



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

8th March 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent

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Parish Mass Times

Monday	
St Paul de Chartres (Chapel)	6:00am
Tuesday	
St Catherine's	8:00am
St Paul de Chartres (Chapel)	9:00am
Wednesday	
St Paul de Chartres (Chapel)	9:00am
St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday	
St Paul de Chartres (Chapel)	6:00am
Friday	
St Paul de Chartres (Hall)	9:00am
Saturday	
St Paul de Chartres (Hall)	4:00pm
Reconciliation St Bernardine's	5:15pm
St Bernardine's Mass	6:00pm
Sunday	
Our Lady of Assumption Mass	7:30am
St Bernardine's Mass	9:00am
St Catherine's Mass	5:30pm

Youth Events

Youth Mass 1st Saturday night of the Month
St Bernardine's next Mass is 7th March 6:00pm

Youth Night 3rd Fri of the Month 6:00pm
Next Event is 20th March at 6:00pm at OLA
Church. All are welcome.

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.

Ministry Matters: Pastoral Leadership Team

Last Monday Night our Team gathered for the monthly meeting. It seems that after the last few years, we are still in a quandary as to just where the parish is going into the future. It has been decided to gather as the Leadership Team for a Strategic Planning Meeting in April to establish just what will be the focus for the parish over the next three to five years and beyond. 'Divine Renovation', that wonderful resource that flows from the Canadian Church can be of great assistance in this regard. But there are already major focal points that we can build upon as a faith community. Areas such as hospitality, an area that we are endeavouring to build upon within each community. Personal outreach to those perhaps who may be a little on the edge of faith can also build our communities.

Liturgy and Parish celebration is also an important component of any parish community so that we can truly become Kingdom focussed and be welcoming to all who come.

We here at the Regents Park parish are no different, but it requires everyone to play their part. But much of this as well as other areas of ministry will continue to be the focus of the Leadership Team as we endeavour to plan for the future of God's Church here in our midst. *God Bless, Fr John*

St Bernardine's Clean-up.

Our next clean-up will be on **Saturday 21st March starting at 8:00am**. I hope you can be here to build on what has already been achieved.

Parish Meetings

Pastoral Council, Mon 20 April at 5pm at Parish Centre
Parish Finance Meeting on Mon 9th April at 7pm also at the Parish Centre

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

This weekend, please join us in celebrating the baptisms of **Darcy John Auld and Felicity Lindavina Miller**. They will be baptised with their family and friends who come to share this moment with them and with our Community. Please continue to pray for them as they grow in faith.

The next Baptism Preparation Session is on **Monday 23rd March at 7:00pm** at St Bernardine's Church.

Legion of Mary

We gather every Tuesday at 10:00 am at the John Nee Hut, 10am in the Hutt for Scripture study, new people are welcome to come along.
New members are welcome.
We also have Rosary from 8:30am before Sunday Mass at St Bernardine's Church.

50+ Group

Our next lunch will be 11th March at 12noon at the Village Fair Shops, Regents Park. For more information please ring Trish 38008686

Can you help..?

The parish children's choir are looking for a donation of an electric 67+ key piano please.

If you have one and are disposing of it, please let Carrie know..

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 **Caritas**
AUSTRALIA

Second Sunday of Lent 8th March 2019

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



LIGHT & PRESENCE PRAYER VIGIL

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

A wonderful chance for prayer and reflection.
Please note during Lent, there will be an opportunity for Reconciliation.

Plenary Council 2020—Update.

With regard to the Plenary Council taking place in Australia at present, the Listening and Discernment phase that took place across the Australian Church and society is coming to an end. We now wait for the release of National Writing Group papers (which will provide the agenda for the Plenary Council). This should occur around mid-April (we are waiting on the National Facilitation Team to confirm this action).

In mid-March there will be a national announcement of who has been chosen as delegates to attend the Plenary Council on behalf of every diocese in Australia. I think at this stage that is the current situation in which the Plenary Council Planning team finds itself, so there isn't much more to add to this report in updating your parish at this time.

Further information in the year may be of greater benefit. *Eric Robinson; Plenary Council co-ordinator*



ALPHA 2020

Alpha has started at OLA and we have spaces, so if you're free on a Wednesday night 6pm you're welcome to come along, share a meal and have some input and cheerful discussion about the big questions of life.

Txt your name and the word Alpha to 0481 008 317

Regents Park Pilgrimage to the *Holy Land*

It is happening on October 3rd 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.

'The Great Commission'

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

This Sunday's Readings: Genesis 12:1-4

St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9

Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 17:3-7

St Paul to Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

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

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This week the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference issued national advice on liturgical implications in light of coronavirus (COVID-19), which was to be implemented in the light of local circumstances.

1. Parishes should refrain from distributing Holy Communion from the chalice until further notice, with a reminder to the faithful that Christ is fully present under either species.
2. All ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before and after distributing, and provision should be made for this.
3. When exchanging the Sign of Peace, people should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" with some eye contact and perhaps an appropriate gesture.
4. Holy water should be temporarily removed from fonts at the doors of churches, though still be available for people to take home.
5. Parishes and other settings where liturgies are celebrated should make alcohol-based gels or rubs (or like products) available near the entrances.

It would be preferable and perhaps prudent for people to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue, but the decision on this is left with the communicant at this stage.



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Prayerful opportunities through Lent

Stations of the Cross

St Catherine's after Tuesday Mass during Lent

Rosary

St Bernardine's before both weekend Masses
St Catherine's before Sun Mass

Legion of Mary

St Bernardine's Tues 10am

Light and Presence

(includes Reconciliation opp)

St Bernardine's Church Tues 7pm

Gospel Reflection

St Catherine's Thurs 9am

Reconciliation

St Bernardine's Church Sat 5:15pm

Lenten Reflection—Grace

Books available in the office for those who have requested them.

Easter Preparations

- ◆ Roster lists for each Easter Mass are available for you to sign up.
- ◆ Reconciliation every Tuesday night with Light and Presence as well as the normal Saturday afternoon at St Bernardine's Church.
- ◆ Palms—big or small, all are needed for Palm Sunday. If you can help, please office know.
- ◆ Flower donations for Easter Liturgies at all 3 centres—if your family would like to help, please let the office know.

Thank you to all who help make Easter special.
We are a community working together.

Congratulations

Val Rooney OAM—Please congratulate her on this wonderful recognition of a life time of service with the awarding of the Order of Australia Medal.

Rosters

At the back of the church are the clipboards, with all Easter Masses on them. Please have a look at them and see if you can help by being a Reader or Communion Minister, a computer operator or an Altar Server. We need you. Also all rosters are being reviewed, please make contact with the office if you would like to be on a roster. Keep an eye out on your emails if you are already on the rosters, and just make sure you email the office, if you wish to be added to the rosters.

We are a community, we can do this together!

Volunteer Welcome Portal link is <https://welcome.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

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