



## 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 29th April

8.15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am Mass

### Tuesday 30th April

8.15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am Mass  
9.30am Bible Study

### Wednesday 1st May

8.15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am Mass

### Thursday 2nd May

7.50am Christian Meditation  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am Mass

### Friday 3rd May

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

### Saturday 4th May

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

### Sunday 5th May

6th Sunday of Easter

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



"Christ The Vine" by Leos Moskos, c. 1648-1690. Benaki Museum

## Fifth Sunday of Easter - Sunday 28th April 2024

Dear Parishioners,

On this fifth Sunday of Easter, the liturgy presents Jesus as the vine. Jesus is the true vine, because he did God's will and produced the good wine of faithfulness. **Jesus is the new and authentic vine that is capable of producing life for the branches.**



In Jesus, we receive the strength to face any type of situation in our life. In Him, we find the meaning in life and daily struggles.

Jesus is the true vine and we are the branches. The branch is an extension of the vine. If the branch is not fed by the vine, it cannot produce anything. Hence, **to produce fruits, we need to remain united to Christ. Remaining in Christ means having a relationship of trust and reciprocal loyalty with Jesus, founded on faith.** Communion with Christ gives us life and inner strength, the capacity and constancy to transform reality and overcome evil inside and outside us.

Remaining in Christ also means not abandoning the commitments we made, especially in Baptism, and obedience to Christ's commandments which also means remaining in His love. To be separated from Jesus means absolute sterility. **A Christian who does not remain united to Christ dries up and does not bear fruit. A Christian without Jesus Christ may even have a brilliant life, full of health, ideas, successful business and family but in the eyes of God, lifeless, fruitless and empty.** Anyone who apparently belongs to the Church, but does not maintain a connection with Jesus, is alone in the crowd. Every person that moves away from Jesus Christ the vine tends to die. People separated from others and from God, wither, dry and die.

**If we remain in communion with Jesus and "his words remain in us", we will receive everything that we ask for in his name. As branches we have no life and meaning apart from the vine. Communion with Christ and the Church is the way to overcome crises, aridity and adversity.**

However, the Church as the vine also needs a lot of care. It must be pruned, watered and cleaned so that it maintains its identity and bond with the Lord of the vineyard. In this sense, the church in the vine cared by God with the Word and Sacraments. The Word and Sacraments nourish us, cleanse us, and transform us from within. **Believing in the Word is bearing fruit. Living the Sacraments prunes us of worldly influences, greed, laziness, selfishness, lies, hypocrisy, etc.**

Remaining in Christ entails living a life of prayer. A life of prayer means being in tune with Jesus and his plan, and that is doing God's will. This is what it means to pray in Jesus' name, and surely everything that we ask for in Jesus' name will be answered.

*God bless you.*

*Fr. Francisco Evangelista*

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

## Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

**First Reading: Acts 9:26-31** From the growth of the early Church, our attention turns now to Saul. The one-time persecutor of the disciples now seeks to join their number. While most are hesitant and afraid, Barnabas takes charge of him and introduces him to the apostles.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24** A further meditation on love from the First Letter of John. Our love for each other is to be real and active. The measure of our love is our conscience. Even if we were to be condemned by our conscience ('heart' in some translations), God is greater than our conscience, and we need have no fear in God's presence.

**Gospel: John 15:1-8** This Sunday's Gospel Reading is a meditation on Jesus, the true vine. We have life in Jesus, the true vine. Even branches far from the source find life in Jesus, and bear fruit in plenty  
Doran, Anthony. "Fifth Sunday of Easter - 19 April 2024." *Pastoral Liturgy* 54, no. 2 (2024): 1-5.

### Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

**When:** Monday 13 May 9:30am  
**Where:** Chatterbox Coffee Shop,  
Sunnybank Hills Shoppingtown,  
661 Compton Road, Sunnybank Hills.  
All are welcome!



**Alpha is almost here!** Join us Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April in the Avocado Room at 6:15pm.

#### Don't miss this opportunity

At Alpha you can ask anything! Alpha is a safe space where you can ask questions about life, faith and meaning.

A seat at the table has been prepared for you, all you have to do is come.

