



REGENTS PARK CATHOLIC PARISH

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

1st December 2019 YEAR A

First Sunday of Advent



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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St Bernardine's

Mon St Bernardine's School Mass 9:00am

Seton Hall

Tues: Light and Presence 7:00pm

Wed: 9:00am

Sat: 6:00pm

Sun: 9:00am

St Catherine's

Tues: No Mass—Archdiocesan Commitment.

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

Fri Anointing Mass St Paul centre 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

The Season of Advent—First Sunday Year A.

This weekend marks a number of new beginnings for us. It marks the beginning of our new Church Year. It marks the beginning of our journey into Advent, moving towards the Season of Christmas when Jesus is born into our world and our lives once again. But it also marks the beginning of the journey through the Gospel of Matthew that we will share over the months of this year that is ahead. There is much that we will hear from the way St Matthew tells his story of salvation. The story of the Christmas Nativity where Jesus is born for us, and the world would come to see this new-born King. There will be stories told, experiences shared of Jesus life and ministry as we open this Good News that is entrusted to us each week. But there is a moment in this Year of Matthew that is so much more for us who are people of faith. It is called the Great Commission and if you look closely you will find this Commission hidden somewhere in this Newsletter for our information and for our own reflection. It is that moment where WE are called by God to make difference in our lives. It may not happen next week, but over the months ahead for us we can grow towards this particular moment when our ministry comes to the fore, when we choose to be involved. Listen to the Word that is ahead and as our year unfolds may we endeavour to respond to God's call in our lives.

God bless, Fr John

It has certainly been an eventful two weeks so far, packed with Masses, running classes meetings, adoration with *Light and Presence*, Craft Club hangouts, Christmas decorating and unpacking the nativity scene, fixing squeaky doors, assembling furniture for the new piety store, fixing the new TVs at Bernadine's, visiting the elderly, preparing reflections, preparing youth-led mass, Christmas carols, accepting dinner invitations (mainly from Fr John) there is never a dull moment as a trainee priest. Amidst the antics of Christy in the office and the dad-jokes and one-liners from Fr John, life has been bearable and at times even fun! But in all seriousness it has been a great learning experience and very enjoyable so far.

Each year, our end-of-year placement whizzes past and I can't believe I only have two more weeks with you all. As we enter the season of Advent over the next four weeks let us *actively* await the birth of Jesus by giving a little extra – a little extra time, money and thoughtfulness to others who need it and a little extra patience and positivity to ourselves who can get caught up and forget that Jesus is the real reason for the season.

Gerard.

Hymns for the Week

Gathering Hymn:	Bring Forth the Kingdom	GA478
Psalm Response:	Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.	
Offertory Hymn:	Gift of Finest Wheat	GA191
Communion Hymn:	Take and Eat	GA198
Thanksgiving Hymn:	O Come, O Come Emmanuel	GA285
Recessional Hymn:	All the Ends of the Earth	

Regents Park Pilgrimage to the *Holy Land*

It is happening on October 3 in 2020. So it is not even twelve months before we set out to uncover the wonder of the Land that Jesus called home. It is 11 Nights/13 days In the Holy land. We will be experiencing the following places: Dead Sea and then to Bethlehem. Nazareth and Cana and the Sea of Galilee (where much of Jesus ministry took place.) The climb up Mt Tabor and Mt Carmel. Then to Haifa and to Jericho, where Zacchaeus climbed the sycamore tree to see Jesus, and finally to Jerusalem where Jesus life came to an end and where the Church under the Apostles would begin. The cost of the journey is around \$6790 (twin share). Come and see! Come and see what we have heard about through the Scriptures. Let the Holy land come to life for you on this journey of a life time. Come and see. Brochures available from the Parish office.

Jack Ho—Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders

All Parishioners, please find an invitation extended from Jack for you all to attend his Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders to be celebrated at St Mary's Church in Ipswich on Saturday 14 December at 6:00pm. Jack has a message for you all. "Thank you personally and also to the parishioners of the parish too for supporting me over these past two years in ways beyond imaginable. I look forward to being able to celebrate this next step of the journey in your presence in a few weeks' time. Jack Ho" How wonderful to go and show our support as Jack takes these next steps towards becoming a Priest.

Please RSVP by following this link: bit.ly/ipswichjack by Wednesday, 11 December 2019: ipswich@bne.catholic.net.au



Look! Look! Look!

