



REGENTS PARK CATHOLIC PARISH

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

15th December 2019 YEAR A
Third 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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Parish Mass Times

Monday

Opal GreenFern Anointing 9:30am

Tuesday

St Catherine's Mass 8:00am

St Paul de Chartres (Chp) 9:00am

St Bernardine's Light & Presence 7:00pm

Wednesday

St Paul de Chartres (Chp) 8:00am

St Bernardine's Mass 9:00am

Thursday

St Paul de Chartres (Chp) 8:00am

Friday

St Paul de Chartres (Cen) 9:00am

Saturday

St Paul de Chartres (Cen) 4:00pm

St Bernardine's Mass 6:00pm

Sunday

Our Lady of Assumption Mass 7:30am

St Paul de Chartres (Cen) 8:00am

St Bernardine's Mass 9:00am

St Catherine's Mass 5:30pm

Youth Events

Youth Mass 2nd Sat of the Month 6:00pm

St Bernardine's 6:00pm

Youth Night 3rd Fri of the Month 6:00pm

Next Event is White Christmas

Ministry Matters

The Season of Advent—Third Sunday Year A. (Week 3)

As our Advent Journey continues we enter now into Week Three of Advent and we light the third (Pink) candle of our Advent Wreath. This is the Shepherd's Candle. It becomes for us the third Light on our journey and it represents the Shepherds from the hill country of Judah, the first people to whom the Angels would announce the birth of the Saviour. It was such simple people then, who would gather to worship Jesus, the new born King at Bethlehem. We too embark upon this same journey as we prepare ourselves through these weeks of Advent also to go and see this thing that will happen for us and for our world. May this Shepherd Light guide our steps along the way as we prepare to encounter this Child that will be born for us, this Son that is given to us, Christ the Lord.

God bless, Fr John

CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES REQUIRED.

We are still in need of various Ministries for the Christmas Masses. If you can fulfil one of these roles, please place your name on the Roster sheets at the front door of the Church. Please include mobile or phone number when you register so we can follow-up with you. We need **Welcomers/Ushers, Servers, Readers, Collectors, Sacristans, Ministers of Communion, Musicians and Singers**. Can you be involved?

If you belong to **St Catherine's or to Our Lady's**, your Rosters will be prepared locally, but our Church at those times still need you to step forward and register for the particular ministry you wish to carry out. Lets make a difference, Go make a difference by your own participation within our Church communities.

The time has come to bid thee farewell as I approach my final days of placement. It has been a fantastic time of learning here at Regents Park Parish as I involved myself in the various facets of school and parish life. You might be thinking that the church needs more young priests (like me and Jack in the future) to keep the faith going in Australia, but it also needs you – the laity. I think we need good leaders as well as good followers. You are the Church of today, we need you more than ever to be good Christian messengers of hope preparing the way of the Lord in the workplace, in schools and in families. We all have our part to play in this orchestra of life. St Mary MacKillop once said: "Never see a need without doing something about it." Have a blessed and holy Advent and Christmas season. **Gerard**

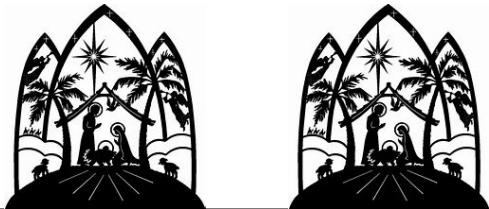
Hymns for the Week

Gathering Hymn:	We Walk By Faith	GA447
Psalm Response:	Lord, come and save us.	
Offertory Hymn:	One Bread, One Body	GA193
Communion Hymn:	Quiet	
Thanksgiving Hymn	As Gentle as Silence	GA470
Recessional Hymn:	City of God	GA498

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!!



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OF CHRISTMAS
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11 - 24 December

6:30pm carols
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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 end of Advent Season.
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 thee Holy Spirit.

LIGHT & PRESENCE PRAYER VIGIL



Tuesday 17th Dec 7pm at St Bernardine's Church will evolve around Carols. Restarting on Tuesday 4th February 2020.

Christmas Closing

Barbara, Carrie and Christy all wish you a wonderful and joyous Christmas season. We hope you enjoy the time spent with loved ones and may the memories be wonderful.

Please note that we will have skeleton staff from Monday 16th, and no staff from Monday 23rd, until the office opens as normal from Monday 13th January.

During this time we will also be moving Fr John and Fr John into the new presbytery, and access to the office will be limited. Fr John Conway will be available via email as per normal.



Watch this space for YHub's calendar of events and activities for 2020.

If you have any queries about the Youth Ministry, contact us at youth.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au or 0466 644 260.

Next Youth Event:

Youth Night

Friday, January 17th 2020
Parish Presbytery @ 6PM

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.

This Sunday's Readings:
Next week's Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-6,10 Letter of St James 5:7-10
Isaiah 7:10-14 Letter of St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 11:2-11
Matthew 1:18-24

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

Reconciliations for Christmas Time

First Rite: Individual

Sat 14th Dec	St Bernardine's Church
5:15—5:45 pm	
Mon 16 Dec	St Bernardine's Church
9:00am	
Tues 17 Dec	St Catherine's Church
8:30 am	
Sun 22 Dec	St Catherine's Church
4:30-5:00pm	

Second Rite: Communal

with Individual Absolution

Wed 18 Dec	
7:00pm	Our lady of the Assumption Church

Christmas Mass Times

As we all plan for Christmas, please consider which Masses suit you and your family. Have a wonderful and joyous Advent season.

Christmas Eve Masses

St Bernardine's Church Carols	5:30pm
St Bernardine's Church Vigil Mass	6:00pm
St Catherine's Church Carols	6:30pm
St Catherine's Church Vigil Mass	7:00pm

Midnight Mass

St Bernardine's Church Vigil Mass	12 midnight
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Christmas Day Masses

Our Lady of Assumption Church	7:30am
St Bernardine's Church	9:00am

Baptism Preparation Session

Our next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Monday 20th January at 7:00pm at St Bernardine's Church.

Please RSVP to the office email.
Stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au

Please remember in your prayers



Recently deceased:

Collin Randazzo

Anniversaries:

Peter Hiep Nguyen

Please also remember those affected by the recent tragedy in New Zealand.

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!!

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?

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.

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!!

Volunteers

Needed!



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.

Mass Coordinators

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

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., we need you. Volunteer Welcome Portal link is <https://welcome.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

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