



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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



26th January 2020
3rd 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)	9:00am
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 1st Saturday night of the Month
St Bernardine's next Mass is 1st Feb 6:00pm

Youth Night 3rd Fri of the Month 6:00pm
Next Event is 21st Feb at 6:00pm at the Parish
Centre. 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! I have found myself to be in the wars a little bit over this fortnight. Having been struck down by an appendix problem, I found myself admitted to hospital and had it removed. So began a journey into darkness, as I found myself somewhat weak and exhausted from all that had happened to me in that 24 hour period. I am still a little slow in getting around and the ordinary and the everyday can wear me out, but I am recovering, and hopefully as the days wear on I will be back. My thanks to Fr John for stepping up to the mark and covering all of the activities in the parish during this time, and to the Parish staff who have kept the wheels of industry well-oiled. I am grateful also, to those parishioners who have supported me through this time, and for the prayers that people are saying for me. With this support, I will be back before too long. Happy Australia Day on Sunday.

God Bless, Fr John

Happy Australia Day to all our wonderful parishioners. Whether Australia is your home by birth, or by choice, we are lucky to have you and wish you all a wonderful day.

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. This collection will happen after the Gospel and before the Homily.

Also, when you have some of the fabulous damper and treats for Australia Day here, have a taste of the amazing honey. It is partly to help local community businesses and also to help raise money for the parish, so we are taking pre orders, with the stock arriving late February. You can collect an order form from the hospitality table or see your Mass Coordinator.



God bless, Parish Office Team

Hymns for the Week

Gathering Hymn: We Are Many Parts GA523
Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Offertory Hymn: One Bread, One Body GA193
Thanksgiving Hymn: Shelter by Eric Bogle
Recessional Hymn: I Am Australian by Jeff Turner

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 ST BERNARDINE'S - OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION - ST CATHERINE'S




Support those affected by bushfires
 catholic.org.au/bushfires

Special Collections at Masses on Australia Day weekend

Australia Day weekend special collections

Archbishop Mark Coleridge and the Australian Bishops have asked that special collections be taken up on Australia Day weekend to support bushfire-affected communities. Money raised from this collection will support the Vinnies' bushfire appeal.

Parishioners wishing to donate individually and receive a tax-deductible receipt can donate at www.vinnies.org.au. Thank you to those who have already contributed to support affected communities.

We are also called to pray for those affected, especially those who have lost loved ones, for those fighting the fires and for an end to the ongoing crisis.

Prayers and other resources can be found at www.catholic.org.au/bushfires



Kick-started the year off with a night of planning, artwork-making, and of course, food and games. There are a lot of fun and exciting things in store for our Youth Ministry so keep an eye out for them on our Facebook page and in the newsletters.

Come and join us at St. Bernardine's Church for our monthly Youth Mass next Saturday, February 1st at 6pm. All youth (and even the young-at-heart) are welcome. Sausage sizzle will be provided after the mass with a gold coin donation. Hope to see you there!

If you have any queries about our Youth Ministry, please feel free to email the parish office or send a message to Nicky at 0481 008 317.

ALPHA 2020

Alpha is a series of sessions that helps participants explore the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question around faith from a Catholic context and is designed to create conversation. A typical gathering will include gathering for a simple meal, viewing an engaging and thought-provoking video, and small group discussion time to reflect and process how the day's question pertains to your spiritual journey.

Starting February 12th at OLA Park ridge 6pm start. Just come and see. Bring a friend or relative. No cost. For more information call Carrie on 0481 008 317 or email her at pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au



LIGHT & PRESENCE PRAYER VIGIL



Restarting on Tuesday
 4th February 2020
 at St Bernardine's Church

'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 8:23-9:3
Next week's Readings: Malachi 3:1-4

St Paul to Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Letter to the Hebrews 2:14-18

Matthew 4:12-23
Luke 2:22-40

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



Honey

Do you love honey? Would you like to buy direct from the local Bee-keeper? All Mass Centre's, you can preorder a kilo of honey for the price of \$15. Please fill out an order form, sending it in to the office as soon as possible. Your support of this endeavor will continue to financially support the life of our parish.

Sacramental Journey 2020

Required Parent night for all families with children participating in this years Sacramental Journey, (Reconciliation, Communion or Confirmation). **Wednesday 12th February 7pm** St Bernardine's Church Regents Park.



Please remember in your prayers

Sick: Kevin La Frenais
Recently Deceased: Maureen MacDonald,
 John Laverty

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

Baptism Preparation Session

Please accept our apologies over having to cancel our January session. We have added an extra date to our schedule.

The next Baptism Preparation Session will be held on **Monday 3rd February at 7:00pm** at St Bernardine's Church. Please RSVP to the office email: stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au

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.

The 50's + Group

Will meet at 11:30am on Wednesday 12th February for lunch at the Carvery, Village Fair Shopping Centre here in Regents Park. For more information, please ring Trish on 3800 8686.

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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Elsie's Sewing, Clothing Alterations & Embroidery

2 Colisa Crescent, Regents Park

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