



# Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th July 2020

*'Listen, anyone who has ears ...'*

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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.

*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

### COVID 19 UPDATE

Information has come through from the Archdiocese regarding the current situation Parishes find themselves in dealing with this unfortunate pandemic. Churches have been asked to move to stage 3 of the Government requirements in responding to the crisis. This means that we can now have music in our weekend celebrations. It also means that we will need to set about building the rosters of people involved in ministry at our parish Masses. So, at **St Bernardine's Masses** if you are a Reader at Mass, please contact the Parish office so that you can be added to the roster once again. Those involved in music ministry here also, you too are asked to follow-up with the Parish office so that we can set about re-building our music ministry at Masses. Due to COVID19, Ministers of Communion may not be necessary so far, but even for you, your time will come. Please contact the Parish Office for the sake of the Roster. **At Our Lady of the Assumption and St Catherine Masses**, your Rosters are prepared locally. As ministers involved in the local Masses, please liaise with the coordinator of ministry rosters in each of your Communities and they will be re-established. Due to COVID19, we still live in challenging times, and there is much that each of us is required to carry out to ensure the safety of our local communities. From the dreaded social distancing, to the hand sanitizing that keeps us safe, we are meant to be clean. Our Church is no different in this current climate. The setup in our Churches is done in such a way as to keep an appropriate distance between each of us, but, of course, families can still sit together when they come to Mass. It is most unfortunate but we need to abide by these requirements so that we do not need to return to the lockdowns of a few weeks ago when COVID was rampant in our midst. I would ask you to please play your part in continuing to be aware of all that is required of us to stay safe and free of COVID at this time.

**Parish Masses.** When you arrive for Mass in the parish, whether it be weekday or weekend, you still need to register at the front door of the Church. **YOU NEED TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME, FIRST AND LAST, AS WELL AS A MOBILE OR E-MAIL ADDRESS.** This information has to be kept by the Parish office for some 56 days. If anyone then is struck with COVID, the office has the information by which to inform the people who were in attendance. We need this information each weekend PLEASE!

*God bless, Fr John*

Sow a seed....

Be involved.....



Dear Parishioners,

We begin to read the Parable Sermon of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew this Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Ordinary Time. The first is the Parable of the Sower and the Seed with which Jesus compares the Word of God to the Seed the Sower sows in the field. I do believe that we are all familiar with this inspiring Parable.

A point we can see in this parable is the generosity of the sower. Whatever state it may be, either on the road or on the rock or in the thorns or in the rich soil, the sower sows the seeds. He scatters the seeds everywhere. The seeds can be growing up well only in the rich soil. The Sower, we can say, is God who has kept sowing the seeds of God's Word day by day...

Then we may ask ourselves: what kind of soil are we? Are we the pavement, where God's Word stays on the surface and anything can distract us from the Word? Or are we the rock that never lets God's Word sink in deeply? Do we reduce our faith to feelings and nice thoughts but never let it shape our life in any serious way? Are we filled with thorns, interests, addictions, distractions, and other priorities or drives, that choke off the Word of God in our lives? Do we prepare the rich soil of our heart for the Word of God to nourish and produce a harvest, thirty, sixty, or hundred-fold? Can we change the soil of pavement or rock or thorns to 'a soil' for the growth of God's Word?!

The Word of the Lord through Prophet Isaiah (First Reading) once again echoes to us: *"The word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do."* Let us prepare the rich soil of our heart for the growth of the seed of God's Word, even in the midst of the busy-ness, difficulties and challenges of our life.

May God bless us all!!

Fr John Hong.

## Our Groups

So, we have all been unable to go to the usual groups. These include the likes of

**ALPHA**  
**Craft Group**  
**Legion of Mary**  
**Light and Presence**  
**Scripture Reflections**  
**50s plus**  
**CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word)**  
**CLEO (Catholic Ladies Eating Out)**

But, now is the time to get started. Please let us know your groups intentions, by having a chat with Carrie or Christy, and they can help you out with how to get started with the new Covid rules.

## BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

This weekend, please join us in celebrating the baptisms of **Sebastian and Lincoln**. Please welcome the families as they come to celebrate the baptisms with us this weekend.



**Sebastian Oliver Johnson**

and

**Lincoln Cooper O'Connor.**



They will be baptised with their family and friends who come to share this moment with them and we ask you our Community to pray for them as they continue to grow in faith.



# Help

So we are getting back up to normal numbers, therefore, it is time to start thinking about rosters. It's appropriate then to ask, if you are wanting to be a volunteer? We could really do with your help please. We need

**Readers, PowerPoint operators, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, Mass Coordinators, Marshalls and Cleaners.**

We would love to here from you, please call Christy or Carrie on 3884 7600.

## Mass Times This Week

- **Numbers from lunchtime on July 3 we will be able to host more people depending on the size of the Church. St Bernardine's can host 60, St Catherine's can host 40 and Our Lady of the Assumption also 40. But we will still have to book and sign in for some time.**
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- Please book each week for the Masses you would like to attend.
- You can book in over the internet. [You can click here and go straight there now.](#)
- You can ring the office on 38847600. Christy is here every weekday, between 830 and 230pm or email her at stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au
- Please leave your name and telephone number if you leave a message so we can confirm your RSVP. We can't call you back if you don't leave a message.
- Mass bookings for this weekend can't be taken or confirmed after 230 on a Friday.

Date	Church	Time
Saturday 11th July	St Bernardine's Church	6:00pm
Sunday 12th July	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 14th July	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 15th July	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 16th July	Our Lady of the Assumption Church	6:00pm
Saturday 17th July	St Bernardine's Church	6:00pm
Sunday 18th July	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30 am 9:00am 5:30pm

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

## Sunday Readings

**First Reading**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Second Reading**

**Book of Isaiah—55:10-11**

**The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

**St Paul to the Romans— 8:18-23**



## Please Remember in your Prayers

**Baptisms**—Sebastian Oliver Johnson and Lincoln Cooper O'Connor.

**Sick**—Rhonda Axford **Anniversary**—Tony Wiermans

**Recently deceased**—Patricia Raven

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