



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

15th March 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent

'The Woman at the well'

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Parish Mass Times

Monday

St Paul de Chartres (Chapel) 6:00am

Funeral Mass Cathedral of St Stephen 11:00am

Tuesday

St Catherine's (Anointing) 8:00am

St Paul de Chartres (Chapel) 9:00am

Wednesday

St Paul de Chartres (Chapel) 9:00am

St Bernardine's Church (Anointing) 9:00am

Thursday

St Paul de Chartres (Chapel) 6:00am

Friday

St Paul de Chartres (Hall) (Anointing) 9:00am

Regis Home Anointing Mass 10:30am

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
and also Sunday 29th March at 9:00am.

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

Next Event is 20th March 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

Dear Parishioners,

A necessary and important entity for our life is water. Water is crucial for our living. I used to see people dying of thirst many years ago while evacuating with my father on a ferry from Vietnam. As a 14-year-old boy, I saw people spinning around for a while and collapsing, laying on the floor motionless. It was and still is a very heart-breaking and terrible thing to witness.

In spirituality, water bears significant meaning as we can see in the story of the Gospel this Sunday between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. From the water of the 'Jacob's well', Jesus directed the woman to the water he gave, leading to the everlasting life. He confirmed: "Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I give will never be thirsty again; the water that I shall give... will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life." The woman was touched, inspired, enlightened, and healed by Jesus, so much that she later became his missionary, going back to the village to call people out to see Jesus.

Jesus is our living water, the living water of love, joy, peace, hope and life. We have been encountering with this living water especially in the Eucharist. And we are invited to share the living water we have in our living and dealing with the others, our brothers and sisters, at home, at school, workplace, in participating in the life of our Parish Family, whenever and wherever we are...

God is with us all the time. Let us be open to him, particularly in this holy season of Lent! May God bless us all!!

Fr John Hong Nguyen.

FUNERAL MASS—Archbishop John Bathersby

Archbishop Bathersby passed away on Monday last week. His Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 16th March at 11:00am at the Cathedral of St Stephen. May he rest in God's loving care.

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

Barry grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia. 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.

40th Anniversary Celebrations

40th Anniversary and expo planning meeting
7-8:30pm Monday 30th March at the Parish Centre.
Light drinks and nibbles provided.
WE need all hand and hearts to create a wonderful
celebrations.
Past Parishioners are welcome.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

This weekend, please join us in celebrating the baptism of **Oscar John-Paul Kelly**. He will be baptised with his family and friends who come to share this moment with him and with our Community. Please continue to pray for him as he grows in faith.
The next Baptism Preparation Session is on
Monday 23rd March at 7:00pm at St Bernardine's Church.



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.

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..



ALPHA 2020

Got
questions
about
life

Alpha

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

Legion of Mary

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

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

St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10
St Paul to Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Matthew 17:1-9
John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In line with the recommendations of the Australian Catholic Bishops and following some issues raised by concerned parishioners within the parish pertaining to the spread of the contagion, I have decided to stop distribution of the Chalice at Masses in the Parish until further notice. *Fr John*

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference issued national advice on liturgical implications in light of coronavirus (COVID-19), which is 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.
3. When exchanging the Sign of Peace, people should avoid shaking hands but say "Peace be with you" with some eye contact
4. Holy water should be temporarily removed from fountains 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 hand sanitiser 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.

This is a fluid situation and we are keeping up as best we can.



Honey

Do you love honey? Would you like to buy direct from a local Bee-keeper?

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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.

Recently Deceased:

Archbishop John Bathersby

Anniversaries:

Erwin Stawski

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. The rosters are at each Church, so final confirmation of your choices will follow. **We are a community, we can do this together!**

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

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