



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

19th January 2020

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Parish Mass Times

Monday

St Paul de Chartres (Chapel) 9:00am

Tuesday

St Catherine's 8:00am

St Paul de Chartres (Chapel) 9:00am

Wednesday

St Paul de Chartres (Chapel) 8:00am

St Bernardine's Church 9:00am

Thursday

St Paul de Chartres (Chapel) 9:00am

Friday

St Paul de Chartres (Hall) 9:00am

Saturday

St Paul de Chartres (Hall) 4:00pm

St Bernardine's Mass 6:00pm

Sunday

Our Lady of Assumption Mass 7:30am

St Bernardine's Mass 9:00am

St Catherine's Mass 5:30pm

Youth Events

Youth Mass 2nd Sat of the Month
St Bernardine's 6:00pm

Youth Night 3rd Fri of the Month 6:00pm
Next Event is 21st February at 6:00pm at Parish Patio. All are welcome.

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

Hello All, just a couple of quick announcements, as we start 2020 off with a bang!

Some of you may already know that Fr John Conway was struck down with appendicitis this week. After having it removed he is much better and now at home recovering. This means that you won't see much of him until next weekend.

Fr John Hong Nguyen will be doing all Masses during this time, to help ensure Fr John Conway RESTS!!!!

Please note during February we are planning to have a Welcome BBQ, to help say hello to the Fr John Hong Nguyen and 2020. This will also be an opportunity for you all to see the new refurbished Parish Centre. No date has yet been confirmed. That will happen for next week's newsletter.

We are also having some training on how to use the multimedia setups, so if you are working in this ministry space or would like to, please come to Wednesday 7pm at St Bernardine's Church. We would love all current PowerPoint rostered people to come too please, from all Mass centres.

Next weekend is Australia Day. We will be having an Australian flavour to our Masses that weekend. If there is hospitality in your Mass centre, please feel free to bring a plate of something to share. Perhaps, some scones, or lamingtons or even if you are a dab hand at damper!!

Please remember also that on Australia Day, all Catholic churches around Australia, will be doing an extra collection to help raise money for those affected by the bushfires. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

God bless, Parish Office Team

Hymns for the Week

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| Gathering Hymn: | Here I Am, Lord | GA496 |
| Psalm Response: | Here I am Lord; I come to do your will. | |
| Communion Hymn: | Supper Invitation | GA202 |
| Thanksgiving Hymn: | Table of Plenty | AOV2-020 |
| Recessional Hymn: | Bring Forth the Kingdom | GA478 |

STATEMENT FROM CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Australia is facing an unprecedented calamity as fire engulfs the land in many places. We have all seen the apocalyptic images, even if we are not in the areas most affected. Lives have been lost, homes and towns have been destroyed, smoke has shrouded large swathes of our country.

And there is no end in sight to the horror which confronts us with our powerlessness before the devastating force of nature.

The efforts of firefighters have been heroic. The resilience of the communities affected has been extraordinary. This has been Australia at its best, and we all stand with those who have been most stricken and with those who are putting their lives on the line to fight the fires.

But we need more than words. Expressions of solidarity are important, but they are not enough. The bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and coordinate what is happening locally. From the Bishops Conference, that national response includes:

- ◆ The facilitation of a national network connecting people affected by the bushfires with people who can help with tasks such as preparing meals, clearing properties, rebuilding communities, as well as pastoral and counselling support.
- ◆ The distribution of special prayers and other resources for use in parishes, families and other Catholic communities.
- ◆ Collaboration with key national agencies like Catholic Health Australia, Catholic Social Services Australia, the National Catholic Education Commission and the St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) to ensure as effective a response as possible from the wider Catholic community.
- ◆ Cooperating with Catholic Religious Australia and religious institutes and their ministries.
- ◆ Parishes across the country taking up a special collection at Masses on the Australia Day weekend, with all funds to be donated to Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

Our experts on the ground – from agencies like Vinnies, CatholicCare and CentaCare, in parishes and other Catholic communities, including Catholic hospitals and aged care providers – know this will be a long-term process to help people and whole towns rebuild. With broad and deep roots across the nation, the Church stands ready to walk alongside people throughout their journey of recovery.