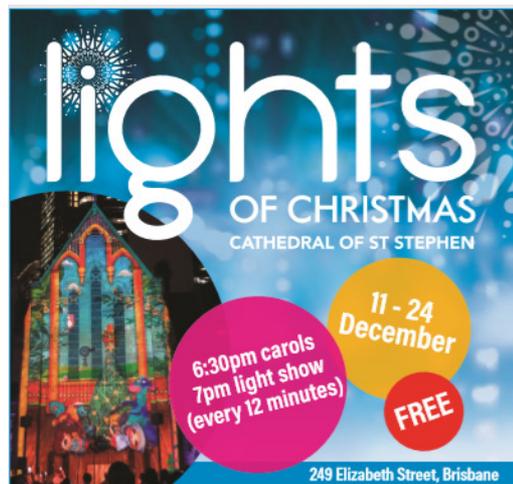
Find us on Facebook as **YHub @ Regents Park!** Search us up and be a member of the group so you don't miss out on anything youth-ministry related.

Come and join us at St. Bernardine's Church for our monthly Youth Mass next Saturday, December

7th at 6 PM. All youth (and even the young-at-heart) are welcome. Sausage sizzle will be provided after the mass with a gold coin donation. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Party—6pm St Bernardine's Church Regents Park Office Patio for a White Christmas Games night. Youth welcome from age 12 (or grade 7) up until young adults. Our leaders are ready to have a fun night in!! New friends welcome, bring a plate to share.

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Gather on the lawn at St Stephen's Cathedral to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and children's activities every evening 11 - 24 December, 6:30 - 10:30pm.



Advent Fun

Kids, have you got your colouring in sheets? Have some fun, colour away, bring back in, and we will give a prize for the winners from each age group. All judging will take place by 10th December.

Who has counted the lollies in the jar? Have a go, send in your guess & the winner gets the jar of lollies!

'The Great Commission'

Go make disciples, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday's Readings:
Next week's Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5
Isaiah 11:1-10

St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14
St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 24:37-44
Matthew 3:1-12

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

St Vincent De Paul—Regents Park

The parish and school have always been generous in giving gifts, hampers, and cash donations for our Christmas events.

Parishioners and school staff have given our Conference \$4204.50 over the last twelve months.

There were also two raffles organized for Mother's Day (\$815) and Father's Day (\$1226.50).

Thanks to all who donated or purchased tickets in the raffle, and to those Conference members who organized the raffles. There was a lot of work involved.

In addition we received two donations from the Royal Australian Air Force Association, totaling \$800. We wish to give our sincere thanks to the RAAFA.

For the last three years and for this year, we've had assistance from Linus Power's office with storage of Christmas hampers and distribution of gifts.

We're now looking forward to the next twelve months.

Don't forget a tag if you wish to purchase a gift.

Christmas Cards, and Candles

Have a look at our brand new piety stall.

Christmas Choir Practices

We are planning to have combined choir practise for Christmas Eve Mass on Friday 13th Dec at 6:30pm and Monday 16th Dec 5-6pm.

All are welcome , please come!!

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.

LIGHT & PRESENCE PRAYER VIGIL



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

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES—ALL MASSES

Counters

We are seeking interest from parishioners who are willing to assist with the counting of collections from weekend Masses. Counting occurs each Monday morning in the Parish. We need regular counters and those who can be on standby. We need your help please! Tea and coffee provided!!

Hospitality

Are you able to help once a month with hospitality at our churches? Hospitality and welcoming, are opportunities to connect with people, to say hello, give a smile, make a great cuppa!! Even share the cake!!

Choirs

Are you able to come join a choir and sing once or twice a month? You might even be in a choir and want to sing another week.

Cleaners

Help needed. As we end the year, our rosters change as does people's availability. Two of our cleaning teams at St Bernardines, after a very long time helping, are stepping down from this ministry.
Are you able to help please?

Volunteers Needed!



Mass Coordinators

Can you be the person, coordinating the start of Mass? Making sure everything is set up, that everyone is present who helps?

Computer Operators

Are you interested in doing some computer related work? We are asking parishioners to assist with the PowerPoint presentations for all Masses in our communities. This includes weekend Masses, occasional weekday liturgies, funerals and other liturgies we celebrate during the year.

Piety Stall Sales

Can you help? Holding key for small sales before or after Mass? We will handle purchases and banking etc, just need someone to open up when asked for someone to purchase something.

Readers

Do you love to read.....? Can you read for us, we would love to hear you. Let us know....

For more information about these ministries or to express your interest, please contact Christy on 3884 7600 or email to stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au.

If you are approached by Fr John please consider taking on one of these ministries.
Volunteer Welcome Portal link is <https://welcome.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

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