thankful together with other candidates to Fathers, organisers and presenters for their passion and dedication. Also arranging catch-up sessions was particularly useful for candidates like me."

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.



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.



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:

pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au



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: Fr. Marty Larsen, Thomas Michael Treston, Angelina Verissimo Gomes de Souza, Peter Nicol, Lee Shannon, Suhendro Notowidjojo, Jan Haynen, Grace de Leon, Rizalina Ang, Marilyn Atkinson, Marlene Poynton, Clarissa C. Onofaro, Hector Ramirez, Lizbeth Rodriguez

those with anniversaries & others who have died: Eddy Hartono, Carol Ann Wilson, Clare Richter, Colette Gore, Donald Henderling, Harry Mohr, Shirley Kiehne, Joan Torbey, Dominic Linton, Kathleen Barrett

those who are unwell: Destiny Uba, Emmanuel Moran, Alejandra Moran, Pandu Atmadja, Anne Fletcher, Frank Staunton, Marco Berrios, Miriam Castillo



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

...will be in recess on Tuesday 16 April and resume the following week.



BAPTISMS AT OLOL

Interested in having your child baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes? The journey of faith that you are about to embark on with your child is an ongoing life-long journey of commitment to assisting your child to grow to become a disciple of Jesus.

To prepare, you are invited to attend one of the upcoming Baptism Preparation Sessions at **10:30am in the Avocado Room:**

Sunday 21st April or Sunday 19th May

Baptisms then take place on the 2nd Sunday of the month. For more information contact the parish office.



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 4th**

May 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**.

Our guest speaker this month will be Charles Joseph who will speak on technology.

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



PARISH PRAYER

We thank you God for our Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes as we strive to be a caring and welcoming community where everyone is respected and valued.

Give us the grace to work together as your intentional disciples so our parish continues in our mission to reach out and gather, sowing the seeds of faith and mercy.
Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes; Pray for us.

If you would like to start receiving the parish newsletter via email, please contact the parish office at sec.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au

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. **Please bring a plate of your favourite ANZAC biscuits to share!**



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.



CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Respond to Cry of the Poor is one of the areas within the call from Pope Francis to care of our earth and its people. The Archdiocese of Brisbane in its two Action Plans – one for Laudato Si (Praise God) and second one Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)– invites us to listen, learn and love our First Nations People. 'We want to be a Church, which recognizes and respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their cultural traditions. We recognize their spiritual connection with Land and Sea. It is fundamental to show respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their cultural traditions' (RAP).

'For them, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values'. Pope Francis LS.

Closing the gap fact: There have been small increases in the land and sea areas over which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have legal rights and interests in recent years, but this is not on track to reach the proposed target.



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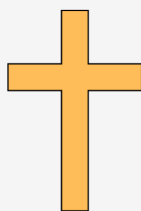
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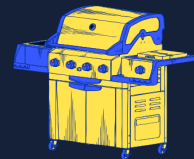


"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"

Matthew 18:20



YOUTH BBQ



\$2



EVERY 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAY
AFTER YOUTH MASS



\$3

ALL DONATIONS SUPPORT OUR PARISH YOUTH GROUPS (TEENS AND YA) AND THEIR ENDEAVOURS

We are seeking donations of sausages, bread and soft drinks

Please contact the Parish Office for more info.

YOUNG ADULTS APRIL/MAY

COME CHILL. GROW AND EXPLORE WITH US!

YA HANG OUT 28 APRIL

SUNDAY AFTER MASS

YA NIGHT 10 MAY

FRIDAY 7PM

YA HANG OUT MAY 26

SUNDAY AFTER MASS

Other Opportunities:

Reclaim: 7 May

Ignite Launch : 18 May

Women's Retreat:

17 - 19 July

Reclaim Retreat: TBC

Ignite Conference:

19-22 September

Please contact the parish office for more information



7pm -9pm

17 May

0493 100 177
youth.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au



3 May

31st May

UNITE TEENS

19 April

14 June

Term 2 2024



Yrs 6-12

Avocado and
Jacaranda Rooms



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

