



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th August 2020

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

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Parish Groups

Alpha Youth

Craft

Light and Presence

Legion of Mary

are all meeting either in person or via Zoom.



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— About a week ago, my mother was moved to an aged care facility in Ipswich due to her declining years. While it was a great challenge for her because she had been a very independent woman who had lived her life for so long and looked after her own affairs as well as anyone possibly can. But due to her declining health, her doctors and us as family felt that her care needed to be a bit greater than what mom was able to provide for herself, so we found a venue that we felt would be of benefit to her at this stage of her life. It was a challenge for mom to find herself in this situation and she did not go with great happiness, but we hoped that she would begin to realise that it was necessary for her care. Then COVID STAGE 2 struck and all Nursing Homes and hospitals were forced once more into lockdown. Sadly and suddenly mom found herself isolated from all that was familiar to her from her life. Surrounded by people that she did not know, it would have been a challenge for her to find some peace for herself in these new surroundings. As family, perhaps like all families caught up in this dilemma, we have found ourselves isolated from our mother whilst her new accommodation is in lockdown, and there is little that we can do at present as family to ease the stress of such a shift in her life. There are thousands of moms and dads locked away in their Aged care facilities isolated from all that is perhaps familiar to them because of this pandemic that is still affecting our society at present and it seems that there is little that we can do about it, but wait. Wait for a time when we can connect again with our loved ones. Our time will come again when we as family can endeavour to help mom settle in to this whole new experience of care that is now provided by others rather than care for herself. So, in the midst of COVID19, let's keep our parents and grandparents in mind as they face the challenges of isolation within their Nursing Homes and hope and pray that there will indeed be an end to this tragic situation in which we all find ourselves at this time in our world. *God bless, Fr John.*

CLERGY GATHERING 2020

In the midst of COVID 19, Archbishop Mark has called for the Clergy of the Archdiocese to meet together perhaps to address the way our Church has endeavoured to confront COVID in our midst, as well, no doubt, as other specific topics that we need to discuss as priests of the Archdiocese. There are two dates selected and Fr John and Fr John will attend the gathering on Wednesday 2nd Sept. Please pray for the success of our meeting together.

PARISH MEETINGS on ZOOM

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

Leadership Team Next meeting Mon 5th October at 7:00pm.

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

Dear Parishioners,

During a chat with a friend of mine last week, he mentioned about the second wave of the Covid-19 Pandemic with which our hometown is one of the hot spots. He said that sometimes it is quite hard to keep life going. My sisters and brothers say the same. One of my nieces had to get tested because a person in the same street was positive with the Coronavirus. I did not have enough words to encourage them. At a point in the chat, my friend said: *"We have to carry the cross of life. The cross is still there. The main thing/point is how we face and accept it."* This brought me to the time before escaping years ago when I, together with him and other friends in the small fishing village, had been living a very hard and suffering life in all aspects.

A clear theme in the readings this Sunday is about the cross, something we may not be interested in, something sacrificial and even suffering. However, this is a reality in following Jesus as he said: *"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

We believers/followers of Jesus Christ do know that following Jesus is following a man with the thorns on his head and the cross on his shoulders. But Calvary is not the end. Calvary where Jesus died on the cross leads to the joy and victory of Easter. In this trend, we do have faith that whatever suffering and difficult we are faced with in life can bear a meaning of uniting with Christ and of helping us to be more like Jesus, to die with him in order to rise with him... day by day, not just at the end of our life. A reflection named *Gaining and losing* would, I hope, shed some lights in this regard:

*There is a way of losing by gaining.
You can win an argument but lose a friend.
Though competition and promotion
I may advance in my profession,
but in terms of relationships I am impoverished.
My energies are so focused on efficiency and success
that I haven't time to grow emotionally
and to develop my capacity for relationships.
In one's drive to attain power,
a person may sacrifice friendship and loyalty,
so much so that one ends up alone.
Lord, let me never forget your haunting words:
'What good will it do you to gain the whole world
if you lose your soul?'*

May God bless us all!

John Hong.

Please Remember in your Prayers
Sick—Ron Burgess, Clare Conway
Anniversaries—Maria Topolic, Mato Topolic

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

Staff Presence in the Office

As we all deal with the implications of Covid, it means that as a parish office, there will be times that staff are away or working from home. Please find below a guide to that for the next week.

Christy in the office Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri. Carrie working from home Mon, Wed, Fri
Barbara in the office Wed, working from home Tues, Fri.
Fr John Conway, present, Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri. Fr John Hong present Mon Tues, Wed, Thurs.

This week, Christy is away on Monday, and both Fr John's are away Wednesday.

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.

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.





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 a copy of your resume to Human Resources
herdj@bne.catholic.net.au

Job description is available. Please email James at herdj@bne.catholic.net.au

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

Mass Times This Week

- Thank you all for your understanding last weekend, as things got changed rather rapidly on Saturday morning. There are two impacts to us currently. They are no Masses at St Paul de Chartres, and groups can meet with less 10 or less people. If you aren't sure, please ring Christy on 38847600.
- If you didn't get notified by either, email, facebook, or by a mobile text, please sign up to Communicate Email. This comes out weekly and is used to keep you in the loop with all the Covid changes.
- Please book each week for the Masses you would like to attend.
- You can email Christy at stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au
- 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. 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 29th August	St Paul de Chartres Hall St Bernardine's Church	On Hold 6pm
Sunday 30th August	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church Baptisms St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 1st September	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 2nd September	NO MASS DUE TO CLERGY MEETING	Cancelled
Thursday 3rd September	Our Lady of the Assumption Church—Feast of St Bernard	6:00pm
Friday 4th September	St Paul de Chartres Hall—Feast of St Pius X, Pope	On Hold
Saturday 5th September	St Bernardine's Church	6:00pm
Sunday 6th September	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm

Sunday Readings

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9
Responsorial Psalm My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Second Reading St Paul to the Romans— 12:1-2
Gospel Matthew 16:21-27



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