



# Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th September 2020

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

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## Parish Groups

Alpha Youth  
Craft (on hold till term 4)  
Light and Presence  
Legion of Mary

are all meeting either in person or via Zoom.

## Please Remember in your Prayers

### Sick

Ron Burgess, Clare Conway, Sheila Eborn

### Recently Deceased

Joan Lopez, Jovie Reyes

### Deceased Anniversaries

Gordon Straub, Juliana Saavedra

## Anointing of the Sick Mass

Please note that Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week will be Mass of Anointing. You will need to book in.



**ZOOM COFFEE AND CHAT**  
Will resume in the future.

*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: *'Happy Birthday Bernies'*

It was 40 years ago this week that Fr John Nee was appointed to be the first parish priest of this young parish in Logan City in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. From that momentous occasion much would take place to occupy Fr John and the many people who set out at that time to share the journey of building a parish here at Browns Plains that would eventually become Regents Park. From the earliest of days when Fr John would be seen running around the block on a broken down tractor getting the property ready for the establishment of the School and then the Church, each of which would become the spiritual hub of this newly formed parish in the Archdiocesan family of parishes. That was forty years ago this week and this week we intend to celebrate it as much as we are able. In so doing, hopefully we can remember Fr John, the foundation parish priest, all of the priests of the past years and the many people who played their part in the formation of this parish over the years.

Let us remember them and together we can celebrate in a small way (due to silly COVID) all that has taken place in this parish that we all call home today. *God Bless from the current Fr Johns who endeavour to fill such big shoes!*

## 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.

## 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,

A clear theme we can see in the Readings this Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Ordinary Time Year A, is about forgiveness. Forgiveness is a necessary and certainly important reality of our life. Many times in life we are in need of forgiveness. We may also be in the times when we are asked for forgiveness. Therefore, in order to be forgiven, we need to forgive. A prayer in the Our Father states that we ask God to forgive us on the condition that we forgive our brothers and sisters: *"And forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"*. Forgiveness needs to be carried out, as Jesus answered Peter, 'not seven, but seventy-seven times.' It means all the time...

Forgiveness plays a necessary role of making peace with the others and with ourselves. We need to be forgiven as well as we need to forgive (as mentioned above). We can forgive because forgiveness releases our soul from spiritual paralysis and makes room for God's grace and will in our life. Forgiveness is the spiritual surgery that brings healing. Forgiveness is to be performed not only in words but also in act. Forgiveness must come from the heart. In one way or another, forgiveness can bring to us peace, joy and happiness. It helps us to experience more and more about God's forgiveness to us.

As we read in a part of a reflection name *Forgiveness: "Life is short, time is fleeting. Today is the day to forgive. Lord, deliver us from the poison of bitterness, and give us the grace to forgive from the heart those who have offended us. Then we will know the warmth of your forgiveness."* We pray that we be aware of this reality all the time.

May we always be conscious of the necessity, importance and beauty of forgiveness and put it in practice, now and always...  
May God bless us all!!  
John Hong.

### **St Bernardine's Parish History**

Most of the area which now makes up St Bernardine's Parish was once part of Beaudesert Parish. In 1976 the Park Ridge Church and the area south of it down to the Logan River transferred to Sunnybank Parish.

The land for Our Lady of the Assumption Church at Park Ridge was donated by Jim and Margaret Smith. The church that had been erected was made up of a church that was moved from Biddaddaba and another church which was moved from Boys Town to the site. This church had previously stood at Jimboomba, from where it had been moved to Boys Town to act as a temporary chapel. The two buildings were fitted together to become Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Park Ridge. Fr Tom Hegerty administered Park Ridge as a separate entity, and priests visited from Sunnybank Parish.

In the latter part of 1980, approval was given for the establishment of Browns Plains as a separate parish. Fr John Nee was appointed parish priest from 7th September 1980. September 8th is celebrated each year as our parish birthday.

Mass was celebrated at Park Ridge Church and also at the Small World Kindergarten in Estramina St. Mass continued here until our first church / school building was completed. Mass was celebrated for the first time in St Bernardine's Church on 7th February 1982. Archbishop Rush celebrated the Mass on 25th March 1982.

In 1988 renovations were made to St Bernardine's Church and the opening Mass of the remodelled church was celebrated on 1st July 1988.

St Catherine's Church, Jimboomba was opened on 11th February 1995. The church was later moved to East St, near Emmaus College, Jimboomba.

In late 2019, it was necessary to relocate the Presbytery from within the Parish Office, located on the site of St Bernardine's Catholic Primary School. Both Fr John's moved in over the Christmas break. This allows what was previously the house, to be retained and turned into the new Parish Centre. A welcoming space for groups, meetings and the odd cup of coffee.

Some of the groups operating in the parish include the Parish Finance Council, the Liturgy Team, Sacramental Team, Out of Hours School Care, Prayer Groups, St Vincent de Paul Society, Fifties Plus Group (social), CLEO which stands for Catholic Ladies Eating Out (social), and the Craft Group (social).

### **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. That is this weekend.

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 this weekend and please also keep them in your prayers. We thank you kindly for your donation.

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

## Baptism Celebrations

This weekend, we are celebrating the baptisms of **Lora Elizabeth Vella, and Nathaniel James Sheppard**. 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 28th September. Please RSVP to attend. Spots will be limited. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

## Your Stories

As we celebrate our 40th Birthday, we want to hear from you, what are your stories, your memories of the Church in Regents Park Parish? Please email them to us at [stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au) so that we can record them. Our goal is to put them in the newsletter, on the website, and if possible on facebook. Just little snippets of time to share the joy of being part of this community. Please let us know via email or even calling the office.

## 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.
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- 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 12th September	St Paul de Chartres Hall St Bernardine's Church	On Hold 6pm
Sunday 13th September	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church Baptisms St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 10:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 15th September	St Catherine's Church— Our Lady of Sorrows (Anointing Mass)	8:00am
Wednesday 16th September	St Bernardine's Church—Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (Anointing Mass)	9:00am
Thursday 17th September	Our Lady of the Assumption Church—Feast of St Bernard (Anointing Mass)	6:00pm
Friday 18th September	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Saturday 19th September	St Bernardine's Church St Januarius, Mass of Virgin Mary	6:00pm
Sunday 20th September	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm

### Sunday Readings

**First Reading** Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:7  
**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.  
**Second Reading** St Paul to the Romans— 14:7-9  
**Gospel** Matthew 18:21-35



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