Facing this exceptional crisis, we renew our call for insistent prayer for those stricken by drought and fire, for those who have lost their lives in the fires and their families, for rain to quench the parched land and extinguish the fires, and for urgent action to care for our common home in order to prevent such calamities in the future. A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action. January 7, 2020

Baptism Preparation Session

Our next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on Monday 4th February at 7:00pm at St Bernardine's Church. Please RSVP to the office email.
Stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au

'The Great Commission'

Go make disciples, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Regents Park Pilgrimage to the *Holy Land*

It is happening on October 3rd in 2020. So it is not even twelve months before we set out to uncover the wonder of the Land that Jesus called home. It is 11 Nights/13 days In the Holy land. We will be experiencing the following places: Dead Sea and then to Bethlehem. Nazareth and Cana and the Sea of Galilee (where much of Jesus ministry took place.) The climb up Mt Tabor and Mt Carmel. Then to Haifa and to Jericho, where Zacchaeus climbed the sycamore tree to see Jesus, and finally to Jerusalem where Jesus life came to an end and where the Church under the Apostles would begin. The cost of the journey is around \$6790 (twin share). Come and see! Come and see what we have heard about through the Scriptures. Let the Holy land come to life for you on this journey of a life time. Come and see. Brochures available from the Parish office.

This Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Next week's Readings: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

St Paul to Corinthians 1:1-3
St Paul to Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

John 1:29-34
Matthew 4:12-23

PowerPoint and TV training

All Mass Centre's, we are running some training in how better to work PowerPoint and the current setups. This will also cover some tips and tricks that can help under pressure.

Please come if you are involved in this ministry or if you would like to be in 2020!!

Training will be Wednesday 22nd January at 7pm at St Bernardine's Church.

Please remember in your prayers



Sick: Fr John Conway, Kevin La Frenais
Recently Deceased: Edward Humphry,
 Fr John Rasmussen, Frank- brother of Joyce Parsons

Please continue to remember those affected by the bushfires around our great land.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS

This weekend, please join us in celebrating a baptism this week. **Elijah Kye Clayton** will be baptised with his family and friends who come to share this moment with him and with our Community.

Please continue to pray for him as he grows in faith.

Legion of Mary

We gather every Tuesday at 10:00 am at the John Nee Hut, praying the Holy Rosary, reflecting on God's Word and doing apostolic works on behalf of the community. New members are welcome. We also have Rosary from 8:30am before Sunday Mass at St Bernardine's Church.



Next Youth Event: Youth Mass

8th February 2020 6pm at St Bernardine's Church

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES—ALL MASSES

Counters

We are seeking interest from parishioners who are willing to assist with the counting of collections from weekend Masses. Counting occurs each Monday morning in the Parish. We need regular counters and those who can be on standby. We need your help please! Tea and coffee provided!!

Hospitality

Are you able to help once a month with hospitality at our churches? Hospitality and welcoming, are opportunities to connect with people, to say hello, give a smile, make a great cuppa!! Even share the cake!!

Choirs

Are you able to come join a choir and sing once or twice a month? You might even be in a choir and want to sing another week.

Cleaners

Help needed. As we start the year, our rosters change as does people's availability. Two of our cleaning teams at St Bernardines, after a very long time helping, are stepping down from this ministry.
 Are you able to help please?

Volunteers Needed!



Mass Coordinators

Can you be the person, coordinating the start of Mass? Making sure everything is set up, that everyone is present who helps?

Computer Operators

Are you interested in doing some computer related work? We are asking parishioners to assist with the PowerPoint presentations for all Masses in our communities. This includes weekend Masses, occasional weekday liturgies, funerals and other liturgies we celebrate during the year.

Piety Stall Sales

Can you help? Holding key for small sales before or after Mass? We will handle purchases and banking etc, just need someone to open up when asked for someone to purchase something.

More information..?

Please talk to either Fr John, your Mass Coordinator or Christy for details. Or feel free to ring the office on 38847600.

Volunteer Welcome Portal link is <https://welcome.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

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