



**12TH MARCH 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 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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A quick heads up.'

As you would know we are now into the depths of our Lenten journey in 'Year A' which is generally the Gospel according to Matthew. But for the next three weeks we revert to the Gospel of John and hear the three great stories of faith.

'The Woman at the well' the story of a woman who came to faith through her encounter with Jesus. To the story of 'the man born blind' who came to see through that same encounter with Jesus, and finally 'The raising of Lazarus' moving from death to life. These stories are significant because they revolve around the RCIA journey, (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) which takes place every year in most parishes. But even without the RCIA these stories are still important to us and we will experience the text of each of these Gospel stories in full as we continue to grow in our own faith and our relationship with God through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

They may seem to be long, but listen and understand that these stories are our own stories in faith. Through our encounter with Jesus Christ in our lives we too are brought to the point where we believe, that we see that God is indeed in our midst and by our relationship with our God through Jesus Christ, we are called into life. So the journey of faith unfolds for us.

God bless, Fr John

Today's Readings:	Next Week's Readings:
Gen 12:1-4	Ex 17:3-7
2 Tim 1:8-10	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Mt 17:1-9	Jn 4:5-42

Gathering	GA304 Return to God
Psalm Response	Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Recessional	GA303 Grant to Us O Lord a Heart Renewed (refrain only)

MASS TIMES
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 13th Mar; 7.30am— St Bernardines

Tues 14th Mar: No Mass

Wed 15th Mar: 9.00am—St Bernardine's

Thurs 16th Mar: 8:00am—St Catherine's

FRI 17TH MAR: 9.00am—St Paul de Chartres

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Wed 15th March 9.00am

Thurs 16th March 8.00am

Fri 17th March 9.00am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Bernardines

Saturday 6.00pm,

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH

7.30am

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

5.30pm

Reconciliation Times

Thank you

World Day of Prayer

The focus this year was on the women of the Philippines. The prayer service lead by Fr Terence Nueva, reflected on the people, their lives and challenges and as a worldwide movement, we joined all Filipino women in informed prayer and prayerful action.

Our Ecumenical brothers and sisters joined us and several students from Emmaus College participated in the Service as well. Ladies from our Filipino community led the singing and shared their stories. The Hospitality group at St Catherine's, provided a scrumptious morning tea, which included cakes and slices which the Filipino ladies had also made.

Thank you to all who participated and a big thank you to Peter Flynn and his committee for hosting this special Service.

Next year the focus will be on the women of Suriname. The Anglican Church in Jimboomba will be hosting the Day of Prayer.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK



Sunday 13th March

2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A

10.30am Baptisms

~ St Bernardine's Church

Monday 14th March

9.30am Arts and Crafts ~ The Hut

Tuesday 15th March

10.00am Legion of Mary meets in The Hut

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

~ St Bernardine's Church

Wednesday 16th March

9.30am Prayer Group ~ St Bernardine's Church

Thursday 17th March

9.30am Craft Group ~ Logan West Library

9.00am Stations of the Cross ~ St Catherine's Church

7.00pm Stations of the Cross ~

Our Lady of the Assumption

Sunday 19th March

3rd Sunday in Lent - Year A

7.30am ~ Hospitality at St Bernardine's Church

Baptism Celebrations

We welcome and pray for *Aria Dominguez, Amelia Lind, Olivia Watson and Ruby Watson* who are to be baptised this Sunday at St Bernardines Church. May God continue to bless them and their families as they grow in faith.

Baptism preparation meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month. Next meeting will be on 5th April at 7:00pm at St Bernardine's Church. Please contact the parish office on 38847600 to book in.

LEARNING TO LAMENT.

I was struck by the handful of questions that Archbishop Mark posed for us in his Pastoral letter, and I have wondered how they impact upon our lives as people of faith living in the midst of this challenging world.

Where is God in the midst of the mess?

Is there a future to hope in?

Is there healing for wounds that seem incurable?

Has the Church lost touch with the real Jesus?

