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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



9th March 2025 - First Sunday of Lent

Monday 10th March

8.15am Morning Prayer ???
8.30am **Mass** ???

Tuesday 11th March

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

Wednesday 12th March

8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
6.00pm Lent Retreat

Thursday 13th March

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

Friday 14th March

6.30am **Mass**
8.15am Morning Prayer
8.30am **Mass**
9.00am Adoration
10.00am Legion of Mary
6.00pm Way of the Cross

Saturday 15th March

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

Sunday 16th March

Second Sunday of Lent

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



Christ in the Wilderness by Ivan Kramskoy, c. 1872. Tretyakov Gallery

Dear Parishioners and fellow Pilgrims of Hope,
I would like to invite you to join the prayer for our community as we anxiously wait for the Tropical Cyclone Alfred to make a landfall. As Christians, we do not just wait in fear but in faith, that the Lord of breezes and winds, showers and rains, lightning and clouds is our God through all the storms of life.



Let us pray: *Lord Jesus, we come before you with hearts filled with concern for those in the path of Cyclone Alfred. Protect them from harm and keep them safe from the storm's fury. Comfort those who are afraid and strengthen those who are working to prepare and respond. May your mercy be upon them, and may your love guide them through this challenging time. Bless those who are providing aid and support, and may their efforts be fruitful. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succour, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Thanks be to God most of us had Ash Wednesday to begin this Lenten Journey of 40 days, mirroring the days that Jesus spent in the desert being tempted. During Lent, the Church proposes three attitudes to us: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These pillars of Lent help prepare us in the best possible way for the celebration of Easter. I hope that despite the current weather event, we will recover to continue our Parish Lenten Program. However, we can individually and in our households, engage in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Prayer: Lent is a time for greater reflection and introspection, which allows us dialogue with God in the intimacy of our hearts. We are invited to a meditative silence helping us evaluate our journey of faith, supplicate and to give thanks. In fact, prayer helps us to carry out an honest examination of conscience, so that we can make firm resolutions before God as well as establish goals of faith and charity for our lives. Prayer must always be sincere and discreet. When we pray, our only thought must be focused on God who sees and knows everything we need.

Fasting: We practice fasting correctly when it helps us with self-control, solidarity and liberation. We fast, putting aside something that we really like for a while. One of the best ways to fast is in solidarity with so many brothers and sisters who, unfortunately, live in precarious conditions of survival or have very little. In fasting, we must be grateful to God for everything we are and we have. The practice of sharing and praying for the improvement of the living conditions of the most disadvantaged is the kind of fasting that pleases God. Here we must also exercise common sense and discretion so that we are causing harm to ourselves.

Almsgiving: We must carry out concrete gestures of love in favour of our brothers and sisters in need. True charity is not that which remains only in the intention and on the lips, but that which goes beyond ourselves, spreading towards those who need our help most. For those who wish to practice charity, there are no excuses or barriers. It is essential that we practice charity with discretion and sincerity, our left hand not knowing what our right hand is doing. Only the God, who sees everything that is hidden, should know the greatness of our love for those in need. There are available for us Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes, and we can also chose to make online donations through the Caritas App.

We are praying for your safety and keeping an eye on the on folding of the weather event. We will keep you posted of the parish programs via the our Website, Facebook and Flocknote.

God Bless & Stay Safe, Fr Francisco Evangelista

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36

FUTURE PARISH EVENTS:

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

Australian Catholic Youth
Festival (Melbourne)
30 November - 2 December

Advent Retreat
Tuesdays in Advent

Parish Christmas Carols
5 December

First Sunday of Lent (Year C)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10 We live in the land that God has given us.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13 With confessing lips and believing hearts, we call upon the name of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 The temptations of Jesus are a reminder of his humanity, and his life lived under the guidance of the Spirit.

