



30TH NOVEMBER 2014
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

St. Bernardine's Church, Regents Park
 Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Park Ridge
 St. Catherine's Church, Jimboomba

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St Vincent de Paul Society

St Bernardine's Conference

For assistance, phone 5561 4702

St Catherine's Conference

For assistance, phone 3010 1096

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasises the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

"Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

"Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man."

_ From the Loyola Press website

<http://www.loyolapress.com/first-sunday-of-advent-cycle-b-sunday-connection.htm>



The name of Jesus is the glory of preachers, because the shining splendour of that name causes God's word to be proclaimed and heard.

Gathering Hymn	GA285 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Psalm Response	Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Recessional Hymn	GA414 Sing a New Song

MASS TIMES

ST. BERNARDINE'S CHURCH

25 Vergulde Road, Regents Park



Mon 1st Dec 7.30am
Wed 3rd Dec 9.00am
Sat 6th Dec 5.15pm *Reconciliation*
 6.00pm
Sun 7th Dec 7.30am, 9.00am

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

74-76 East Street, Jimboomba

Thurs 4th Dec 8.00am
Sun 7th Dec 5.30pm

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Corner of Stoney Camp Road and Mt. Lindesay Highway, Park Ridge

Sun 7th Dec 7.30am

ST. PAUL DE CHARTRES CHAPEL

12-16 Fedrick Street, Boronia Heights

Mon 1st Dec 8.00am
Tues 2nd Dec 9.00am
Wed 3rd Dec 9.00am
Thurs 4th Dec 8.00am
Fri 5th Dec 9.00am

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 30th November

First Sunday of Advent

Monday 1st December

10am-11am Prayer Group ~ St Bernardine's Church

Tuesday 2nd December

7.00pm Flame of Love Prayer Group
~ St Bernardine's Church

Wednesday 3rd December

6.30pm Cleo Dinner-Ladies Night Out ~ see notices

Thursday 4th December

9.30am Craft Group ~ Logan West Library
 7.00pm Baptism Preparation
 ~ St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent
 7.30am Hospitality after Mass
 ~ Our Lady of the Assumption Church
 5.30pm Hospitality after Mass
 ~ St Catherine's Church



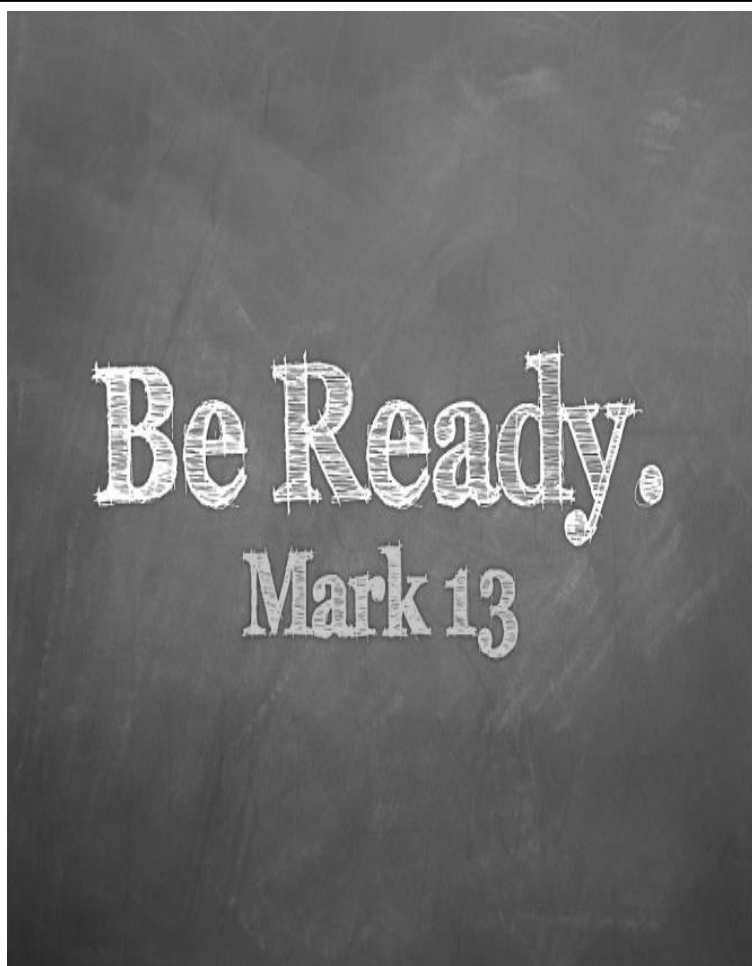
Today's Readings:	Next Week's Readings:
Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8	Is 40:1-5,9-11
1Cor 1:3-9	Pet 3:8-14
Mark 13:33-37	Mark 1:1-8

Evangelii Gaudium

"Evangelisation aims at a process of growth which entails taking seriously each person and God's plan for his or her life. All of us need to grow in Christ."