Does love have the last word? And finally

Are justice and peace a mirage?

No doubt much of what Archbishop Mark had reflected upon may have been coloured by his experiences over the past few weeks in the Royal Commission, and as the Commission comes to a close, its findings and the outcomes may also touch the lives of so many of us.

It may be then that such questions become a reality for us, and it may be well worthwhile spending some time dwelling in the midst of the challenges that the Commission will bring to our Church. Please continue to pray for the Commission, for the victims of abuse and for the Church as well. Fr John.

PARISH NOTICES

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Each year on the second Sunday of Lent, the liturgy's gospel reading tells of the Transfiguration. This year we hear Matthew's account. Throughout our long Lenten observance, we are encouraged to keep in mind the triumphant glory of the Saviour that we are preparing to celebrate, and the challenge it brings to us. All three gospels link the Transfiguration with the warning of Jesus, that he was 'destined to suffer' in Jerusalem, and that those who are his true followers must 'take up their cross and follow him'.

What is the basis of this mysterious narrative, that is not easy to relate to the later attitudes displayed by the apostles as the story of the gospels unfolds? It had obvious importance for the Church of the beginnings, because it is given in all three synoptic gospels. Luke associates this experience of the three apostles - who were to witness the agony of Jesus in the garden - with a moment in which Jesus led them in prayer. Perhaps the narrative has its basis in an ecstatic prayer experience.

Perhaps the more restrained presentation of Luke, the gentile convert, is significant. Luke avoids reference to a metamorphosis ('transfiguration'), a phenomenon associated with the gods of the pagan mythology. He merely states that 'the aspect of Jesus' face was changed'. No doubt, the early Church saw this narrative as an important expression of their faith in the Saviour - as sharing in the Father's greatness and glory, even in the obscurity of his earthly life.

Hospitality after 7.30am Mass

At St Bernardine's . A reminder that next Sunday 19th March, those attending the 7.30am Mass are invited to stay for a cup of tea or coffee after Mass. A small plate of food to share would be welcome.

Lent program The following are the times / dates and venues for our Lent program
St Catherine's -

After the 8am Mass - every Thursday during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross and reflection on the coming Sunday's Gospel from 9.00am -10.00am (Contact person is Lorraine)

Our Lady of the Assumption - Every Thursday evening during Lent.

Lent Program, using the resource book "Up from the Waters". Sessions will run from 7.00pm - 8.00pm (Contact person is Teresa)

St Bernardine's - Every Tuesday Evening from 7pm during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross (contact person is Jan).

If you have any questions, please contact Jean in the parish office.

New Newsletter.

You may find the format of the newsletter has been tweaked a bit from what has been in the past. Hopefully these simple changes may make it easier for people to be aware of the various events that are taking place in the parish. I hope it works.

Understanding Blue Card Requirements within Parishes.

Volunteers engaging with Children as part of their ministry are required by legislation to hold a valid Blue Card.

There are lots of questions around Blue Card requirements, so we have tried to address a number of these here. If you have any additional questions about Blue Cards as a volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer, Troy Tornabene-tornabenet@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3752.

Due to the complexity, all new volunteer engagement is to be managed through the Parish Office and not through individual ministries. All forms are to be collected from the Parish Office.

Blue Cards – Protection of Children/Minors Key prevention and monitoring system of people working with children in QLD.

Volunteering with children requires a valid Blue Card this includes, but not limited to Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Program, Altar Server training, Sacristans, Youth Group Coordinators, Choir leaders etc.

Those in ministry involved in policy and practice decision making in the Parish, such as Pastoral and Finance Council members will also require Blue Cards. Volunteers are to **ONLY** use Archdiocesan provided Blue Card forms. (Parish Office)

Blue cards from another organisation, needs to be linked to the parish. (Parish Office)

Teachers (Registered)/Police under the legislation, are required to apply for an Exemption card to engage in a Ministry involving children

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Measuring God's Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Based on John 3:14-17 (NIV)

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