



# Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st June 2020

*'God loved the world so much...'*

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## Parish Mass Times

**Due to the constant changes, I will put them each week, in the middle of the newsletter, and where the Mass is at. Please note you do need to book a seat. Details inside newsletter.**

## ZOOM COFFEE AND CHAT

I am inviting parishioners once again to join me for a virtual coffee and chat on Monday Morning at 10:00am.

Zoom in, bring your coffee and let's catch up. Let me know how things are in your world.

Meeting ID: 320 800 9616

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbjwPxTQ8>

Come join me for a coffee. John C

*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

A few weeks ago, St Bernardine's Church and School were the victims of acts of vandalism. One or more people wandered through our property and threw stones, some quite large through the windows of our buildings. A window was damaged at the Church, as well as four windows in the Parish centre, the building which houses the parish Office. The windows were repaired, but as our insurance excess was such that it did not warrant a claim to cover the costs of the parish windows, we paid for the repairs out of our own funds. The school also had significant damage.

Vandalism has happened to our property in the past and so the School is considering installing gates at the front of the property that will be locked when the parish and school is not occupied. It is indeed a sad affair when the Church has to be locked away from the world, but to endeavour to avoid these unfortunate costs due to such wanton vandalism, there is little that can be done. Hopefully, as time moves on, we will get used to this rather unfortunate situation where we endeavour to keep our property secure.

### PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Our Parish leadership Team met last Monday Night via Zoom. There were a number of items that had been discussed, including a focus upon **Emergency Relief (Food & Clothing)**. There is a concern about the poor and the homeless living within our neighbourhoods. There are people, especially in the midst of COVID19, who are struggling simply with life and there is a proposal to investigate just what can our parish do to address the situation in which some families find themselves at this time. **EXPO 2020/21**. This is also part of our future planning programme and more information will be forthcoming as time goes on. So ends this small report.

**Parish Masses.** Slowly things are returning to a small amount of normality. The Parish Masses at our three Churches have been re-established, and while we can only accommodate 20 people at each Mass at this time, I am hoping that people will slowly return to the Celebrations that are provided. Go to our website to book in.

**PLANNED GIVING.** As people do attend Masses each weekend, there is a difficulty in taking up the usual collections, but at each of the Masses collection plates will be available for you to continue to contribute to the financial life of our parish. Please place your envelopes or contribution into the plates provided and support the financial life of our parish.

*God Bless, Fr John*

## Landscaping / Gardening Work

We are wanting to do some landscaping as per the details below. If you have or work for a business that might be able to do the work please read through the tender options below and touch base with Barbara as she will be coordinating it. We wanted to give you the parishioners an opportunity to be considered.

Details below:-

### RFQ – St Bernadine’s Parish Regents Park

Invitation is extended to suitably qualified organisations/individuals to inspect and provide a formal quotation for remedial landscaping work (materials and labour) to address issues with sections of a garden timber retaining wall (pictured below) at the St Bernadine’s Parish Centre at 25 Vergulde Rd, Regents Park QLD 4118.

Interested tenderers should contact St Bernadine’s Parish Office on email, for Barbara to help you. Her email is [finance.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:finance.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au)

Quotations to be submitted to the Parish Finance Officer [finance.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:finance.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au) by 04.00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

Late submissions will not be considered. It is hoped that the remedial work can be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020.



Dear Parishioners,

We are back to the Ordinary Time after a series of the Feasts and Solemnities. This Sunday is the Twelfth Sunday in the Ordinary Time (year A). The readings point to us a reality that God is always with us no matter what fear we may be faced with. Prophet Jeremiah in the First Reading remained faithful to his mission even he felt the “*Terror from every side*”. It is because he did believe that “*the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero.*” And in the Gospel, Jesus said to his disciples: “*Do not be afraid... every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid.*”

Fear, I guess, is present in our life in one way or another. We have experienced fear in a variety of forms. In the midst of the Pandemic, we more or less have some ‘fears’ of the deadly virus. Although there has been some easing of the restrictions, the fear of the Coronavirus still remains. Fear can also be present in many other ways...

However, we need not panic because we know that God is always journeying with us in life. We also know that with God’s presence we can overcome fear so that we can be true messengers for the Kingdom of God’s love, peace and justice. We do believe that God can give us certain strength to deal with any fear that may come on our life journey.

In the face of difficulty, challenge and suffering, the words of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop may be speaking to us: “*Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.*”

Jesus promises: “*If anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven.*” The Lord invites us to bear witness to him. He also encourages us: ‘*Do not be afraid!*’ Let us respond to his call in what we say, live and do, particularly in our Parish of Regents Park.

May God bless us all!!

John Hong.

## Mass Times This Week

Date	Church	Time
Saturday 20th June	St Bernardine's Church	6:00pm
Sunday 21st June	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30 am 9:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 23rd June	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 24th June	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 25th June	Our Lady of the Assumption Church	6:00pm
Saturday 27th June	St Bernardine's Church	6:00pm
Sunday 28th June	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30 am 9:00am 5:30pm

- Numbers will be limited across all three churches.
- Please book in, to guarantee a place or you may be turned away.
- Book in over the internet. [You can click here and go straight there now.](#)
- If you don't have access to the internet, please ring Christy on 3884 7600 and she can book you in.
- Please leave your telephone number if you leave a message so we can confirm your RSVP.

There is talk of different parishes having different numbers at Mass. Due to our size, and the WHS plan we are following, our numbers are still 20. With inside and outside considered one space.

### Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Responsorial Psalm Lord, in your great love, answer me.  
St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15

**If you feel even a little unwell, we ask you to please stay home and take care of yourselves.**

### Baptism Preparation Session

**We will be restarting Baptism Preparation Sessions, on Monday 22 June.  
Please RSVP to attend. Spots will be limited. [Click here to RSVP.](#)**

**With Covid restrictions there are new processes about how things can happen.**

### Rite of Reconciliation

Please know in this difficult time, if you would like to seek Reconciliation, please email the parish office or either Fr John Conway or Fr John Hong. Or it will be available straight after 9am Mass on Wednesday and Sunday.



### Parish App

Are you wanting to donate to the parish during this time? Click on the box to go to the link on our website. Please note it is not compulsory but it is available if you and your family want to access it.

There are some of you already that have accessed the app and made donations. Thank you.

For those of you who are planned givers, please note that you would have received an email or letter from the office regarding your commitment going forward.  
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 Office hours 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday (excepting public holidays)

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**For enquiries contact Barbara**

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