



REGENTS PARK CATHOLIC PARISH
 St Bernardine's Church, Regents Park
 St Catherine's Church, Jimboomba
 Our Lady Of The Assumption Church, Park Ridge



23rd December 2018 YEAR B
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

24 & 25 DECEMBER - SEE CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
 WED 26TH DECEMBER NO MASS
 THUR 27TH DECEMBER NO MASS

ST PAUL DE CHARTRES CHAPEL MASS TIMES

12-16 FEDRICK STREET, BORONIA HEIGHTS
 MON 24TH DECEMBER 7PM IN THE CHAPEL
 TUES 25TH DECEMBER 9:00AM MASS IN THE HALL
 WED 26TH DECEMBER 9:00AM
 THURS 27TH DECEMBER 8:00AM
 FRI 28TH DECEMBER 9:00AM

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL MASS SAT 6:00PM ST BERNARDINE'S CHURCH
 MASS SUN 7:30AM OLA CHURCH
 MASS SUN 9:00AM ST BERNARDINE'S CHURCH
 MASS SUN 5:30PM ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH

RECONCILIATION TIMES

SATURDAY 5:15PM ST BERNARDINE'S CHURCH
 OR BY APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRIEST

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Merry Christmas

I take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Blessed New Year filled with great hope and amazing possibilities.

Fr John, Jacob, Jack and Parish Team.

Ministry Matters

A new era is beginning at St Bernardine's Parish. I have appointed a Co-ordinator of Lay Ministries for the parish, who will take on the role that Jean had held for the past few years, as well a few other things as well. Her Name is Carrie McCormack, and she will commence some time in January when she returns from holidays with her family. Carrie will no doubt bolster the gifted and talented staff already at work in the parish. We welcome her on board and wait to see our parish glow and grow.

A new Beginning BBQ Friday 18th Jan.

Normally we have a party at the end of each year to thank the many people who are involved in the life of the parish. With so many farewells for Jack over the past few weeks and I think, still more to come, it was decided to wait until the New Year and have a Beginning Barby at the presbytery. It will be Friday 18th January starting at 6:00pm or when you arrive. Food and drinks will be available and I look forward to marking this New Year with a Party. Please RSVP by Mon 14th January so that we can count on numbers. See you at the bun-fight.

Fr John

THANK YOU MESSAGE TO THE ST BS YOUTH

Thank you to ALL our youth for their amazing contribution this year, those that participated and those that supported. We had a late start this year with our Youth gathering – HOWEVER – you have participated 100% in all our events – AND – we have had so much fun together. It has filled my heart with joy to see you all coming together for and with each other – for and with Jesus. May God bless you all and bring you into the peace of His love. We wish your family all the best for Christmas and the New Year. May the blessing of the Father be upon us all during this season, keep us all safe and lead us into 2019 with His grace and mercy.

From Flo Kelly (Youth Worker)

"If nothing changes, nothing changes."
 (National Council of Priests Conference)

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: GA404 Christ be our light

Jack's Farewell Message

One Wednesday morning in January I arrived quietly at St Bernardine's Parish, somewhat uncertain of what the year ahead will hold. Yet, there was a sense of excitement as I began the next phase of my priestly formation amongst you all.

I quickly found St Bernardine's to be a welcoming parish and over the year each of you have supported me in one way or another as I settled in and found my way through my ministry. Many of us have journeyed through the year together, sharing in the many conversations, the joys and struggles, the laughter and even the tears. Thank you for accepting me into this community and accepting me into the many intimate moments of your lives.

Over this past year, I enjoyed being able to work closely with a wonderful team of staff in our parish office - the engine room of the parish - whose work is often unseen. In the time we've had together, we shared our knowledge with each other and a friendship that many can only dream of in an office.

This year saw a renewed close working relationship between the parish and our St Bernardine's School. I thank the school community, too, for welcoming me into their midst so openly and for the many wonderful times we've shared together. The same can also be said of St Clare's School in Yarrabilba and Emmaus College in Jimboomba. I pray that this close relationship we built on this year will continue to flourish in the coming years.

