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Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

Ministering to God in:

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 121 Mains Road, Sunnybank



13th April 2025 - Palm Sunday

Monday 14th April

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 15th April

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

Wednesday 16th April

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Thursday 17th April

Holy Thursday

8.30am Morning Prayer
7.00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
- Live Streamed
8.30pm Adoration

Friday 18th April

Good Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
10.00am Stations of the Cross
10.00am Reconciliation
2.00pm **The Lord's Passion**
- Live Streamed
4.00pm **The Lord's Passion**

Saturday 19th April

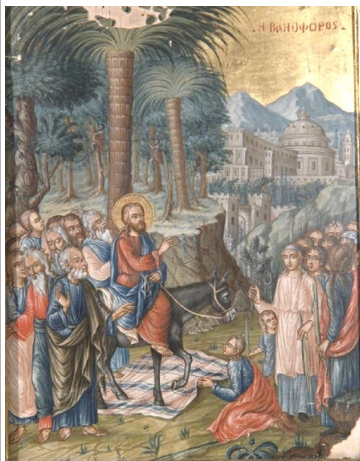
Holy Saturday

9.00am Morning Prayer
7.00pm **Easter Vigil**
- Live Streamed

Sunday 20th April

Easter Sunday

7.00am **Mass**
8.30am **Mass**
10.00am **Mass**



Entry of Christ into Jerusalem by
Efsthios Karousos c. 1780.
Santi Pietro e Paolo dei Greci, Naples, Italy

Dear Parishioners and fellow pilgrims of hope,

We have arrived at the liturgical last week of Jesus' earthly ministry. As usual, the liturgy of the Palm Sunday begins with a procession that commemorates Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. The Gospel of Luke for this procession states, "Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem." Unlike the account of Jesus' temptation when the Spirit led him through the wilderness, in this instance, Jesus knew that the hour has come. Hence, he went on ahead to fulfil the will of his Father in a triumphant way that will unsettle the powers of this world. This week changed the story of death to life, darkness to light, and slavery to freedom.



The faithful will gather with their palm branches and crosses, and join Jesus in His Ultimate Pilgrimage to the Paschal Mystery. The palm branches will be blessed with the following words "Almighty ever-living God, sanctify these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through Jesus Christ." After Mass everyone is expected to take the blessed Palm branches/crosses home and keep them as a memorial of the mystery of Christ's Passion as well as remind us to get into the spirit of the Holy Week.

In our parish for over a decade, Palm Sunday has become more than liturgical. Some parishioners look forward to the week preceding Palm Sunday when we gather as a community to prepare for the Holy Week by sharing each other's stories, teaching/learning the art of making Palm crosses as well as making new friends. We thank Ben and Clare Andrews, all those that helped in hospitality and set up for this community event. God bless you all.

The highlights of the Holy Week are the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, which are referred to as the Sacred Paschal Triduum of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection. These days are the most important days in the Christian calendar because of the mysteries they celebrate. This Paschal Triduum begins with the celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and in this Mass we sing the Gloria, present our Project Compassion donations, wash the feet of some members of our community and join the adoration after Mass (till 10pm).

Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence as we commemorate the death of Jesus Christ. You are invited to our last Stations of the Cross after Morning Prayer in the Church at 9.00am. There will be an extra time for Reconciliation during the Stations of the Cross. We will have two celebrations of the Passion of the Lord at 2.00pm and 4.00pm. During the Veneration of the Cross, we will recommend bowing or genuflecting the cross. There will be the annual Holy Land Collection. God bless our youth and young adults for their dedication to making our Good Friday solemn and prayerful.

The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday will begin at 7pm with the blessing of Fire and Procession. Our ushers and Special Eucharistic Ministers will hand out some battery candles at the entrance of the Church. Parishioners will light their battery candles when the procession reaches the main door of the Church. We will gladly welcome our New Catholics who have been on their journey to faith. Six of them will be Baptised while all of them will be Confirmed in the Faith. We will renew our own Baptismal promises. There will be an Easter and Celebrative Cuppa after Mass in honour of our New Catholics and we congratulate them for cooperating with the Holy Spirit all through their RCIA. If you would like to take some Holy Water for you home, please bring a small water bottle and someone will serve you.

