



29TH JANUARY 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 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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*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

Blessed (happy) are you'. These words of joyful congratulation, addressed to those to who have known the joy brought by God's blessings, echo down the ages in the story of the scriptures. 'All generations will call me blessed', Mary declares. The Beatitudes have a common pattern: relating the attitudes of those who have taken to heart the Good News of the Kingdom to the corresponding blessings that will be theirs, as God's gift. These blessings are shown by Matthew's presentation to be a magnificent fulfilment of the ideals of old Israel. True disciples of Jesus are 'poor in spirit' - they know that the God of Israel's faith is the champion of the powerless, who will certainly 'hear their cry'. It was in this spirit that the authentic faith of Israel's covenant lived on; and it was in this spirit that Jesus lived out his mission. The 'meek' are those who resist the temptation to rely upon human self-sufficiency and arrogance, finding their security in the Lord. For those who first heard Matthew's gospel, the attitudes of the true believer were summed up in the 'justice' that was the faithful Israelite's right relationship with their God. For this community, therefore, those who 'hunger for justice' do more than take up the cause of the oppressed; they seek the fullness of 'justice', by living according to Christ's new Law of Love. The 'merciful' are those who, faithful to their covenant relationship, have learned from the Saviour how to identify with the generous ways of God. 'Pure in heart' has a far broader meaning than we may tend to assume – the 'heart', so often spoken of in the psalms, is the person's innermost self; and this Beatitude speaks of nothing less than an undivided and generous commitment to the Gospel. 'Peacemakers' are those who identify with the hope at the heart of the biblical tradition – 'peace' (shalom), human wellbeing at every level, God's own gift.

From a homily on the Gospel by Fr John Thornhill sm

Gathering Hymn	GA502 The Summons
Psalm Response	Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs
Recessional Hymn	GA489 The Beatitudes

MASS TIMES

ST. BERNARDINE'S CHURCH

25 Vergulde Road, Regents Park



Mon 30th Jan 7.30am
Wed 1st Feb 9.00am
Sat 4th Feb 5.15pm *Reconciliation*
 6.00pm
Sun 5th Feb 7.30am, 9.00am

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Thus 2nd Feb 8.00am
Sun 5th Feb 5.30pm

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Wed 1st Feb 9.00am
Thurs 2nd Feb 9.00am
Fri 3rd Feb 9.00am

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 29th January

Fourth Sunday in ordinary time—Year A

Monday 30th January

Tuesday 31st January

Thursday 2nd February

9.30am Craft Group ~ Logan West Library

Saturday 4th February

Church Cleaning roster – **Samoan Community**

Sunday 5th February

Fifth Sunday in ordinary time- Year A

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:
Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13	Is 58:7-10
1 Cor 1:26-31	1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:1-12	Mt 5:13-16



For the New Year

God of this New Year,

I am walking into mystery.

I face the future, not knowing what the days and
 months will bring or how I will respond.

Be love in me as I journey from the familiar and
 into the new.

Deepen my faith to see all of life with Your eyes.

(From the National Office for the Participation of Women)



Happy Chinese New Year!

Welcome to the year of the fire rooster

PARISH NOTICES



Altar Servers Training. For all those young people who responded to the call for more altar servers – **THANK YOU** very much.

Thank you too, to the parents who have encouraged and who will support your children in this vital ministry. Fr Hyacinth will run a training session (about half an hour) after the 9.00am Mass on **Sunday 5th February**. Please contact the parish office to confirm that your child will be attending this session.

Seeking Volunteers... can you assist with operating the overhead (powerpoint) for the Order of Mass at one of the 7.30am Sunday masses - the 1st, 2nd or 4th Sunday ? It would entail setting up the parish lap top and running the powerpoint., which is on a USB. Please contact the parish office if you can assist. Thank You

Children's Liturgy / Choir will be recommencing on Sunday 5th February during the 9.00AM Mass with Choir practice. We are planning for the Childrens' Choir to sing at one 9.00am mass during each School term. Each Sunday, during the School Term, choir practice will alternate with Children's Liturgy of the Word. All school aged children are most welcome.

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 weekly Newsletter.

Hospitality After Mass

A reminder that next Sunday 5th February those attending the 7.30am mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church and the 5.30pm Mass at St Catherine's are invited to stay for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass.

A small plate of food to share would be welcome.

Gift Card found in the collection

A couple of weekends ago a gift card was put into the collection at St Bernardine's Church. If you are missing a gift card please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Working Bee at St Catherine's: Fr Hyacinth is rolling up his sleeves and will be at St Catherine's on Saturday 11th February from 8.00am to 10.00am to attend to the gardens and for a general clean up. We put out a call for assistance - everybody, men and women, young and not so young – your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Unfurnished granny flat for rent in Browns Plains on Straight Drive. Power and water included. \$300 per week. Please contact Desiree for more information on Ph 0450048150.

Transport Assistance

We have a family in our Parish who has a child at St Bernardine's School needing assistance with transport to and from school. If there are any families who live in and around Straight Drive in Browns Plains that would be willing to assist this family please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Direct debit / Planned giving

For those who make an offering via electronic fund transfer, if you so wish, we have a card that you can place in the plate, as it comes around, as a symbol of your gift giving. The beige coloured cards can be picked up at the entrance of the church.

Arts and Crafts Group -

Members will recommence on Monday 6th February. Members meet to help one another with their craft projects; share crafty ideas; for fellowship and a cuppa. New members are always welcome. If you want to learn a new craft, call in and speak with the members who meet on a Monday Morning from 9.30am in The John Nee Hut.

Lent Program More information to come

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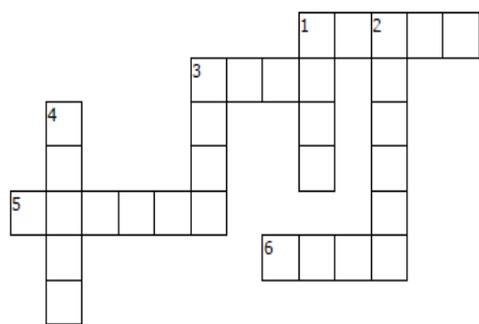
The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."
Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12



Blessed
are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.



ACROSS

- To show great kindness toward others
- To be without any faults; without sin
- A need for food
- To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

DOWN

- To be humble in spirit or manner
- A payment received in return for doing good deeds
- Having little money or few possessions
- To feel sadness

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My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)