



# REGENTS PARK CATHOLIC PARISH

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

**17th November 2019 YEAR C**  
**33rd 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**  
Mon: Opal Green Fern Home Mass 9:30am  
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 (Chap), 8:00am  
Tues & Wed (Chap), Fri (Cen) 9:00am  
Sat (Cen) 4:00pm  
Sun (Cen) 8:00am

**Youth Events**  
**Youth Mass** 2nd Sat of the Month  
@ St Bernardine's 6pm 6th Dec  
**Youth Night** 6pm 3rd Fri of month.

## Ministry Matters

### 'Dying peacefully—No Euthanasia Sunday'

This weekend our Archdiocese is focussing upon the discussions surrounding the push towards legalising Euthanasia through our parliaments. With this in mind the Archdiocese has produced three documents for our reflection. They are as follows:

- Ten facts you may not know about Euthanasia
- Facts you may not know about Palliative Care and
- For the Common Good—Love is stronger than death.

Archbishop Mark has also provided a Homily for our reflection on this topic and we will hear it this weekend in each of our Churches. It is time for us to listen to the wisdom of our Church to see what is happening already to ease the suffering of those who are ill, and perhaps to continue to pray for them as they face the challenges of death and dying in our society at this time.

*God bless, Fr John*

### Seminarian arrival

Welcome **Gerard Lai**, a Seminarian from Banyo who joins us for the next four weeks. I am sure you will get to know him in that time, and welcome him as you had welcomed Jack Ho into our communities and into our lives twelve months ago.

### TV'S in Church.

The parish has purchased three TVs, one for the Park Ridge Church for power-point presentation. This is new at Park Ridge, so I hope it is as effective as I would wish for the Community. There are two TVs purchased for St Bernardine's Church to replace the current projector system in the Church. They will be placed in the far front corners of the Church. Hopefully this new system will enable people sitting to the sides of the Sanctuary area to participate more fully as the power-point will now be more available across the body of the Church.

The total cost of these three TV was around \$2000, plus then the cost of installation. I think it is a well worthwhile investment to enable all of us to share in the celebration of Mass within the Church.  
See how we go.

### Hymns for the Week

(note St Bernardine's need Gather Australia hymnals, as the projector is broken.)

<b>Gathering Hymn:</b>	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	GA371
<b>Psalm Response:</b>	The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.	
<b>Offertory Hymn:</b>	We Remember	GA446
<b>Communion Hymn:</b>	As Gentle As Silence	GA470
<b>Recessional Hymn:</b>	Lift Up Your Hearts	GA416

<b>Sunday's Readings:</b>	<b>Malachi 3:19-20</b>	<b>Thessalonians 3:7-12</b>	<b>Luke 21:5-19</b>
<b>Next week's Readings:</b>	<b>2 Samuel 5:1-3</b>	<b>St Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20</b>	<b>Luke 23:35-43</b>

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

## KINGDOM NOW REFLECTION FROM CATHOLIC LEADER (shortened snapshot)

We can be renewed in the every day,” Regents Park parish lay ministry co-ordinator Carrie McCormack says. Mrs McCormack helped organise Kingdom Now, a Logan Deanery renewal event, which saw 400 Brisbane Catholics gather at the Logan Entertainment Centre last Sunday. She said it had been a “great sign of hope” for the Church. “Hope mostly to do with the atmosphere and seeing parishioners – the Church – engaging with renewal ministry,” she said. Liam Desic, who co-led the event, said it was great being a part of an all-ages experience of the local Church “gathered in the midst of creative, visionary excellence that put Jesus at the centre”.

Regents Park parish priest Fr John Conway said from his own reflections there was a buzz among the people. Fr Conway, who is the dean of the Logan Deanery, said seeing people mingling after the Mass was finished, “I think that’s an indication there was energy for renewal”. “Guest speakers, Emma (Fradd) and Robert (Schroeders), and the panels, their contribution to the day energised and enthused those in attendance,” he said.



*Gathered for the Kingdom: About 400 people attended*

Renewal was also a challenge to see what was working and what was not working in parish life. “How do we as a parish continue to grow and build?” Fr Conway said. “It’s important to hear that there’s a lot of positive action happening and we’re all wanting renewal and we can work together to achieve it,” Mrs McCormack also said. “In planning this event, it has brought our deanery together, it’s united us and that’s been fruitful in itself. “And going forward, we’re going to have a strong 2020 plan as a deanery. “We’ve committed to youth plans, but we also want to commit to parish renewal.” Fr Conway said We’re considering the possibility of making this an annual event.”

