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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



**23rd February 2025 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Monday 24th February**

8.15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am **Mass**

**Tuesday 25th February**

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

**Wednesday 26th February**

8.15am Morning Prayer  
8.30am **Mass**

**Thursday 27th February**

8.00am Christian Meditation  
8.45am Morning Prayer  
9.00am **Mass**  
11.00am M. Hillcoat Funeral

**Friday 28th February**

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

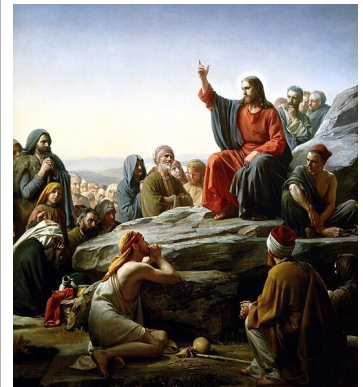
**Saturday 1st March**

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

**Sunday 2nd March**

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Clean Up Australia Day

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



Sermon on the Mount by Carl Bloch, c. 1877. Frederiksborg Castle

**Fr Dan Ryan's homily from 70th Anniversary Parish Feast Day Celebrations**

In the mid-1930s Archbishop James Duhig gifted this area of Sunnybank with 10 acres of land where the school is located now. This was the real beginning of the pastoral care of the Sunnybank area. In 1938 a small church was built, and the church was used as the school in the beginning of the 1950s. The first Parish Priest was Fr James Brosnan who was appointed in 1955. Over the 70 years of the Parish Fr Tom Hegerty was Parish Priest from 1961 till the end of the century; Fr Ray Kearney was then Parish Priest for 10 years and I was the Parish Priest from 2010 - 2020. Fr Enoch was then appointed.

In the 70 years of the Parish, the area has seen enormous growth and the parish was a pioneer. Fr Brosnan bought the land on which Fr Hegerty built the church office, presbytery, Paloma Centre, swimming pool and rear carpark. In the 1970s there were about 2000 people attending Mass but most of these parishioners were of European heritage. Today we still have almost 2000 people attending Mass on a weekend, but the Parishioners are now from nearly every part of the world.

The Parish has always had a great reputation for parishioners being involved in the many areas of the Parish. This all began with Fr Hegerty being a leading light on lay involvement following the 1962-1965 Vatican council which encouraged all Catholics to be more involved in the everyday life of the Parish. I believe there are more than 30 different groups in the Parish involved in worship, care and service of others.

When I came to the Parish in 2010 the Parish had existed for over 50 years. The church building was almost 50 years old and needed a renovation. With the parishioners' help this was achieved in 2016, and it is hard to believe it is already over 8 years since the renovation.

I know you are very proud of this church. But it's not in the church we should be proud of but the quality of worship in this Parish. People love to come to Mass here at Sunnybank with great participation of everyone, wonderful singing and prayerful worship of our loving God.

As under the patronage of Mary, we need to continue to ask the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes in our everyday life. Mary's willingness to be involved in our lives is brought out very well in the Gospel of the wedding feast of Cana. It would have been very embarrassing for the young couple celebrating their marriage if they ran out of wine. You'll see in the Gospel that Mary noticed the wine had run out. She went to Jesus and pointed out that the wine had run out. Mary said to the servants "do whatever he tells you". It is interesting that the miracle happened because Mary noticed that the wine had run out. We need to notice when other people in our lives are in need in any way. I believe that is what has been happening in this parish for over 70 years. Our Australian St Mary McKillop sums up what parishioners have been doing in the life of this parish, "Never see a need, without doing something about it".

Mary is a great model for us how to notice when others are in need and also when we are in need. Mary can intercede for us also with her Divine Son. Remember The Hail Mary, "Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen" Jesus transformed that ordinary human scene into a place of extraordinary grace. Jesus will do the same for us as we invite him into our lives.

