



# Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4th October 2020**

**First Holy Communion's 2020**

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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,  
Judy McConville

**Recently Deceased**

Rosa Luz Aquilizan, Ann Carter

**Anniversary**

Bonifacio Delagon

## Holidays

Fr John Conway will be on leave from 10th  
October until 25th October for his annual  
holiday. During this time, Fr John Hong will  
be available any needs, wants or concerns.

*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—* Droughts and Barren Lands

Last weekend I rediscovered the prayer for drought that we had used last year at this time in our prayers and Liturgies. There seemed to be a time when our world was so very much suffering from the sparsity of the much needed rain that can renew and replenish our dry and barren land. Well it is springtime, and as I look around at yards and ovals and gardens it seems to me that our Land is once again so very much in need of that rain that only God can provide for us. So it seems to me to be appropriate that once again as we move towards the spring/summer time of our year once again, that this rain that I think had been forecast is so very much needed at this time. It may be that our time has been so caught fighting this COVID pandemic that we may have lost sight of our need for that water that is the only gift from God that can renew our thirsty world.

Perhaps it is time once again to direct our prayers to our God of Creation who can provide this much needed resource to allow life to return to this Land that is for us both ancient and new. At this time we will endeavour to focus our prayer time on this plea to ease the drought that is so affecting our lives and our world at this time. May God hear our prayers and send the rain that we need to bring new life to our world.

## FIRST COMMUNION 2020

This weekend marks the First Communion events for our parish community for 2020. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our young women and men who have entered into this special celebration in their lives, and to thank them for their participation throughout the preparation season. Well done. My thanks also to the parents, grandparents and guardians who also played their part in the formation of these young children of our community. Thank you.

There was much that was required to be planned, prepared and presented so that our sacramental Journey could be as successful as it had been and this came down to the committed and dedicated Sacramental Team and to our parish staff who put everything together and made sure that Fr John and Fr John got everything right. My thanks to them for all that they had done and achieved, but especially to the marvellous provider of our First Communion Cakes (9 I think) that were baked and provided for all of the Communion Masses so that we could all have a piece of cake to mark this occasion. All individually wrapped and distributed by tongs to each participant so that we abided by COVID protocols of course. But thank you to all and also to the wonderful parishioners at each mass who shared in these special events in the lives of our young one. Well done!

*God Bless, Fr John*

## PARISH MEETINGS on ZOOM

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

## First Holy Communion's 2020

Over the next two weeks, we have nearly 40 children making their first Holy Communion. As members of the St Bernardine's Parish Community, please pray for the children at this special time of their Sacramental Journey.

We are also putting on a special Mass on Wednesday 30th September, so you will be able to book into that as well. Please consider sharing in this time with the community.

<b>Feliche</b>	<b>Emma</b>	<b>Gioia</b>	<b>Harrison</b>	<b>Alysiah</b>
<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Sienna</b>	<b>Rosemary</b>	<b>Isaac</b>	<b>Harrison</b>
<b>Daniela</b>	<b>Ameliah</b>	<b>Patrick</b>	<b>Ella</b>	<b>Tahlia</b>
<b>Mila</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>Reid</b>	<b>Sienna</b>	<b>Una</b>
<b>Tahlia</b>	<b>Lily</b>	<b>Annaliese</b>	<b>Imogen</b>	<b>Nicola</b>
<b>Jaylee</b>	<b>Harrison</b>	<b>Emma</b>	<b>Beau</b>	<b>Miquel</b>
<b>Caterina</b>	<b>Amber</b>	<b>Samuel</b>	<b>Ezra</b>	<b>Amber</b>
<b>Lillie</b>				<b>Cooper</b>

Please congratulate the children you see at the Masses that you attend.

Some are celebrating right through to 18th October.

Thank you to all parents, aunts, uncles and nanas for your time in preparing these children for this special occasion. We are very proud of all the children and the work they have done to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

We especially want to thank our parent helpers who make this journey so engaging and for our Priests, Fr John and Fr John, who gave us their spiritual wisdom, shared their faith, prayed for everyone and affirmed all the families on their special occasion.

This may be their First Communion but we invite you to come to Mass as often as you can to feed your spiritual hunger with the best spiritual food.

We as a parish are here for you to support you and continue to nurture your family in the faith. We look forward to seeing you all around more often.

Thank to all in the Parish for being so supportive and praying for the children.

### St Bernardine's Parish History

**Did you see the article in the Catholic Leader on our parish?**

Stories, from near and far...

#### **'We still want your parish stories'**

As we celebrate our 40th year, 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 [sbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sbernardines@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.

### 2020—Annual Catholic Campaign

Thank you very much to the wonderful parishioners who were able to donate to the Annual Catholic campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## Farewell from Carrie

Hello, thank you to all of you who have made my time at St Bernardine's Parish so great. It is with excitement and joy that I go on maternity leave to welcome the new addition to our family. I am back mid May and know that in my time away, that you will make Andrea feel as welcome as you did me when I started last year. It has been a pleasure to know you all and grow with you and your families in your faith communities.

To those of you that have worked closely with me across different groups, know that without you we couldn't have achieved some of the wonderful things we did.

I have enjoyed my time immensely and know that Andrea is an awesome replacement for me. I hope you all continue to give her the support and assistance that you gave me. Although her hours will be less, the key tasks and responsibilities will remain the same.

Please note that Christy has also given me strict instructions to send through as soon as possible announcements of delivery and photos, which I'm sure she will slip into the newsletter for you all to see.

Have a wonderful end to 2020, I hope that it ends more joyfully that it started and continued to stay..... We will all need a good party by Christmas!!

**Carrie McCormack**

## Mass Times This Week—Weekend Masses are very full, please ring!!

- 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](mailto: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 2:30pm. 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 3rd October	St Bernardine's Church— First Holy Communion Mass Youth Mass	6pm
Sunday 4th October	Our Lady of the Assumption— First Holy Communion Mass St Bernardine's Church— First Holy Communion Mass (live-streamed) St Catherine's Church— First Holy Communion Mass	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 6th October	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 7th October	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 8th October	Our Lady of the Assumption Church	6:00pm
Saturday 10th October	St Pauls de Chartres St Bernardine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 11th October	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm

### Sunday Readings

**First Reading**      Isaiah—5:1-7  
**Responsorial Psalm**    The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.  
**Second Reading**      St Paul to the Philippians— 4:6-9  
**Gospel**                    Matthew—21:33-43



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