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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

2nd March 2025 - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Monday 3rd March

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**

Tuesday 4th March

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

Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday

6.30am **Mass**
9.00am Parish/School **Mass**
6.00pm **Mass**

Thursday 6th March

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

Friday 7th March

World Day of Prayer

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.00am Adoration
10.00am **Anointing Mass**
10.00am Legion of Mary
6.00pm Way of the Cross

Saturday 8th March

10.00am Marian Way of the Cross
11.00am Reconciliation
2.30pm Charismatic Prayer (Spanish)
5.00pm Reconciliation
6.00pm **Mass** - Live Streamed

Sunday 9th March

First Sunday of Lent

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



Dear Parishioners and fellow pilgrims of Hope,

On the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time in Year C 2025, we hear the advice of St Paul as pilgrims of Hope on a journey of faith. **“When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory.”** This second reading on the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time serves well to usher us into the season of Lent.



Next Wednesday 5th March is Ash Wednesday. We begin the holy season of Lent with Ash Wednesday when the ashes from the fresh palm leaves of last year’s Palm Sunday are smudged on our foreheads. The ashes remind us that we are dust and to dust we shall return. When we return to dust which is the finitude of our mortality, then death is swallowed up in victory and we take on immortality.

I would like to invite every parishioner, young and old, too busy and less busy, regular and occasional to take EVERY DAY in the season of Lent to shake our lives in a spiritual sieve in order to remove the filths that suffocate our authentic Christian living. Start by **attending Mass on Wednesday and join the Parish Lenten Retreat every Wednesday at 6pm.** As Pilgrims, even though you may not be physically travelling from place to place, you can set your personal or family Lenten program of **Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving** as paths in your journey of faith in this Jubilee year. It is my hope that this lent will offer us the opportunity to move from ashes to the living font of faith, hope and love in Christ.

We welcome the parents and candidates for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** who will be attending the **Parent Information Session this Sunday** and the **Enrolment Mass next weekend.** The Sacrament of Reconciliation concludes the Archdiocesan Sacramental Program of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Reconciliation. As these children learn about the mercy of God made manifest in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we pray for them and encourage them to approach the throne of Mercy with a humble and contrite disposition. Let us also pray for our parish catechists who lead our sacramental program.

All Parish Altar Servers are invited to a training session on Thursday 13th March at 6pm in the Church. Parents of the Children interested in joining our Parish Altar Servers are encouraged to register their children for this training. The training is intended to provide information, confidence and skills on Altar and Sacristy management to all our new and old parish altar servers.

Next Friday 7th March is World Day of Prayer for Peace with the theme “I Made You Wonderful” Psalm 139:14. This year, the focus is on the children and women in the Cook Islands who are the keepers of the heritage and traditions of their people. There is always an ecumenical prayer service in the area and hosted by different churches. This year, the **Calamvale Salvation Army** will host. Although it is the First Friday Mass, **I would like to attend this Ecumenical Prayer service with a number of parishioners who are interested in building connections with other Christian churches in our area.**

I hope to see you at this weekend Masses and at the Community Weekend Cuppa tea.

God bless, *Fr Enoch Iheme*



Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13

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

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

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

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7 This Sunday's First Reading is part of larger meditation, warning the reader about sinful persons. Using a number of different metaphors, Ben Sirach warns how the deeds of the sinful person will always be shown out.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 'Death, where is your sting?' – perhaps one of Paul's more famous quotes – points to the reality of our new life in Christ: death is swallowed up in Christ's victory over death.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45 In this Sunday's Gospel, we read a further section of the Sermon on the Plain. Here, Jesus uses the analogy of trees and fruit to highlight that the inner disposition of a person will be shown in their words and actions: good comes from good; bad from bad.

DDoran, Anthony. "Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2 March 2025." Pastoral Liturgy 55, no. 1 (2024): 1-5.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

Recently deceased: Jean Miles, Jim Scriha, Sharmaine Delaney, Glen Steer, Lidia Melgar, Marie Hillcoat, Januario L. Lansang Jr., Brother Patrick Matthew McKeon, Andrea Cau Nguyen, Graham Swenson, Aurora McGuerf, Irene Garcia Flores

Those with anniversaries & others who have died: Kathleen Bailey, Arthur Bailey, Antonija Babic, Pablo L. Barrientos Sr., Pushparani Martin, John Martin, Eleuteria Calilung, Andrea Arquileta

Those who are unwell: Sesilia Muavae, Tafa'i Petelo, Rosa Lovos, Pat Clare, Peter Quetcher, Maria Franco, Melissa Wong

PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE & ITALY

**Our Lady of Lourdes
Platinum Jubilee Pilgrimage**

The parish office can also answer your questions. Bookings are still open!