Par 160 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

<http://www.vatican.va/evangelii-gaudium/en/>



Christmas Masses at St Bernardine's Church Volunteer Sheets

Thank you to the Mass Coordinators, Readers and Ministers who put their names on the volunteer sheets that have been out over the last couple of weeks.

There are two more vacancies on the roster for

1st Reading

Midnight Mass

General Intercessions

Midnight Mass

If you can help, please put your name in the vacant spaces on the sheet at the back of the church.

Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - GIFTING TREES 'Help Complete Their Christmas'

It's a tradition at St. Bernardine's and Our Lady of the Assumption Churches for a Christmas Gifting Tree to be placed in the church by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It is to help families in the local area who will have an otherwise bleak Christmas. If you would like to participate, please take a tag from the tree, buy and wrap your gift, re-attach the tag, and place your gift under the tree by **13th-14th December**. The parish has been very generous in past years, and we look forward to your generosity again. Cash donations are welcome.

CLEO DINNER Ladies Night Out

The CLEO (Catholic ladies Eating Out) DINNERS, are held monthly, providing an opportunity for ladies in our community to meet informally in a friendly, supportive group.

This year it is requested that in LIEU of OUR SECRET SANTA, please provide a gift to the Christmas Tree for those less fortunate in our Parish.

Everyone welcome, especially new faces. RSVP would be appreciated.

Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 6.30pm
Browns Plains Hotel
Browns Plains Rd
BROWNS PLAINS

Enquiries; Astrid Raines (M) 0417 418 014
(AH) 3200 0032

Fifties Plus Group Christmas Lunch (cancelled)

Due to circumstances, the Christmas lunch that was to be held at 11.30am on Wednesday 3rd December has been cancelled.

Morning Teas will resume in 2015.

St Catherine's Church

A reminder that the Christmas clean up is on the 6th December starting at 9.00am

Christmas dinner is planned to be held after Mass on the 14th December.

Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share. This is a long tradition at St Catherine's and we look forward to seeing many families staying to share a meal.

Thank you

A big thank you on behalf of the St Bernardine's Parish to John and Sue McMahon for all their hard work and effort in making our Nativity Stable.

2014 Annual Catholic Campaign Results

Thank you to all those who donated to this year's Annual Catholic Campaign which was a great success for the Archdiocese with \$1,132,179 raised to support Holy Spirit Seminary, Centacare, The Priests Foundation and the Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund.

St Bernardine's parishioners donated a total of \$6,540.75 which was a wonderful response. Thank you once again for your generosity and participation.

Caritas Australia

This Christmas, you can give a unique and life-changing gift. By choosing a Global Gift this year, you are helping to spread the message that together, as on global family, we are making the world a better place.

A Global Gift makes a positive and real impact on the lives of the poorest and most marginalised communities around the world. You can purchase a Global Gift by free-calling us on 1800 024 413, or by choosing your gift online at www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane
Advertised Position – St Bernardine’s Catholic Parish

Position: Pastoral Associate

Classification: Part-Time – 22.8 hours per week

Location: 25 Vergulde Rd, Regents Park 4118

Description: Applications are open for a position with St Bernardine’s Catholic Parish. The position holder will be responsible for coordinating a range of pastoral activities and programs and will assist in developing and implementing such parish activities such as Sacramental Programs, Liturgical Ministry, Pastoral Care and Visitation and Adult Faith Education. The successful applicant will report to the Parish Priest.

General Duties:

- . Participate in the community and liturgical life of the parish, especially Sunday Eucharist, as well as attend parish events as appropriate.
- . Collaborate with parish groups in providing care and service to the community.
- . Participate in parish meetings as required.
- . Work collaboratively with the Parish Office on all parish matters.
- . Carry out other duties as required by the Parish Priest.

Competencies:

- . Appropriate Tertiary qualifications in Theology and/or pastoral ministries, together with several years experience in parish pastoral ministry;
- . Where a person does not have tertiary qualifications they would be expected to have significant experience (7-years +) in parish pastoral ministry.
- . A person of faith baptised and confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church with a commitment to the Mission and Direction of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.
- . Demonstrated leadership ability and experience in group facilitation.
- . Demonstrated strong oral and written communication skills.
- . Computer literacy especially in the Microsoft Suite of Programs.
- . Possession of a Blue Card (approval for working with children) or a willingness to apply for such.
- . Current drivers licence.

Personal Attributes:

- . Ability to work as part of a small team.
- . Ability to take initiative in the work environment.
- . Ability to prioritise tasks and meet deadlines.
- . High level of discretion and confidentiality in all matters.
- . A commitment to a collaborative leadership style.
- . Lifestyle compatible with the values and teachings of the Church.

To apply for this position, please email your current resume and a covering letter outlining your suitability for the position to brownpl@bne.catholic.net.au. For more information contact Kelly on 3884 7600.

Closing: Applications close 11th December 2014