



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9th August 2020

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Due to the current situation changing so quickly, please keep up to date with information via Facebook, our website or by email.



ZOOM COFFEE AND CHAT

This will happen still.

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/u/kbqjwPxTQ8>

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—RCIA and beyond.

So we have come back to Mass a little more than we had been last week. It was somewhat unfortunate that we had become victims of the unfortunate decisions of those young women who came back from Melbourne under a cloud.

Sadly, we closed the masses last weekend in the hope that we would miss any chance of succumbing to the COVID demon that is still affecting so much of our land, especially in Victoria and NSW. I am grateful to all of you who did respond to the decision that I had made last week about Mass closures. I hope the decision did indeed keep us safe.

I also wish to apologise to those faithful people who arrived for Mass on the weekend only to be turned away. Thank you for coming, and I do hope that I never need to turn people away from our Churches ever again.

This weekend, our parish masses have been re-opened and I look forward to welcoming people home. Having said that, at 6:00pm Mass at St Bernardine's Church, we are celebrating the Ritual of Initiation for the RCIA candidates who have waited patiently since Easter to become full members of our Parish.

This Saturday Night we will celebrate with them and their families as they are initiated into our Community. Due to number restrictions and having family present with them, on Saturday Night there are some seats available for those in our community who would like to attend. But there are four other masses on this weekend, so I would ask you to please join one of those masses as we gather together before our God to celebrate once again, if needed.

Nevertheless, we have returned once again, and hopefully we are back for good.

God bless, Fr John.

SPECIAL MASS SERVICES

St Mary of the Cross Mass—Sat 8th Aug 9am St Bernardine's. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Sat 15th Aug 9am at Our Lady of Assumption.

Join here <https://www.stbernardinesparish.com.au/mass-rsvp.html>

PARISH MEETINGS

Finance Council meeting Mon 10th Aug 7:00pm on ZOOM.

Dear Parishioners,

We all know the answer where is God? Of course, God is everywhere. A piece of story saying that in a catechism class when the catechist asked the children where God is, a little boy raised his hand up and said, "I know where God is." The catechist told him: "Good boy, please tell the class where is God?" He said: "God is in the bathroom." The catechist surprisingly asked him: "How do you know that God is in the bathroom?" He replied: "Every morning when I go to the bathroom, mum always says, 'My God, why are you in there so long?'..."

With the readings this Sunday, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we can see two ways of encountering with the Divine, that is with God: in the silence and in the storms.

Prophet Elijah in the First Reading, on his fleeing running from Queen Jezebel who tried to kill him, encountered with God on Mount Horeb. God was present not in the mighty wind, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire, but in the gentle breeze.

The encounter of Peter in the Gospel is not in the silence or stillness, but in the storms when the apostles were battling with a rough water. When the sea/ocean becomes rough, sometimes it is very dangerous (I can understand this clearly as I used to face the rough sea many times). However, with faith, Peter could walk on the water to come to Jesus. But when he felt the wind he began to sink and Jesus helped him up. What Jesus said to the apostles is certainly said to us as well: "Man of little faith, why did you doubt?"

We do believe that God is with us in every moment of our life. No matter in the silence or in the storms of life, God is always there. In the midst of suffering or challenge or difficulty such as the Pandemic at the moment, God is present. God is present to love, to care, to help and to journey with us.

In the stillness of our heart, we pray that we listen to the voice of God, the voice of love, mercy, encouragement and guidance. In the storms of our life, we pray that, like the apostles in the Gospel, we hear the voice of God: "Courage! It is !! Do not be afraid!"

RCIA Candidates

This weekend, we come together to conclude and fully welcome into our parish community and faith, the four RCIA Candidates. Please welcome and pray for them, as they take the final steps towards becoming Catholics.

Daniel Hovan
Melinda Nissan

Ngadine Gasmir
Katrina Medill

Mass will be held 6pm Saturday 8th August at St Bernardine's Church. For those that can't be there in

Letter of Support to the Victorian Archbishops

At this difficult time, we keep in our prayers those in Victoria currently in stage 4 lockdown. As a show of solidarity, we have written a letter that we will send to the Archbishop of Melbourne, from our parish. It will be at the sign on table when you come into Mass. Please take the time to add your signature to the list. It will be mailed/mailed on Monday.

Baptism Celebrations



This weekend, we are to be celebrating the baptisms of **Ela-May Ida Bloomfield** and **Mareko Puaga-Ogouta Palepua**. Please pray for them as they celebrate their baptisms with us and we ask you, our Community to pray for them as they continue to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation Session

We will be holding our next Baptism Preparation Session, on Monday 24th August.



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Mary MacKillop (1842-1909) is renowned for her generous approach to all endeavours, a women of courage who worked tirelessly to ensure all children were educated, she especially looked out for the poor and those in need.

A famous quote of Mary's is "Remember we are but travellers here" 1867. Her life was a journey of ups and downs as we all have. She saw her journey as one courageously dedicated to the work of the Lord. Mary would encourage us all to strive to make our time of travelling through life the best it can be, making the most of every moment that we have.

Think of Mother Mary MacKillop and learn from her to be a gift of love and compassion for one another, for all Australians, and for the world."

Please Remember in your Prayers Sick—Ron Burgess, Clare Conway

Please note, in our Piety Stall we have Mass Intention Cards for sale for \$3.00.

Mass Times This Week

- 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 8:30 and 12:30pm 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 confirmed after 1230 on a Friday.

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

Date	Church	Time
Saturday 8th August	St Bernardine's Church—St Mary of the Cross St Bernardine's Church—RCIA Ceremony	9am 6pm
Sunday 9th August	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church Baptisms St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 11th August	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 12th August	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 13th August	Cancelled	
Saturday 15th August	Our Lady of the Assumption—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary St Bernardine's Church	9:00am 6:00pm
Sunday 16th August	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm

Sunday Readings

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm

1 Kings—19:9,11-13

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.



Finance Council

We are currently looking for candidates. If you feel you would like to be involved, please talk to Fr John asap.

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Office hours 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday
(excepting public holidays)

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