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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



16th February 2025 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 17th February

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 18th February

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

Wednesday 19th February

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Thursday 20th February

8.00am Christian Meditation
8.45am Morning Prayer
9.00am **Mass**

Friday 21st February

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

Saturday 22nd February

The Chair of St Peter

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

Sunday 23rd February

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am **Mass**
8.30am **Mass**
10.00am **Mass**
6.00pm **Mass (Youth)**
- Live Streamed



Dear Parishioners and fellow Pilgrims of hope,

Happy Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes the Patroness of our Parish.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God is honoured with the title of 'Our Lady of Lourdes' due to her apparitions in the cave of Massabielle in Lourdes. The series of 18 apparitions began on 11 February 1858 until the last one on 16 July 1858. Saint Bernadette Soubirous was the 14-year-old visionary of the apparitions in Lourdes. Among the highlights of the apparitions are the invitation to say the rosary, pray and do penance for the conversion of sinners, dug a fountain from mud, miraculous healing, request for rosary procession, command to build a chapel at the site of the apparition, and the revelation that Our Lady is the 'Immaculate Conception'.



As part of our participation in this year's feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we have celebrated the Opening School Mass and the Commissioning of our student leaders for 2025. This weekend, parishioners will gather before 3 of our Masses to pray the Rosary for the healing of the sick, conversion of sinners, and the renewal of the grace of Baptism in each one of us. We will share the stories and beautiful memories of our parish from the early beginning to our own time.

I have only been in the Parish 6 years and 4 out of that as the Parish Priest. That is less than 7% since this community became a Catholic Parish Community. This year, we celebrate our parish feast day in honour of our past, which is very much part of our present as we journey as pilgrims of hope towards a wonderful future. The celebration of our 70th 'Platinum' anniversary is a bold statement of our commitment to embrace the future of our parish in a way that delivers the fruits of our vision and mission today and into the future. Our story is not just a story of the past but of one people of faith, hope and love on a journey to the fulfilment of our vocations. Every parishioners is called to be part of this commitment from a personal level to the parish level.

However, history has it that our parish started as an out station of St. Brendan Parish Moorooka. Originally, we went by Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Therese Church Sunnybank, which was dedicated by Archbishop Duhig in April 1938. Our records states that the present Our Lady of Lourdes Parish was created from St. Brendan Parish Moorooka in 1955 with Fr James Brosnan as the 1st Parish Priest (1/1/1955 – 1/11/1961). After Fr Brosnan, we have had Fr Thomas Hegerty, Fr Ray Kearney, Fr Daniel Ryan and Fr Enoch Iheme as Parish Priests. From its very beginning, our remarkable parish has been distinguished by the great community of people who gather here to worship, celebrate their faith, educate their children in our school and build lasting social connections. Our pride is in our people, our faith, our heritage and our hope that never disappoints. We are grateful to all the men and women who served and continue to serve in our community as volunteers and staff.

May this feast lead us to pray;

"O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life. Grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

We welcome Fr Dan Ryan who served for more than 10 years as our Parish Priest and is always happy to come back to celebrate with us. Congratulations again to Braxton Cain who created our 70th Anniversary Logo and thank you to all the students who participated in the logo competition.

God bless, *Fr Enoch Iheme*



Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Luke 6:27-38

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS:

Parish Feast Day Masses
15 & 16 February

Ash Wednesday
5 March

Lent Retreat
20 Wednesday evenings in Lent

Stations of the Cross
Friday evenings in Lent

ANZAC Day Mass
25 April, 9am

Easter Sunday
20 April

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
August (Date TBA)

Charismatic Retreat (English)
30 August

Parish Pilgrimage (Marian Valley)
23 August

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

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8 Trusting in the Lord is like a tree planted near a flowing stream; always close to the source of life. Relying on 'things of the flesh' is like a shrub planted in the wasteland - it is destined for futility

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 Paul reminds us of the importance of Christ's resurrection. The Resurrection is not only Christ's glory but is also the forerunner and guarantee of our own resurrection.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26 The Beatitudes are an invitation to put our own situations in the perspective of the kingdom. True blessedness does not rest in wealth, excess and notoriety. Rather, it is those who struggle now who will receive lasting reward.

*Tedesco, Joe. "Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 16 February 2025."
Pastoral Liturgy 55, no. 1 (2024): 1-6.*

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

Recently deceased: Liana C. Menjivar, Evelyn Oco, Johnny Ticman, Concepcion Ramas, Garnet John Ray, Jessie Famerio, Bill de Ruyter, Celestino Aquilizan, Elton John Baker, Rita De Vivo, Aida Melgar, Liana Menjiva, Cristina Felippa, Reina Flores

Those with anniversaries & others who have died: Primacio Corona, Oscar Corona, Romeo Perilli, Nhu Nguyen, Eliseo Dolores, Maria Dolores, Bernard Elford, William McElean, Kevin McElean, Iris Behan, Rosanna Collins, Gladis Pinedo, Mario Dias, Gladwyn Catchlove, Thomas Woods, Margaret Woods, Daniel Woods, Michael Woods, Peg McKey, Stuart Moore, Graciela Hernandez, Rosa Margarita Velarde, Lucy Akkad