## St Vincent De Paul Society Report

The St. Bernardines Conference of the SVdP Society is continuing steadily, although we can always use more members.

This year to date, the Conference carried out 407 weekend visits or interviews in the Father John Nee Community Hut, giving a total of \$39,065 in financial assistance in one form or another. The number of people assisted was well over 1000, of whom about half were children.

With Christmas rapidly approaching, we look forward to your traditional generosity in making Jesus birthday a more joyful occasion for a number of our clients.

## Advent Fun

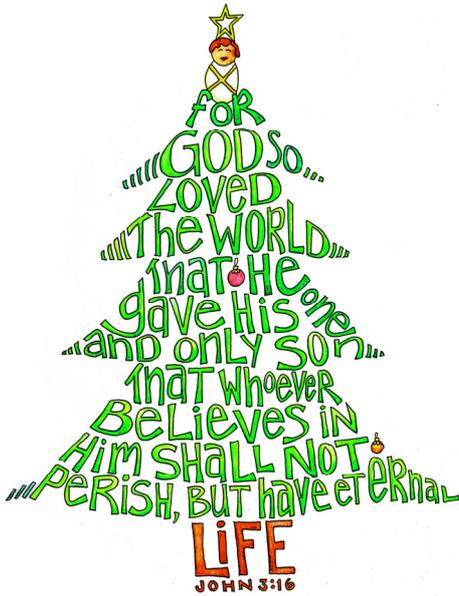
During Advent, we thought we would have some fun for the children. From the first week of Advent, there will be three pictures to choose from for the kids to colour. The best from each category, will win some lollies!! We will also have a “Count how many in the Jar!!” competition. Winner gets the jar. Please check next week for more information, and the colouring in sheets.

## Deanery Events

**DEANERY YOUTH MASS**—Sunday December 1st, Deanery Youth Mass 5:30pm at St Patrick’s Beenleigh, Please join the Youth of our Deanery and celebrate together.

# Christmas Appeal 2019

## SVDP Conference



Please note at this time of the year, we start thinking about ways we can help others. One wonderful thing this community does is have a very special Christmas tree in each of the three churches. On it, are gift tags for you to take away. They have general information on them about a person or family in crisis. After finding a present to give, you can bring it in wrapped with the gift tag on it, and the St Vincent de Paul Conference with the help of volunteers, then distribute with food hampers to those people, families or children in need of some special attention at this time of year. Please feel free to take a tag and bring back asap with a gift.

**All donations need to be in by 8th December, to give our helpers a chance to distribute them to the people who need them. Thank you for your generosity.**

### Please remember in your prayers



#### Recently deceased:

Tina Garrozo, Margaret O'Shea,  
Jordon Puccini and Jim McGivern

#### Anniversaries:

Norma Raph and Pat Armanasco

### Christmas Cards, Candles and Advent Planning

The parish will be selling Christmas Cards and Candles this year. They will be available from late October. Are you interested in helping? Please let the office know.

### Baptism Celebrations

This weekend, please join us in celebrating two baptisms **Amelia Rose Harbort at Our Lady of the Assumption Church and Matthew Bradley Hall at St Bernardine's Church.**

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.

Our next Baptism Preparation Session is Monday 25th November at 7:00pm at St Bernardine's Church. Please RSVP to the office.

### ALPHA 2019

As we commit to being an Alpha parish, we offer a number of opportunities to connect and learn. Contact Alpha on 0481008317 for more information.



### Legion of Mary

We gather every Tuesday at 10:00 am at the John Nee Hut, praying the Holy Rosary, reflecting on God's Word and doing apostolic works on behalf of the community. New members are welcome.

### Praying the Rosary

We are excited to be opening St Bernardine's Church from Sunday 24th November for Rosary before Sunday 9am Mass. Starting at 8:30am we will gather as a parish community to pray for the church, for vocations, for priests and for our Parish every week.

### Break Open the Word & Columbian Calendars

Books are here and ready for you to collect. Please call into the office, or call if you can't make it, to let us know which Mass centre you are at.

### Words of Wisdom

"Dream big. Pray bigger."

### LIGHT & PRESENCE PRAYER VIGIL



Will be held on Tuesday  
19th November.  
St Bernardine's Church  
at 7pm.

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