I'm deeply grateful to Fr John, who has been a wise mentor and a friend over this past year, generously accepting me into his home and workplace. Fr John had supported me through the thick and thin of the year and always allowed me the freedom to venture forward in finding my own homiletic and pastoral styles and knowing that he is always nearby to turn to for guidance. The most important lesson Fr John taught me about being a priest is to live in the ordinary events of people's lives - I hope I've done this to the best of my ability this year. I might add that I'm also leaving the parish not so cheap a date as when I first came!! That in itself is an achievement!!

All good things must come to an end. There are so many memories of 2018 that simply cannot be recounted here. While (I hope!) each of you will have something that you'll remember me by, I ask you to simply remember me as Jack - someone who came into your life and cared. Please pray for me as I continue my journey to the priesthood. God willing, our paths will cross again soon.

Blessings, Jack

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2018

St Bernardine's Church (Regents Park)

Christmas Eve at 6:00pm
Christmas Eve at Midnight
Christmas Day at 9:00am



St Clare's Primary School (Yarrabilba)

Christmas Eve at 7:00pm
(Open Air Mass - Please bring a chair or rug to sit on)

Our Lady of the Assumption Church (Park Ridge)

Christmas Day at 7:30am

St Catherine's Church (Jimboomba)

Christmas Day at 8:30am



**Christmas Eve
Children's / Youth Mass**
Children are invited to come to Mass dressed in Nativity character.



*Jack's
Memories
of 2018*





MASS TIMES AND PLACES & WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

MON 24th CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES	6:00pm	Children/Youth Christmas Eve Mass	St Bernardine's Church
	12:00am	Christmas Eve Midnight Mass	St Bernardine's Church
	7:00pm	Open Air Christmas Eve Mass	St Clare's Yarrabilba
TUES 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES	7:30am	Christmas Day Mass	Our Lady of the Assumption Church
	8:30am	Christmas Day Mass	St Catherine's Church
	9:00am	Christmas Day Mass	St Bernardine's Church
WED 26th	9:00am	Mass	St Bernardine's Church
	9:00am	Mass	St Paul de Chartres Chapel
THUR 27th	8:00am	Mass	St Paul de Chartres Chapel
	6:00pm	Mass	Our Lady of the Assumption Church
FRI 28th	9:00am	Mass	St Paul de Chartres Chapel
SAT 29th	5:15pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	St Bernardine's Church
	6:00pm	Mass	St Bernardine's Church
SUN 30th	7:30am	Mass	Our Lady of the Assumption Church
	9:00am	Mass & Baptisms	St Bernardine's Church
	5:30pm	Mass	St Catherine's Church



BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS : There are no baptism celebrations until Sunday 6th January 2019. Please continue to pray for those children who have been baptised this year as they grow in faith,

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING -

To take place on Monday 28th January 2019.
Time: 7:00pm at St Bernardine's Church.

Church Cleaners needed.

St Bernardine's Church is in need of cleaners who are able to clean every Saturday morning. This can be groups of people or an individual if they are capable to clean it on their own. Please contact the parish office if you are able to assist in this Ministry. Thank you.



Sacramental Preparation



Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion - will begin with a Parent Information session on **Wednesday 20th February 2019 at 7.00pm** at St Bernardine's Church. It is essential that a parent or guardian attend one of these sessions to get the information and to formally register your child for the program next year, 2019. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions. Ph: 3884 7600 E: stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au

2x Mass Coordinators, 4 x Readers and 3 x Eucharistic Ministers are still required for the Christmas Masses at St Bernardine's Church and Yarrabilba. If you have already put your name down on the roster—Thank you. If you are a Reader, Eucharistic minister and are available for the Christmas Masses please consider putting your name on the roster this weekend. Have a look at the roster for where the spaces are. **WE need your help to fill these spaces.... Thank you.**

Please Remember In Your Prayers : Sick; Recently Deceased; Michael Raymond; Anniversaries: Brenda Moore

Legion of Mary Will return on Monday the 7th January, 2019. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Legion of Mary. Please contact the parish office.

HOSPITAL VISITS: If you or a family member is in hospital for an extended time, and wish to see a priest, please contact the Parish office and one of the priests of the parish will respond to the request.

Make an offering in Your WILL. Please consider including a 'Bequest' in your Will to support the life of our Parish. Help secure the future life of this Community. Further information is available from the Parish office.

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

NEXT WEEKS READINGS: 1Sam 1:20-22,24-28; 1Jn 3:1-2,21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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