Please register via the Parish Office on 3345 3766



### FIRST FRIDAY MASS & MORNING TEA

First Friday Mass will be held on **Friday 3 May at 10am**. This will be followed by Morning Tea in the Avocado Room. All are welcome, see you there!



**ONLINE WEBINAR**

# SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

**DATE** WEDNESDAY, 1 MAY, 2024 **TIME** 6.30PM


**REGISTER NOW! LIMITED TO 100 REGISTRATIONS.**

[HTTPS://ARCHBNESAFEGUARDING.CLICKMEETING.COM/SAFEGUARDING-TRAINING-WEBINAR-4/REGISTER](https://archbnesafeguarding.clickmeeting.com/safeguarding-training-webinar-4/register)



Presented by the Office for Safeguarding Services.

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*



### 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, 3pm  
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, 3pm  
OLOL Primary School Auditorium

#### Key Formation Session 2:

Sunday 9th June, 3pm  
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](mailto:pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Please Note: The next online Safeguarding Training will be held on Wednesday, 8 May 2024 at 10.30am**



### CATHOLIC KIDS CLUB:

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May: 3pm-5pm**  
Jacaranda Room - Parish Centre  
(Ages 4-11)

Catholic Kids Club is a group for primary school aged kids that come together to learn about faith in a fun way that they can relate to. We play games, hear stories and make crafts which are centred around a different theme.



### 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: **Berto Montoya**, Gerardo Fernandez, Fr Nik Zlatunic, Fr. Marty Larsen,

Those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Kenneth Ward**, Mabel Nair, Zsigmond Hegyi, Lionel James, Francis Mar Fan, Fidelia Henriques, Maria Antonia Barrientos,

Those who are unwell: **Verna Sharp, Gabriela Ruano, John Bragg**, Cecilia Morandini, Peter Morandini, Nora Arceo, Dalio Mira, David Hylan, Alexandra Guerra,



**PARISH COMMUNITY WEEKEND**

Come celebrate with us on the weekend of **4 & 5 May** 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!



**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.

**TRUTH TELLING**  
*Where to from Now?*

Reconciliation Action Plan Networking Workshop



SCAN TO REGISTER  
**SAT 4 MAY**  
**8:30am-3pm**  
CALVARY CHURCH ATRIUM  
Cnr Santa Monica and Redondo Drive, Miami

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Pray **THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY**  
One Family in Faith | One Family in Mission

**World Mission May Rosary Prayers**

Mon - Fri  
Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time  
12pm Perth time  
Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>  
Meeting ID:  
893 8798 2280  
Password:  
876574

**GO AND INVITE EVERYONE**  
to the banquet

**catholic mission**  
Reach out. Give life.

**CHARISMATICS PRAYER GROUP**

Saturday 4th May — Spanish prayer meeting — Avocado Room.  
Saturday 11th May — English prayer meeting — Media Room.  
Saturday 18th May — Spanish Pentecost Retreat — Avocado Room.  
Note: You are invited to our "Annual Spanish Retreat" 18th May.  
Spiritual Directors: Fr. Ray Sanchez & Fr. Francisco Evangelista  
Please contact the office for more information

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT...**

...is held every Tuesday at 7pm in the church. Everyone is welcome to spend a few minutes or the whole Holy Hour in the presence of the Lord.



**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**. Will also include our famous Lamb's Fry and Bacon



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

If you are new and would like to attend, please contact Bob to register (0467 341 604).

**Reminder**  
YOU OWE IT TO YOUR SPOUSE TO BOOK YOURSELF ON A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**21 - 23 June, 2024**

**The Hub, 58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes**

For more information, contact:  
**Leisha Razario & Joseph Deasmen**  
Phone: 0481 307 821  
Email: [qldbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au)

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

The next outing for the Friendship Group is on Thursday 16th May a bus trip to Pimpama for the Show "**Keeping Up Appearances**"

The bus leaves outside Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 9:15am sharp. Please be at the Church by 8:45am.

Any inquiries to Haji Kelly 23731802 or 0438734706

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



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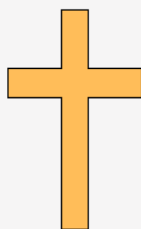
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# Community

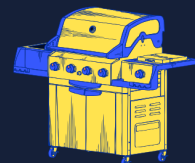


"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"

Matthew 18:20



## YOUTH BBQ



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