Moore, Gerard. "First Sunday of Lent - 9 March 2025." Pastoral Liturgy 55, no. 2 (2025)

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

Recently deceased: **Liana Menjivar, Angela June Denham**, Jean Miles, Jim Scriha, Sharmaine Delaney, Glen Steer, Lidia Melgar

Those with anniversaries & others who have died: **Maria Turner, Joseph Sammut, George Cloey, Gloria Salonga, Januaria Verdeflor, Alfredo M. Pomar Jr, Alfredo J. Pomar, Jose Alarcon, Rosario Alarcon, Benito Alarcon, Greg O'Mara**, Kathleen Bailey, Arthur Bailey, Antonija Babic, Pablo L. Barrientos Sr.

Those who are unwell: **Watty Mead, Sesilia Muavae, Tafa'i Petelo, Rosa Lovos, Pat Clare**

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

olol.com.au/pilgrimage

for more info including the Pilgrimage Itinerary and the booking link.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

When: TBC

Where: OLOL Church

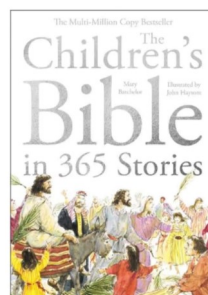
Who: Children who have received their First Communion

Parents of 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.

Please use the sign up sheet in the church, contact the parish office or use Flocknote to express interest.



PIETY STALL UPDATE



The piety stall has some lovely Celtic Cross key rings available for St Patrick's Day on 17 March.

We also have a new selection of bibles and missals available, including a beautiful Children's Bible. Purchases can be made at most weekend masses.



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.





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

Caritas AUSTRALIA | PROJECT COMPASSION First Sunday of Lent

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



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

TROPICAL CYCLONE UPDATE

Latest information will be on Facebook, the website and sent through Flocknote. As of Friday afternoon, the following parish events are **CANCELLED**:

- Marian Way of the Cross
- All Saturday Parish Programs
- **Saturday night Mass is cancelled.** However, internet and power in the church permitting, there will be a Live Stream Mass at 6pm Saturday for your participation from home.

The decision for the following are still pending:

- Sunday Masses TBC
- All Monday and Tuesday Parish events TBC
- Altar Serving Training date TBC

Archbishop Mark Coleridge: "In areas impacted by the cyclone where it is considered unsafe to travel, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply."

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES IN LENT

Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will be held weekly, beginning on **Fridays at 6pm**. There will also be Marian Way of the Cross on **Saturdays at 10:30am**.

Extra Friday Morning Mass

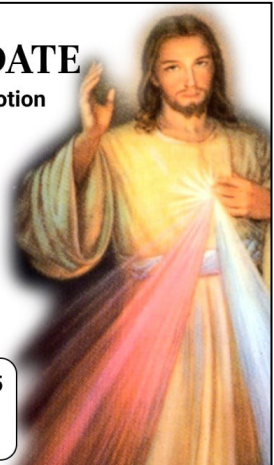
During Lent, there will be an additional **Friday morning Mass at 6:30am**, starting on Friday 14 March.

SAVE THE DATE

The Divine Mercy Devotion will start in our Parish

Experience the great Mercy of our Lord. Learn about why the Devotion is important and the messages of our Lord to Sister Faustina.

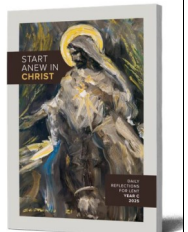
Friday 14 March 2025
5pm - 6:30pm
Media Room, OLOL



LENTEN BOOK: *Start Anew In Christ*

Contains contemplations inspired by the day's Gospel reading, reflections on how to put the Word into practice, and daily prayer during the six weeks of Lent.

Now available from the piety stall for \$5!



flocknote



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>

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 NEXT FRIDAY

MARCH
21



7PM-9PM
AVOCADO ROOM OLOL
GRADES 6-12



Attention Teens!



We will be taking a
group to this
awesome event!

More Details TBC....
So, stay tuned!



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.

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

For the full Schedule, head to the parish website

If you have any questions,
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