



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th August 2020

'Woman, you have great faith...'

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Parish Groups

Light and Presence have resumed,
Tuesday 7pm at St Bernardine's.

Legion of Mary to start on Tuesday
10am at St Bernardine's.



ZOOM COFFEE AND CHAT
Will resume in the future.

HELP WANTED

A young family who had arrived a year or so ago into our Community, are struggling financially and are finding it difficult to cover the costs of their children's education. The children are in Gr 1 and Gr 6 at St Bernardine's Primary school, and the financial burden upon this family is an on-going challenge. If you feel you can assist in this regard, please contact the Parish office by phone or by e-mail to see what can be done for them.

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—

On Thursday Night last, a large gathering of the priests of the Deanery in conjunction with a number of significant leaders from each of our parishes of the Deanery, met with the Episcopal Council. This Council made up of significant people from the Archdiocese represents the Archbishop in dealing with future plans for the Archdiocese and for local Deaneries. We met together last year in September and discussed a number of issues pertinent to our local area. Following their deliberation the Council have now come back to us to continue the discussion.

There are a variety of areas that we, as priests, feel are significant for our local Deanery, issues that we will present at the meeting. The Archbishop and the Council will also have their own particular agenda to present. Unfortunately the newsletter will be printed before I can report on the meeting outcomes because Friday is Show Holiday for Logan.

But I will endeavour to provide as much detail as I am able in the report for the Newsletter for next week. This is the beginning of new hopes and dreams not only for the Logan Deanery, but also for our own local community where there is so much development taking place, especially around Green Bank and Flagstone areas. This will determine what our parish will look like into the future. Our meeting on Thursday marks the beginning of possibly new directions for us to travel. So, let's just wait and see what comes of our meeting on Thursday.

God bless, Fr John.

SPECIAL MASS SERVICES

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

Leadership Team meeting Mon 17th Aug 7:00pm on ZOOM.

Invitations to join will be sent to those who need to join the meeting.

Looking for a place to
connect
laugh
chat
explore
question
listen
belong



Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel this Sunday, the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are once again encountering with a wonderful story of a Canaanite woman whose great love and strong faith bring back the life of her daughter. Even faced with the not-very-nice response, she is still begging for healing of her sick daughter, showing her strong belief in Jesus. Jesus praised her saying, "*Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.*" And the Gospel continues: "*And from that moment her daughter was well again.*"

A mother can do anything, brave anything, suffer anything, endure anything, for the sake of her child. A piece of story saying that during a particularly severe winter in the Arctic, all but two people in a certain camp died of starvation. The two survivors were an Eskimo woman and her baby. The woman began a desperate search for some means of obtaining food. Eventually she found a small fish-hook. It was a simple matter to rig a line, but she had no bait, and no hope of getting bait. Without a moment's hesitation she took a knife and cut a piece of flesh from her thigh. Using this as bait she caught a fish. She fed her child and herself, saving the fish gut for bait. She lived on fish until spring when she walked out of the camp and found some other people.

The Canaanite woman is another wonderful example. In her we see the unshakeable determination of a mother. She just refused to be put off or to give up. How delighted she must have been when Jesus finally answered her prayer. It meant that all her trouble, all her begging, all her embarrassment, had not been in vain. She really has, we may be able to say, a 'tough faith.'

We pray that we always maintain a strong faith in God, even in the midst of our challenges, difficulties or sufferings such as the Pandemic at the moment. May we explore more and more on God's love for us in life.

May God bless us all!!!

John Hong.

RCIA Candidates

Last weekend, we came together to conclude and fully welcome into our parish community and faith, our four new Catholics. Daniel Hovan, Ngadine Gasmir, Melinda Nissan, and Katrina Medill. Congratulations to all.

It was a wonderful celebration, with fabulous support from our parish community. A very big thank you to Alan, Andrea, Deborah and Helen who represented our community so well.

Next week, we start our First Holy Communion program.



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.

Baptism Celebrations



This weekend, we are to be celebrating the baptism of **Penelopie Mae Irlam**. Please pray for her as she celebrates her baptism with us and we ask you, our Community to pray for her as she continues to grow in faith.

Baptism Preparation Session

We will be holding our next Baptism Preparation Session, on Monday 24th August. Please RSVP to attend. Spots will be limited. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

Feast of the Assumption



As we approach the Feast of the Assumption, it is timely to reflect on Mary's life, her faith in God and how that resonates with our lives today.

Mary inspires us to want to carry our cross patiently as she carried hers. She inspires us to want to serve others generously and joyfully, as she served them.



Starting Wed 26th Aug.
7pm-8:15pm click this link to sign up.

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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 15th August	Our Lady of the Assumption Church—Feast of the Assumption St Paul de Chartres Hall St Bernardine's Church	9am 4pm 6pm
Sunday 16th August	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church Baptisms St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 17th August	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 18th August	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 19th August	Our Lady of the Assumption Church	6:00pm
Friday 20th August	St Paul de Chartres Hall	8:00am
Saturday 21st August	St Bernardine's Church	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
Second Reading
Gospel

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
O God, let all the nations praise you!
St Paul to the Romans— 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28



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