May our celebration of the Passion of the Lord lead us into his Glorious resurrection.

Fr Enoch Iheme

Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS:

- Holy Thursday
17 April, 7pm
- Good Friday
18 April, 2pm & 4pm
- Holy Saturday
19 April, 7pm
- Easter Sunday
20 April 7am 8:30am & 10am
- ANZAC Day Mass
25 April, 9am
- Charismatic Retreat (Spanish)
31 May
- Asylum Seeker/Refugee Week
Starts 21 June
- NAIDOC Weekend
12 July
- ALPHA Program 2 Begins
15 July
- New Parishioners Function
27 July
- Parish Gala Dinner
15 August
- Charismatic Retreat (English)
30 August
- Parish Pilgrimage (Marian Valley)
23 August
- Care for Our Common Home & its People (Retreat)
13 September
- Parish Pilgrimage (Fatima, Lourdes & Rome)
22 September - 8 October
- Ignite Youth Conference
25 - 28 September
- Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Melbourne)
30 November - 2 December
- Advent Retreat
Tuesdays in Advent
- Parish Christmas Carols
5 December

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year C)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 Isaiah provides an image of the 'Suffering Servant'; one who does not shy away from trials that come with doing the will of God.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 The essence of Jesus' life and mission is captured in this proclamation of the early Christian community. Even though Christ was one with God, Christ emptied himself of this equality to be completely like us.

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56 Luke's account of the Passion of the Lord includes some distinct features. One is that in Luke's account, Jesus goes to his death with others around him including Simon of Cyrene, the thieves on either side of Jesus on the cross, and many who had followed from Galilee who stood at a distance and watched. We join with them in contemplating and responding to the profound events captured in the Passion narrative.

Tedesco, Joe. "Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 13 April 2025." Pastoral Liturgy 55, no. 2 (2025): 1.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

Recently deceased: Yvonne Jude, Victor Paolo Maarimat, Jim Scriha, Georgina Scriha, Christopher Parulan, Meliza Sia, Triona Wiggins, Victoria Rimando Dayag, Martha Fortozo, Nunziata "Nancy" Raunik, Marilolu Fortes V., Alicia Roasles, Pedro Rosales, Anna Manganas, Divinia Palmero Hessberger, Papa Font

Those with anniversaries & others who have died: Marie Rose C. Maicle, Weily M. de la Cruz, Eddy Hartono, Rodrigo & Erlinda Abella, George Maganaka Sr., Ligaya Maganaka, Juana Romero, Fidelia Henriquez, Vicenta & Charity Ramos, Mabel Nair, Jack Grant, Maryann Larcher, Asuncion Enhayes, Dominic Linton, Ursula Gugala, Joan Torbey, Miguel Ferreyra, Pitin Lari, Luis Lari, Angelina Verissimo De Sousa, Lee Shannon, Gustov Klein, Gustavo Martinez, Esmeralda Quintero, Roberto Castanon

Those who are unwell: James Scriha, Christopher Beson, Shayne Kister, Carlos Figueroa, Herenia Zapata, Julio Santana, Martha Fortozo, Margaret Graham, Mary Marcel, Maria Franco, Esmeralda Berrios, Watty Mead, Augustine Philipp del Rosario, Stefano Marrama, Enzo Mazzarri, Romeo Adan

A BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to say thank you to all the wonderful people who helped us with making palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Your help was very much appreciated.
God Bless, Ben & Clare



GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Taking place on Good Friday, this collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

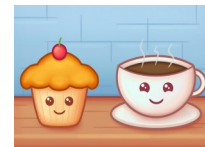
EASTER WEEKEND TRAIN TRACK CLOSURES

If you are taking public transport to any of the Easter services, please be advised that the Beenleigh and Gold Coast train lines will be closed from Good Friday to Easter Monday. Rail buses will replace trains during that time. Please consider your transport options, allow extra travel time and plan ahead.



Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

When: Monday 14 April 9:30am
Where: Chatterbox Coffee Shop,
Sunnybank Hills Shopping town,
661 Compton Road, Sunnybank Hills.
All are welcome!



2025 EASTER MASS / SERVICE TIMES

Holy Thursday - 17th April

8:30am: Morning Prayer
7:00pm: **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Good Friday - 18th April

9:00am: Morning Prayer
10:00am: Stations of the Cross
2:00pm: **The Lord's Passion**
4:00pm: **The Lord's Passion**

Holy Saturday - 19th April

9:00am: Morning Prayer
7:00pm: **Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday - 20th April

7:00am: **Mass**
8:30am: **Mass**
10:00am: **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 RCIA Candidates who will become full members of our parish. **A contribution of a plate of finger food to share after Mass would be appreciated.**

Spare some time to welcome our new Catholics!



PIETY STALL UPDATE

New stock has arrived in time for Easter! Come and have a look after weekend Mass...



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Palm Sunday

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

But the work isn't done yet. There is still time to donate! Together, we can Unite Against Poverty and help transform lives this Lent.

Please donate today!

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent



ANZAC DAY 2025

Mass: Friday 25 April, 9am

As part of our celebration, we will be using last year's pictures of our relatives and parishioners who served and died to secure our peace and freedom. If you are new to the parish you are welcome to send a picture to the parish office to be included.

Following Mass, the Welcoming & Hospitality Committee will be serving a cuppa. **Please bring a plate of your favourite ANZAC biscuits to share!**



RAFFLE: Win Trooper Jones, Light Horse Bear!

Drawn: Sunday 27 April, after Youth Mass
Tickets: Available from the parish office or at Community Weekend, 5 & 6 April.
1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5.

Proceeds go towards OLOL Youth Ignite Conference.



**MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR
AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION**



Join us for an unforgettable mission trip to Labuan Bajo, Indonesia from September 1 - 11! Immerse yourself in a life-changing experience and help make a difference in the community. Approx cost: \$1500—\$2000. Online information session on Saturday 26 April, 3pm. Register your interest by emailing louis@mopfoundation.com.au or call 0412 073 965.

Discovery



Unite Youth 2025

Jesus said... "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me"
John 14:6



2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We are inviting parents of baptised children ages 8 years old and in year 3 at school to our parent information session for the sacrament of Confirmation scheduled on April 27, 2025 Sunday 3pm at the Our Lady Of Lourdes Primary School auditorium.

Sacrament of Confirmation (Schedule)

Information Session:

Sunday 27 April 3pm,
OLOL School Auditorium

Rite of Enrolment Masses:

Saturday 17 May, 6pm
Sunday 18 May, 8:30am, 10am & 6pm
Church

Key Formation Session 1:

Sunday 25 May 3pm,
OLOL School Auditorium

Key Formation Session 2:

Sunday 1 June 3pm,
OLOL School Auditorium

Rehearsal:

Sunday 8 June 3pm,
Church

Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 12 June, 4:30pm
Church

If have any questions, contact Noel at pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au



Expression of Interest Form



Info Night
29th April

OLOL Group

OLOL will be taking a group to ACYF and we would really like to extend this invitation out to all the youth in our parish to attend with us.
More information can be found at the expression of interest form.



Grade 9 -25 yrs of age

30th Nov -2nd Dec

Good Friday Drama 2025



Grades 7-12 & Young Adults



2pm and 4pm
Good Friday Liturgies

Rehearsal Times:

6 April: 7 - 8:15pm
13 April: 7-8:00pm
18 April (Good Friday): 11am - 1:30
* Lunch provided 18 April*



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.



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