



27TH NOVEMBER 2016
1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT- YEAR A

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

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St Catherine's Conference

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*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.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Advent means "Coming". During this season the liturgies encourage us - as we look forward to the Christmas celebration - to reflect upon the mystery of God's coming among us. It is a season of expectation, reminding us that we live in time.

The irresistible march of time has puzzled philosophers since ancient times. We shall learn a great deal about ourselves, if we get in touch with the moods that shape our lives – moods that almost invariably involve the passing of time: our hopes and fears, our yearnings and disappointments, our sense of achievement, the lessons life is teaching us. Our faith should help us to situate this pattern of our lives within the designs of God. Where the march of time is leading us has only become clear, of course, because God has made known to us why the world was created. If God had remained silent, time would seem like an ever- going nowhere. Since Old Testament times, however, God's people have been given a growing awareness God's designs – through the divine gifts of faith and hope. A greater familiarity with the Scriptures – in this time of renewal - can give us a more lively awareness of the unfolding of God's generous plan, and of our place in that plan. An authentic faith is inseparable from a strong Christian hope – the certainty that God's generous and merciful designs will be fulfilled: in the whole of creation, and in the lives of each one of us.

- From a homily on the Gospel by Fr John Thornhill sm



Gathering Hymn	GA285 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Psalm Response	Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Recessional Hymn	GA414 Sing A New Song

MASS TIMES

ST. BERNARDINE'S CHURCH

25 Vergulde Road, Regents Park



Mon 28th Nov 7.30am
Wed 30th Nov 9.00am
Sat 3rd Dec 5.15pm Reconciliation
 6.00pm
Sun 4th Dec 7.30am, 9.00am

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Thus 1st Dec 8.00am
Sun 4th Dec 5.30pm

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Sun 4th Dec 7.30am

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Mon 28th Nov 8.00am
Tues 29th Nov 9.00am
Wed 30th Nov 9.00am
Thurs 1st Dec 8.00am
Fri 2nd Dec 9.00am

Today's Readings:	Next Week's Readings:
Is 2:1-5	Is 11:1-10
Rom 13:11-14	Rom 15:4-9
Mt 24:37-44	Mt 3:1-2

Please remember in your Prayers

B. Porter (Anniversary)

Prayer list: Please advise the parish office, if you are aware of any parishioners who are unwell or for whatever reason need to be kept in our prayers.

Please get their permission before you advise the parish office. We will include them, by name only (not reason for prayers) in our prayer list in the weekly Newsletter.

Thank You.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK



Sunday 27th November

1st Sunday in Advent— Year A
 10.00am Arts & Crafts Stall
 ~ St Bernardine's Church

10.30am Baptisms
 ~ St Bernardine's Church

Monday 28th November

10am-11am Prayer Group ~ St Bernardine's Church
 9.30am- 12pm- Arts and Crafts

Tuesday 29th November

10.00am Legion of Mary ~ The Hut
 7.00pm Flame of Love Prayer Group

Wednesday 30th November

Thursday 1st December

9.30am Craft Group ~ Logan West Library

Saturday 3rd December

Sunday 4th December

2nd Sunday in Advent— Year A

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St Bernardine's Church

Saturday 24th December

Carols from -5.30pm
 Christmas Eve -6.00pm Children's Mass
 Carols from 11.30pm
 Midnight Mass- 12.00am

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day - 9.00am

St Catherine's Church

Saturday 24th December

Carols from 7.30pm
 Christmas Eve- 8.00pm
(No Mass Christmas Day)

Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day - 7.30am

Isaiah 9:6 ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

PARISH NOTICES

VOLUNTEER SHEETS

Mass Coordinators, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers will be needed for Christmas Masses at St Bernardine's Church.

Mass Coordinators and Ministers who are already on the weekend roster and who are willing to serve at the Christmas Masses are asked to put their names on the volunteer sheets available this weekend.

Mass Coordinators, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers for Masses at St Catherine's Church and Our Lady of the Assumption Church will be arranged locally.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not wish for your contact information to be listed on the volunteer lists in the Church, please just write your name down and contact the parish office with your contact details on Ph: 38847600 Thank you.

The Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Will commence with Carols from 5.30pm.

All children are invited to come dressed in nativity character— angels, shepherds, sheep, cow, shiny stars etc.— and be a part of the Mass.

Your (primary school aged) child is welcome to be part of the Choir. They will sing a couple of carols before Mass and also sing during Mass.

This would mean they would have to attend practice, during the 9.00am Mass each week leading up to Christmas. Any questions please contact the parish office.

Youth are welcome to join the Youth for Christ Choir.

They will be taking care of the Music Ministry for this Mass.

Working Bee

St Catherine's Church, Jimboomba will have a working Bee on **Saturday 3rd December from 7.00am.**

St Catherine's Christmas Dinner

Those attending Mass on **Sunday 11th December at 5.30pm** are invited to stay after Mass to join in the Christmas dinner. A small plate of food is welcomed. We look forward to seeing many families staying to share a meal.

"Simbang Gabi" (Misa de Gallo)

The Catholic Filipino Australia Chaplaincy invites you to the annual Filipino tradition of

"Simbang Gabi" from:

6.30pm Sunday 18th December 2016 at

St Bernardine's Church. Please bring a plate of food to share. Thank you

DINNER Ladies Night Out Christmas Break Up

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.

Everyone welcome, especially new faces.

RSVP would be appreciated

Please contact Michelle Smith for more information 0421216395 or the Parish Office

Wednesday 7th December at 6.00pm

Venue: Middle Green— Sports club
720 Middle Road, Greenbank

Fifties Plus Group Christmas Lunch

Will meet for lunch at 11.00am at the home of Ron and Danuta 8/12 Thameda Place, New Beith
Please phone Danuta for more information on Ph. 32000486 or Mob 0403338004

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. The Christmas Tree will be up next weekend .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 10th\11th **December.**

The parish has been very generous in past years, and we look forward to your generosity again. Cash donations are welcome with envelopes available under the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Tree. There will also be Christmas baubles for sale at \$2 each. You can right the name of a deceased loved one and place it on the Christmas tree. All proceeds will go to St Vincent de Paul



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