I'm very grateful to God for the 10 years I spent here in the Parish as Parish Priest. And now I ask the intercession of Mary for Fr Enoch and Fr Francisco and all the parishioners to continue to live a life of service that has been the special characteristic of this parish throughout its history.



## FUTURE PARISH EVENTS:

Ash Wednesday  
5 March

World Day of Prayer  
7 March

First Friday Anointing Mass  
7 March

Lent Retreat  
Wednesday evenings in Lent  
*Our Lady of Lourdes*  
Stations of the Cross  
Friday evenings in Lent

2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
Wednesday 9 April, 6pm

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

## The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23** David shows mercy to his one-time-friend-turned-adversary, Saul. Presented with the opportunity, instead of killing him while he slept, David shows mercy to the Lord's anointed.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49** This reading is a meditation contrasting Adam and Christ: on earth, we are earthly like Adam. But in heaven, we will be like Christ, for we are modelled on him.

**Gospel: Luke 6:27-38** Following Luke's version of the Beatitudes which we read last Sunday, today we read Jesus' exhortation to his listeners on the Plain: we must love our enemies and bless those who curse us. Our model for this is no less than the Father who is compassionate to the fullest of measures, overflowing and poured into our lap.

*Doran, Anthony. "Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 February 2025." Pastoral Liturgy 55, no. 1 (2024): 1-5.*

## Your Prayers Are Asked For:

**Recently deceased: Marie Hillcoat, Brother Patrick Matthew McKeon, Januario L. Lansang Jr., Andrea Cau Nguyen, Graham Swenson, Aurora McGuerf, Irene Garcia Flores, Liana C. Menjivar, Evelyn Oco, Johnny Ticman, Concepcion Ramas**

**Those with anniversaries & others who have died: Pushparani Martin, John Martin, Eleuteria Calilung, Andrea Arquileta, Primacio Corona, Oscar Corona, Romeo Perilli, Nhu Nguyen, Eliseo Dolores, Maria Dolores**

**Those who are unwell: Peter Quetcher, Lidia Melgar, Maria Franco, Charmaine Delaney, Melissa Wong, Cecilia Morandini, Peter Morandini, Julio Santana, Alzira D'Souza, Yvonne Jude**

### for those resting in our Columbarium:

Fredrick Aisthorpe, Harold Aisthorpe, Minnie Aisthorpe, Allan Alvis, Dawn Angus, Helen Bailey, Harold "Gordon" Barker, Francesco Bonasia, Wilma Bowman, Edward Allen Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Brian Burgess, Christina Burras, Avelino Calilung, Eleuteria Calilung, Geoffrey Chapman, Ron Collins, Patricia Edwards, Constantine Fernandez, Pedro Gallibu, Fay Garner, Eric Glennon, Iris Glennon, Brian Hammerton, Anne Harman, Eddy Hartono, Antonio Henriquez, Mary Hughes, Gerard Kennedy, Bruno Klaser, Clement Knipe, Stephen King, Lucia Yeen Lim, Maria Lopez, Dino Lorensen, Noemi Lorensen, George Martyn, Maureen McDonald, Frances McKenzie, Peter McSweeney, Harry Mohr, Eusebia Morao, Gerard Murphy, Cuong Nguyen, Quy Thi Nguyen, Nghia Bao Nguyen, Esmond Ogle, Michael Ogle, Marie Therese Ong, Rita Pobar, Dr Roberto Rabuya Jr, Graham Shipstone, Bill Small, Iris Small, Rey Tubelleza, Claribel Tungol, Maria Turner, Anthony Van der Togt, Lily Rose Villas, Rosario Villas, Romeo Villas, Ron Vine, Elizabeth Wilson, Monica Wong, Grant Wordon, Nola Wright

**the continuing sick: Denise Burgess, Anne Carroll, John Cassidy, Lyn Catchlove, Maureen Combey, Margo Couldrey, Mick Crust, Dan Dickins, Mary Dixon, Heather Gibson, Carol Ann Grace, Christine Hoole, Marie Hutchinson, Cynthia Impey, Mary Marcel, Baby Malakai, Carolyn Miller, Bob Nicholls, Christopher Riley, Jim Scriha**



