



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th September 2020

'Where two meet in my name I will be there...?'

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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— The Season of Spring

A few days ago, I read in a newspaper a new term that has been created by our clever and perhaps health driven society. We have now entered into Spring-time, and this month that marks the beginning of Spring is now called '**Step-tember**'.

It seems to me that the purpose of this new name for September is to invite all of us perhaps to step out and go for a walk. It seems to be another push for everyone to endeavour to be healthy, and I think it is a great idea.

I plan to do all that I can to make a conscious effort to Step-tember, to move beyond the sedentary life that occupies most of my time due to the calls upon my waking hour and go walking. Sadly, in the midst of the busy-ness of our lives, making that time to step out and go for a walk is a great challenge.

There is always a reason that holds us back. Either meeting schedules, or appointment with people or Committees, or perhaps even just looking after our loved ones. There is always something that can hold us back, and of course, there is always tomorrow for us to start.

But now, having entered into step-ember Season, we can endeavour to start today. That each of us can choose to make a difference in our lives, and walk for our health. *God bless, Fr John.*

MASS ON FRIDAYS

While St Paul de Chartres Home is in lockdown at present due to COVID19, and masses are off limits to outsiders, I am planning on celebrating a Mass on Friday Morning at St Bernardines Church starting next Friday 11th September, until further notice. I do hope people are able to attend and participate in the Mass on that day.

THANK YOU; THANK YOU; THANK YOU!

I have been amazed at the unsolicited response from very generous parishioners concerning the plight of our young Sri Lankan family living in our midst today. Parishioners have called in at the parish office and given money in support of their situation. It may be \$10, or \$20, it may be a generous regular commitment that is being offered, but I have been amazed at the generosity of so many who have stepped forward to provide that support. Thank you to all of you.

PARISH MEETINGS on ZOOM

- Finance Team meeting on Monday 14th Sept at 7:00pm.
 - Leadership Team Next meeting Mon 5th Oct at 7:00pm.
- Invitations to join will be sent to those who need to join the meetings.

Dear Parishioners,

We all know that in a family, the role of the mother/wife is very important. We also can agree with one another that the role of the father/husband is no less important for the sake of the family's happiness and well-being.

This Sunday (05/09/20) is the Father's Day when we specially honour all fathers. It is a time we may feel obliged to do something for our fathers, alive or dead. It is also a time, I guess, to reflect on the fatherhood many of us have been carrying out, on the treasures/gifts we have received from our fathers, and very likely upon the memories and experiences we have had about our fathers or our fathers' life, and so on.

Below are some points in the article *Father-Hungry*, written by Paul Gary, which, I hope, can shed some reflections:

"Hunger for the father is a feature of our times..."

"Experience tells us that fathers are important. Just as the bond with the mother remains an important part of every human being's life, even into adulthood, so is the relationship with our father a natural and vital aspect of our human personality..."

"The absence of fatherhood, or the presence of fatherlessness, is therefore a direct cause of growth in child disadvantage and loss of safety in a society..."

"In Christian tradition, the linkage between fatherhood, marriage and love has always been emphasized. Although there has been some variety of marriage custom and practice even within Christian societies of the West over the past 2000 years, it is nevertheless true that Christian teaching has always emphasized the central importance of mutual love within marriage..."

Father's Day is on again. We may ponder what we should do to our fathers, not only on this Father's Day but also throughout our lives. We may also think of the significant mission of fatherhood we lived, are living and will live. We perhaps consider some ways to pass on to younger generations the values, experiences and realities about being a father.

And surely there can be more...May all the fathers, particularly fathers in our parish, be blessed and honoured.

Happy Father's Day!!!

Fr John Hong.

Good Friday—Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to Sunday September 13th to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14th.

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living.

This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Sick—Ron Burgess, Clare Conway; Sheila Eborn

Recently Deceased: Joan Lopez ; Jovie Reyes Deceased Anniversaries—Bob Taylor

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-19, 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 Hong present Mon Tues, Wed, Thurs.

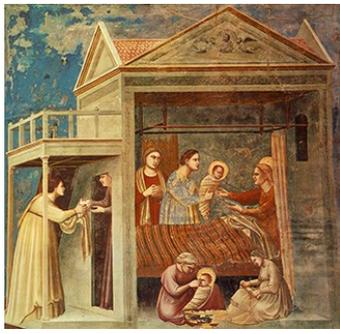
Fr John Conway, present, Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri. This week, Fr John Conway will be away on Tuesday.



Light and Presence

St Bernardine's Church at 7pm on Tuesdays. All are welcome.

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



Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

The Bible doesn't say anything about Mary's birth, but we know that she was born. Like all parents, Mary's parents—we call them Joachim and Ann—probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special.

Joachim and Ann loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her. We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When

Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others—and maybe even you—don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did—to bring Jesus into the world.

When we celebrate his mother's birth, we honor Jesus too. Today thank God for the gift of life, and give honor to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life.

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 1:30pm. 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 5th September	St Paul de Chartres Hall St Bernardine's Church	On Hold 6pm
Sunday 6th September	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church Baptisms St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 8th September	St Catherine's Church— Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00am
Wednesday 9th September	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 10th September	Our Lady of the Assumption Church—Feast of St Bernard	6:00pm
Friday 11th September	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Saturday 12th September	St Bernardine's Church	6:00pm
Sunday 13th September	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm

Sunday Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9
Responsorial Psalm O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
Second Reading St Paul to the Romans— 13:8-10
Gospel Matthew 18:15-20



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