Those who are unwell: Cecilia Morandini, Peter Morandini, Julio Santana, Alzira D'Souza, Yvonne Jude, Nikki Taylor, Anitha Thomas, Thomas John, Esmeralda Berrios, Lidia Melgar

Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

*Ever Immaculate Virgin Mother of Mercy,
Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfortess of the Afflicted,
you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings.*

*Look upon me with mercy. When you appeared in the grotto of Lourdes,
you made it a privileged sanctuary where you dispense your favours,
and where many sufferers have obtained the cure
of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.*

*I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence
to implore your maternal intercession.*

*My loving Mother, obtain my request. I will try to imitate your virtues so that
I may one day share your company and bless you in eternity.*

Amen



Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Commitment

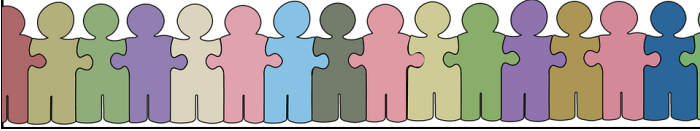
The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.



SUNNYBANK PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP NEWS:

Friendship Group will be resuming on 19/2/2025 at 9:15am. This will be a meet & greet meeting to renew your membership. Looking forward to seeing you all!



LOL MEN'S BBQ BREAKFAST

An invitation is extended to all the men of our Parish to attend our breakfast on the first Saturday of each month.



Our next breakfast will be held on **Saturday 1st March 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 Alan Baker— Financial Pros & Cons of Aged Care. Our usual email advice will go to members, however if are new to the parish and would like to attend, please give Bob a call to register (0467 341 604).

WOMEN FOR WOMEN AFTERNOON TEA

Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of laughter, connection, and raffles.



Our guest speaker will be Pam Nair on *"The Power of Forgiveness - Letting Go & Healing"*

Sunday 2 March 2025 at 2.00pm
Avocado Room, Paloma Centre
\$10 per person



Please RSVP by **Wednesday 26 February 2025**, advising any dietary requirements to ololsunnybankwomen@gmail.com or contact Linda on 0417 769 502.

HOLY YEAR IN ITALY - BOOKINGS CLOSING



Would you like to go to Italy with Fr Dan Ryan in May for the Holy Year this year? I have organised a Pilgrimage to Italy from 9 –14 May and bookings close this week.

The Pilgrimage will go from Venice to Rome via Florence, Padua, Sienna, and San Giovanni Rotonda (Padre Pio). You can go to harvestjourneys.com/pv2569 or contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 for more info.

Fr Dan



Stay up to date with parish events! Flocknote is free for parishioners to use, and there is no need to download anything: <https://ololsunnybank.flocknote.com/register>

ASH WEDNESDAY 2025

Wednesday - 5 March 2025



Mass Times:

6:30am

9am School (Yr 4, 5, 6) & Parish
6pm

70TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO: WINNER ANNOUNCED!

Congratulations and thank you to former OLOL School student Braxton C. for the winning 70th Anniversary Logo!



PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE & ITALY

Our Lady of Lourdes Platinum Jubilee Pilgrimage

When: 22 September to 8 October

Head to <https://www.olol.com.au/pilgrimage.html> for more information including the Pilgrimage Itinerary and the booking link. Book before 28 February 2025!



2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

2025 Sacramental Program - Confirmation

Children aged 8 to 10 are eligible for this year's Sacramental Program, which begins with Confirmation. Registration opens after Easter, and the Parent Information Session will be on Sunday 27 April.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (concluding the 2024 Program)

For those who received their First Communion last year, the Sacramental Program will conclude with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parent Info Session:

Sunday 2 March, 3pm
OLOL School Auditorium

Rite of Enrolment Masses: (during weekend Mass)

Saturday 8th March, 6pm
Sunday 9th March, 8:30am, 10am & 6pm

Key Formation Session 1:

Sunday 16th March, 3pm
OLOL Primary School Auditorium

Key Formation Session 2:

Sunday 23rd March, 3pm
OLOL Primary School Auditorium

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday 27th March, 4:30pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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

pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au



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



**OUR BBQ IS
RETURNING
FOR 2025!**

16 FEB (3rd Sunday) OLOL Feast Day Masses

**MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR
AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION**

We are seeking your donations in hope of filling a shipping container next month with medical supplies (paracetamol, ibuprofen, etc.) and personal items (khaki pants sizes 28-30, white t-shirts/shirts S/M, underwear S, sandals/slippers 7/8, toiletries, Rosaries). We also need cutlery (7 dozen) for the opening ceremony. Please note that all items must be new.

Drop off at the Media Room on
Saturday, March 1st, 5:30 pm
Sunday, March 2nd, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2025

When: Sunday 20 November to Tuesday 2 December
More Information: <https://acyf.org.au/>

If you or your child is interested in going, save the date as the Sunnybank Youth Group is planning to attend. More information to come!

UNITE TEENS TERM 1

~~FEB 7~~ FEB 21 MARCH 7

GRADES 6-12

MARCH 21 MARCH 28

AVOCADO ROOM OLOL 7PM-9PM

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