



REGENTS PARK CATHOLIC PARISH

Comprising of St Bernardine's Church, St Catherine's Church
and Our Lady of the Assumption Church



8th September 2019 YEAR C 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement

We the Catholic Communities of Regents Park Parish, guided by the Holy Spirit; commit to building a welcoming, inclusive, faith centred community grounded upon the Gospel values of leadership and service.

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Parish Mass Times

St Bernardine's

Tues: Light and Presence 7:00pm

Wed 9:00am

Sat 6:00pm

Sun 9:00am

St Catherine's

Tues 8:00am

Sun 5:30pm

Our Lady of the Assumption

Sun 7:30am

St Paul de Chartres

Mon, Thurs 8:00am

Tues, Wed, Fri 9:00am

Sat 4:00pm

Sun 8:00am

Ministry Matters PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Our September focus for Plenary Council:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is
Humble, Healing and Merciful Church.

RETREAT WEEK—9th Sept to 13th Sept

From Sunday Evening to Friday Morning I will be on my annual Retreat at Santa Teresa Retreat Centre, endeavouring to catch up on my encounter with Jesus through his life and through my own. I might even slip in a few Z's as well. While I am away there will be no Masses during the week, but people are welcome to gather for prayer if you so wish.

EPISCOPAL COUNCIL AND PARISH MEETING

Our Pastoral leadership Team spent much of our last meeting assessing what we would say to the Council when they arrive on Friday and Saturday. It was a very productive conversation, as we talked about the value of priesthood within the parish, as well as the possibility of reviewing Seminary formation where Seminarians spend time within parishes for part of their formation. We spoke a little about planning parish establishment into the future, as we look towards Flagstone and other areas of development. We raise the concerns of further assessment of Parish contributions to the Archdiocese and so may other issues that seem to be of concern at our grass roots level. It may be an interesting conversation between the Leadership of the Archdiocese and the leadership of the Parish. Let's hope we both win from it. Further information will follow next week after we meet with the Leadership of our Church on Friday and Saturday.

God bless, Fr John

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the parish office will also be closed on Monday 9th and Thursday 12th September.

Gathering Hymn:	Christ Be Our Light	GA404
Psalms Response:	In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.	
Offertory Hymn:	Breath On Me, O Breath of God	GA432
Communion Hymn:	Gift of Finest Wheat	GA191
Recessional Hymn:	The Summons	GA502

Sunday's Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18
Next week's Readings: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

St Paul to Philemon 9-10, 12-17
St Paul to Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 14:25-33
Luke 15:1-32

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

Wine and Cheese Night—Plenary Council Conversations

Our next event will be Monday 30th September at 7:00pm.
Come ask some questions, hear about the next stage of Plenary Council.
Taking place at the Presbytery starting at 7:00pm. **BYO drinks.**
Special Guest is Mike Humphrys from Evangelisation Brisbane—our link to the



Hospitality

We are looking to grow hospitality at St Bernardine's Church, so that after every Mass you can stay and have a cuppa. It is already fabulous at both OLA and St Catherine's. We think after the multicultural Mass, and then this weekend for Fathers Day are a great lead in to keep this going. So, keep an eye out for the set up, in front of the church, feel free to bring along a plate to share. Let the office know if you need more information.

LIGHT & PRESENCE PRAYER VIGIL



On Tuesday at 7pm at
St Bernardine's Church.

CLEO Dinner

This month's dinner will be on 4th September at 6pm.
It will be at Phuket Thai, Mt Lindesay Highway,
Browns Plains. See you there.

50's Plus

Will meet at 10am on 11th September at the home of
Anne Straub, 18 Volstead Road, Heritage Park.
Please bring a plate. For more information call Trish

Turning Waste Into Opportunity

Our parish community, has been trying to find some areas where we can do some good for social justice and the environment by recycling. We have found a way!!

Envision Hands is an incredible environmental and humanitarian project supported by companies such as Coca Cola, Rotary, Lions Clubs and so many people in the community.

Together they are gathering bottle tops and transforming them into mobility aids and other usable household items. As part of the e-NABLE project, Envision Hands aims to make 100 mobility aids for disadvantaged children and communities throughout India, other 3rd world countries and to families in need in Australia.