## 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.

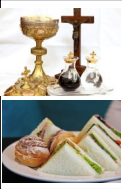
**The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.**





**FUNERAL NOTICE:  
Marie Hillcoat**

Family and friends are invited to participate in a funeral Mass for Marie Hillcoat on Thursday 27 February at 11am at the Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



**ANOINTING MASS & MORNING TEA**

Anointing Mass will be held on **Friday 7 March at 10am**. This will be followed by Morning Tea in the Avocado Room.

All are welcome, see you there!

PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE & ITALY

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Platinum Jubilee Pilgrimage**

Head to <https://www.olol.com.au/pilgrimage.html> for more information including the Pilgrimage Itinerary and the booking link. The parish office can also help answer your questions. Book before 28 February 2025!

**OLOL 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](mailto:ololsunnybankwomen@gmail.com) or contact Linda on 0417 769 502.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN SPANISH**

**Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes Church,  
**When:** Saturday 8th March  
from 2.30 to 4.30pm.

**Program:** Rosary, Teaching, confession

*With the support of Fr Francisco Evangelista.  
contact person Marta Rodriguez, call Parish office.*

**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to the many parishioners who helped to create a successful Feast day event. Your involvement and contribution, big or small, went towards making this a memorable event. People were once again very generous in bringing food donations as well as stepping up to help plate food and serve.

While these events look easy, there is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to make sure it all looks and runs as well as it does.

On behalf of the Welcoming & Hospitality group, thank you for your support!



**ASH WEDNESDAY 2025**

Wednesday - 5 March 2025



**Mass Times:**

**6:30am**

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

**6pm**

**A NOTE FROM SAFEGUARDING**

Congratulations on a parish of wonderful active volunteers! We are doing an outstanding job helping and building a community. But are we as good at being safeguarding compliant?



As the new year starts and in such a special anniversary year, this is the time, not only to give of your time to the parish but to check if you are compliant with the safe guarding requirements.

Please take time to check that your blue card and police checks are up to date and you have watched the online safeguarding video if needed for your role.

If you have any queries or concern please contact myself or the parish office. Together lets make this anniversary to celebrate in a safe way

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME  
AND ITS PEOPLE**

The Social Justice Committee began meeting this year with our focus on the Laudato Si Goals which has been the guiding plan for the Committee over the last 4 years.

As we commence this Pilgrimage Year of Hope we invite others to join us on the journey of the Catholic church and Archdiocese 'to embrace sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology. With profound care for each other, our Creator, and all creation, we are building a better future together'. Pope Francis says "Christians realise that their responsibility within creation, and their duty toward nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith".

Our goals are designed to support a spiritual and cultural shift toward total sustainability, addressing political, social, economic and environmental issues in an integrated way. **Our Social Justice, Ecology and Peace committee meeting monthly in the Media room on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome!**

# 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



## YA Pizza and Games Night

7:15 PM - 9 PM

**FEB 23  
(THIS SUNDAY)**

**Avocado  
Room**

**UNITE  
TEENS**

Bring your mates and your favourite game!



**AVOCADO  
ROOM  
OLOL**

**MAR  
7**

**GRADES 6-12**

**7PM-9PM**



## 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

**For the full Schedule, head to the parish website**

If you have any questions, please email the parish office at: [pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pa.sunnybank@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Attention Teens!



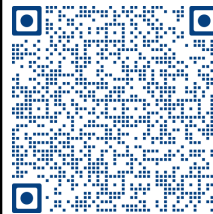
We will be taking a group to this awesome event!

More Details TBC...  
So, stay tuned!



## MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION

We are seeking your donations in hope of filling a shipping container next month with medical supplies and personal items.



Scan the QR code for more info

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

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