



# Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 23rd August 2020

*'Who do you say I am.....?'*

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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— Plans for Tomorrow

Much has taken place over these past few weeks. Last Monday Evening our Pastoral leadership team met on ZOOM—a wonderful resource for the meeting of active people. There was much that was discussed, but a significant focus was invested in much of what had been discussed at the meeting of the Episcopal Council and the representatives of the leadership of our Deanery of parishes. Priests, Pastoral Workers, Teachers and parishioners met and talked about what our Deanery is interested in pursuing on behalf of the parishes of the Deanery. There were three areas of interest. The first is the further development and formation of our **Deanery Pastoral Council (DPC)** It is here that representatives from the Parish Councils of the Deanery gather to plan and prepare significant events that is of interest to people from our parishes. The 2019 Kingdom Now event was the result of the DPC planning and preparing this event last year. The second area of interest for the whole of our Deanery is the **Kingdom Now** experience from 2019 leading into 2021. Our hope and plan is that there may be a number of smaller events, but with the same energy and enthusiasm from parishioners from across our parishes. But more will come from the DPC about this event, or these events in 2021 and perhaps beyond.

Finally the third area of interest from our Deanery meetings addressed the issues of **lay leadership and Formation**. Parishes need parishioners who are willing to enter more deeply into the pastoral care of the parish. To achieve such an outcome, GOD needs YOU to consider stepping forward and providing your particular gifts and talents to build this Kingdom of God in our midst.

For this to happen training will be provided across the Deanery so that parishioners can be formed and informed about the many areas of ministry so necessary for the life of our Church.

So there are the three areas that our Deanery will endeavour to address into the future so that our Church and our Churches can continue to grow and to be effective as the new Disciples of Jesus Christ called to mission and ministry, called to walk the way of Christ for the world. **I do hope you are ready.**

*God bless, Fr John.*

### PARISH MEETINGS

Finance Team meeting on Monday 14th Sept at 7:00pm on ZOOM.

Leadership Team Next meeting Mon 5th October at 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,

During a holiday some time ago, I had a chance to be with a group of my friends. We had dinner and a catch up. We shared with one another many things about our lives. I was a bit surprised when a friend asked me to say something catechetical. I told him that I didn't know what he wants to discuss or hear from me or from the group. I then asked him: "Do you believe in Jesus?" He opened his big eyes and was staring at me: "What? Why? Of course, I believe in Jesus." I told them that this is an important part of our faith and asked him again: "Then, can you share with everybody in our group here the answer of this question: For you, who is Jesus Christ?" He smiled. It was 'lucky' for me that the conversation became exciting and enthusiastic. We had a good discussion about Jesus Christ...

In the Gospel this Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, we once again meet a crucial question of our faith: "*Who do you say that I am?*" Sometimes in life, in one way or another, we are faced with this question, 'Who is Jesus?' or questions similar to this. And each of us has to answer. Again, the Gospel continues with the answer from Saint Peter, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.*" It is really worthwhile for us. Jesus gives the 'keys' to Peter: "*You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.*"

"*I believe in Jesus Christ...*" We profess this on Sunday and at Solemn Masses. To believe in Christ as the Son of God is a gift of faith, which is given to those who deserve it (those who wholeheartedly open themselves to God), enabling them to make a personal and decisive commitment to Christ and to become partners in building his Kingdom. At the end of the day, it is this gift of faith that draws people completely to Jesus Christ: the faith which sees the invisible, hears the inaudible and touches the intangible. We do know and believe that Jesus, the Living Lord, has been journeying with us always...

May God bless us all!!

Fr John Hong.

**Legion of Mary**—Gathering to pray, each Tuesday. If you are interested in becoming a member please call the parish office.



**Light and Presence**  
St Bernardine's Church at 7pm  
on Tuesdays. All are welcome.

### Scripture Reflections

Each week at St Catherine's Church come gather. We gather to reading the next weeks Sunday readings and to reflect on them. We are starting again from Thursday 27th August, at 9am.

**Plover Warning**—please note at St Catherine's Church, a Plover family has made a nest in the carpark. Please be careful of where you park and watch for swooping birds.

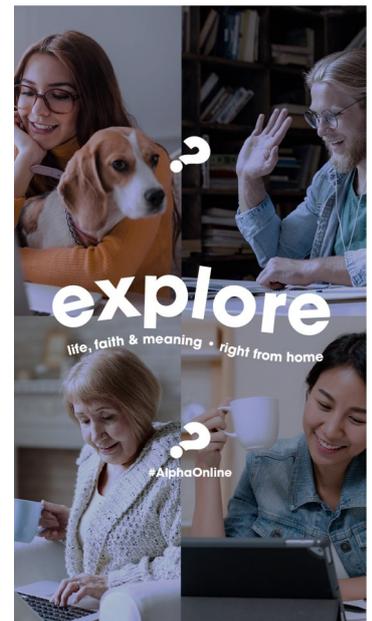
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## Baptism Celebrations



This weekend, we are celebrating the baptisms of **Koa Michael Achilles Joosten, Alaska Kyrie Joosten and Xavier Sean Brennan**. 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. Please RSVP to attend. Spots will be limited. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

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



### Update from Carrie

So some of you may already know, but for those that don't Luke and I are having a baby. The new one will arrive sometime in November. This wonderful news, does mean however that I will be taking Maternity Leave from October for 7 months.

I will still be part of the parish, as a parishioner, so you will see me about, but we will need someone to work during my leave.

So for those that have thought about working for the Church, please consider the opportunity.

### Job Vacancy—Maternity Leave Lay Ministry Coordinator Regents Park

Maternity Leave Position 7 months—Starting early October 2020 - May 2021

Please send applications by email with resume to Human Resources [herdj@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:herdj@bne.catholic.net.au)

Job description is available. Please email James Herd at [herdj@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:herdj@bne.catholic.net.au)

All expressions of interest are welcome. Applications close 12noon Monday 31st August.

### 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 email Christy at [stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au)
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- You can ring the office on 38847600. Christy is here every weekday, between 8:30 and 12:30pm. 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 12:30pm 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 22nd August	St Paul de Chartres Hall St Bernardine's Church	4pm 6pm
Sunday 23rd August	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church Baptisms St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 25th August	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 26th August	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 27th August	Our Lady of the Assumption Church—Feast of St Bernard	6:00pm
Friday 28th August	St Paul de Chartres Hall—Feast of St Pius X, Pope	9:00am
Saturday 29th August	St Bernardine's Church	6:00pm
Sunday 30th August	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm

### Sunday Readings

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 22: 19-23**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**Second Reading**

**St Paul to the Romans— 11:33-36**

**Gospel**

**Matthew 16: 13-20**



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