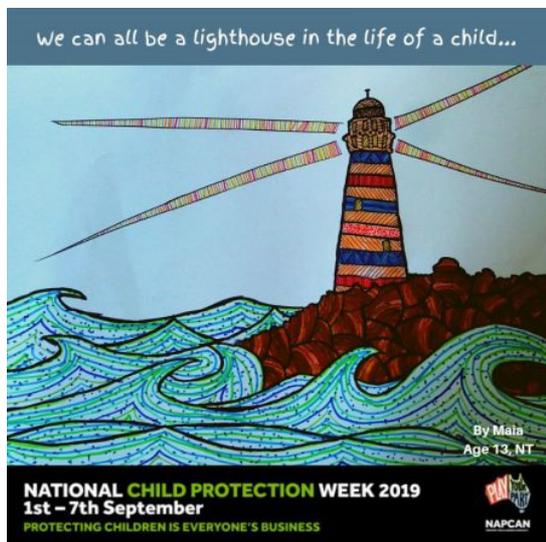
Our parish, is going to be collecting milk bottle tops and soft drink bottle plastic lids to be sent on to this project. So at home, in the kitchen, grab your milk bottle lids, give them a quick rinse and put them in a bag to keep. Once the bag is full, send it on in here to the office and we will pass it on to the local collection centre. (For those not in the know, it is OSHC at Regents Park)

You can collect them for all three centres.

How amazing to have found one opportunity that lets us serve pur-



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Snapshot of St Bernardine's Parish finances for the month of August 2019

Planned giving received	\$16,361
Budgeted expenses	\$29,417

Surplus/Shortfall	-\$13,056
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Youth Night

Our next youth night is Fri 20th Sept starting at 6:00pm at the Presbytery. **YOU'RE INVITED.**
Our next Youth mass will be on Sat 6th October at 6:00pm, followed by sausage sizzle.

Please remember in your prayers

Recently deceased: Frank Rooney, Peter Weightman, Joyce Grandy; Anthony Linton

Baptism Celebrations

This weekend, please join us in celebrating the baptisms of **Riley Anthony Murray, Harrison Leith Gasmier and Ethan James Gasmier** They will be baptised with their family and friends who come to share these moments with them and with our Community. Please continue to pray for them as they grow in faith.

Catholic Campaign this weekend in the parish.

Each year the Campaign invites the Catholic community to help in accomplishing God's plan. There's nothing vague or dreamy about it. It involves money, yes; but money given in support of four very down-to-earth ministries of the Church in this part of the world.

There's Centacare's pastoral ministries which reach out to people doing it tough in all kinds of ways through family support, domestic violence aid, psychiatric counselling, hospital chaplaincy, prison ministry and many other acts of mercy. Then there's the Mary Mackillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund which makes Catholic education available to children whose families in financial and often spiritual difficulty.

Thirdly there's the Priests Foundation which provides a dignified retirement and healthcare to our elderly, retired and unwell priests, allowing us to care for those who have cared for us. Finally there's Holy Spirit Seminary where we prepare young men for priestly service in the future at a time when leadership of all kinds in the Church is more important than ever.

Supporting these ministries through the Annual Catholic Campaign involves renunciation, even sacrifice. But I ask you to make a calm and reasonable assessment of what you can give and to do so in recognition of where your true security lies, what your life really depends upon. You might perhaps consider a regular monthly gift of an amount which means something to you. Whatever your decision, the funds raised will be spent carefully

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Confirmation 2019—You should be working through weeks 3 and 4. Don't forget, before 6pm Mass and after 9am Mass at St Bernadine's Naomi will be there to answer a question or two for you. See your emails to check the dates.



ALPHA 2019

As we commit to being an Alpha parish, we offer a number of opportunities to connect and learn. Please text Helen or Juan on 0481 008 317, for more information. Currently Alpha runs on

- Wednesday's at 6pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.
- Thursday 's at 10am at St Catherine's Church.
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As we enter into the next phase, a reminder, what is a Plenary Council?



A Plenary Council is the highest form of gathering that a church in a particular country can have. It is a process by which lay people and clergy can be heard. The last major assembly for the Catholic Church of Australia took place more than eighty years ago in 1937. Our next

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