Head to

lol.com.au/pilgrimage
for more info including
the Pilgrimage Itinerary
and the booking link.

Dear Parishioners,

We are almost halfway through our Parish's Alpha Program and we have a diverse and wonderful group of people on this journey with us. As we approach our Holy Spirit Weekend Retreat we ask you to keep them in your prayers:

Amy, Andrew, Betty, Cia, David, Elmer, Gill, Julie, Kerri, Lani,
Linda, Marg, Margaret, Noel, Nyari & Peter.

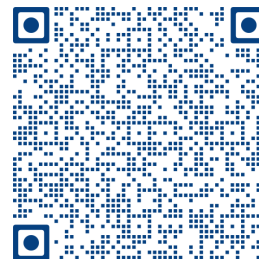
We also ask you to pray for the amazing team of volunteers who are so generously giving of their time and energy to help with the setup and catering each week.



**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



Second Monday of the Month Coffee Morning

When: Monday 10 March 9:30am
Where: Chatterbox Coffee Shop,
 Sunnybank Hills Shopping town,
 661 Compton Road, Sunnybank Hills.
All are welcome!



PLEASE RETURN YOUR PALM CROSSES

The Ashes used on Ash Wednesday are created by burning the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. **A reminder to parishioners to bring last year's palm crosses to the church before Ash Wednesday!**



Wednesdays in Lent

REFLECTION 12 MARCH, 6PM
 "Jesus' Last Week"
 with Mr John Thomas

REFLECTION 19 MARCH, 6PM
 "Care for Our Earth as Pilgrims of Hope"
 with Sr Margaret Endicott

RETREAT 26 MARCH, 9:15AM OR 6PM
 "Jubilee Year - Hope Does Not Disappoint"
 with Fr Frank Jones

RETREAT 2 APRIL, 9:15AM OR 6PM
 "Call to be Pilgrims of Hope & Faith"
 with Fr Frank Jones

RECONCILIATION 9 APRIL, 6PM
 The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation with Fr Enoch,
 Fr Francisco and guest priests

Stations of the Cross

EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS, 6PM - Starting 7 March

MARIAN WAY OF THE CROSS SATURDAYS, 10:30AM - Starting 8 March

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING FRIDAY 11 APRIL - After Stations of the Cross

ASH WEDNESDAY 2025

Wednesday - 5 March 2025



Mass Times:

6:30am

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

6pm

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held weekly, beginning on **Friday 7 March at 6pm.**

Extra Friday Morning Mass

During Lent, there will be an additional **Friday morning Mass at 6:30am**, starting on Friday 14 March.

LENTEN BOOK: *Start Anew In Christ*

"*Start Anew in Christ* is a call for all the followers of Jesus to examine their hearts and open themselves to be renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit who makes all things new."
 Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane.



Contains contemplations inspired by a short text of Scripture from the day's Gospel reading, followed by reflections on how to put the Word into practice, to guide you through 5–10 minutes of daily prayer during the six weeks of Lent.

Now available from the piety stall for \$5.



PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



UNITE AGAINST POVERTY

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

Thank you for standing with us,
 as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN SPANISH

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
When: Saturday 8th March
 from 2.30 to 4.30pm.
Program: Rosary, Teaching, confession

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - MARCH 2025

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



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.



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



UNITE TEENS THIS FRIDAY

MARCH

7



7PM-9PM

AVOCADO ROOM OLOL

GRADES 6-12



Attention Teens!

RECO
RALLY

28TH OF MARCH
BRISBANE

We will be taking a
group to this
awesome event!

More Details TBC...
So, stay tuned!

Come join us to
celebrate the
birthday of one of
our YA's - Patricia.

*Young
Adults
Night*

Sunday 9th March after
the 6pm Youth Mass

Please
bring a
plate :)



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
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