



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th October 2020

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Parish Groups

**Alpha Youth
Craft**

**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

Abhram Jhubati, Ann Carter

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 for 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

Please continue to pray for an end to this terrible drought that is so affecting our lands at this time.

PARISH MEETINGS

Next meeting of the Leadership Team will be set in the weeks ahead.

First Holy Communion

This weekend, we continue to celebrate First Holy Communion. On Sunday **Alysiah** celebrates. Please congratulate her if you see her.

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.

Adore Advent Program



This year we are again ordering the Adore Advent Program which has daily devotional, art work reflection and weekly Sunday Mass Scripture reflections. Contact the office to order your book and join in.

Cost will be \$5 per book. Please bring in when you order your book.

It can be done as private reflection or in a group setting. If you want to arrange a time to meet up at any of the Churches, please let the office know.

Help Please...!!!!

So we are getting back up to normal numbers, therefore, it is time to start thinking about rosters. It's appropriate then to ask, if you are wanting to be a volunteer?

We could really do with your help please. We need
**Readers, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers,
Mass Coordinators, Marshalls, and Cleaners.**

We are also wanting to restart our choirs!!

We would love to here from you, please call the office to chat.

Dear Parishioners,

We continue to read the Gospel of Matthew this Sunday, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A. The Pharisees, together with the Herodian's, put a trick question to Jesus: *"Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"* It is a test question to see whether Jesus should declare himself on the side of those who opposed paying taxes to the Romans or on the side of those who collaborated with the Romans. If he said Yes, he would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish religion. If he said No, he could be denounced as fomenting rebellion against Rome. The way Jesus answered this question is significant. He asked them to let him see a coin; and after receiving the reply that the image on the coin is Caesar's, Jesus told them to *"give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God."* In this answer, Jesus recognises that the State has a role, but its power is limited and does not supplant God.

From a point of view, there should be a relationship between the Church and the State. Nowadays, we may see that it is neither complete union nor complete separation, but more like a collaboration between the two. The Church is the voice of conscience; a 'community of conscience.' The Church has the numbers and strength to question official policies where Gospel values are at stake, because government has moral implications. It can build up or weaken families; it can protect or destroy life; it can enhance or weaken human dignity; it can support or burden the practice of religion...

The coin bears Caesar's image and therefore belongs to him, but the whole of creation bears the imprint of God. The first loyalty of all created things is therefore to God. Jesus' reply to the Pharisees more or less reminds us of this reality. If we *"give back to God what belongs to God"*, then a thing, I guess, we should give is our love to the others, according to our ability. One of the expressions about Christians is that Christians are the people of love.

This weekend, we carry out the Appeal for the Catholic Mission. The theme of the appeal this year comes from Nehemiah 8:10: *"For the joy of the Lord is your strength."* We are invited, through the Catholic Mission, to participate into the reaching out to those in need in bringing love, joy and peace...

May God bless us all!!

Fr John Hong.

Book of Remembrance—from 22nd October we will have our Books of Remembrance on display at each of our three churches. During Covid times, please take a pen with you and add the names of family you wish to add. That way, they can be commemorated on All Souls' Day.

Advent 2021—we are starting to plan what the Advent season will look like for the parish. It also seems timely to start thinking about having our Choirs return with the start of Advent. If you would like to assist, re Advent or Choirs, please touch base with the office.

Break Open the Word 2021—For those parishioners that are on our reading rosters, please note that we have ordered a number of these to help you when you are scheduled to read. **They will be available mid November.** Please let the office know if you are interested in one.



Baptism Celebrations

This weekend, we are celebrating the baptism of **Castiel Clay Leota—Tui**. Please pray for him as he celebrates his baptism with us and we ask you, our Community to pray for him as he continues to grow in faith.

We will be holding our next Baptism Preparation Session, on Monday 26th October. Please RSVP.

For the Joy of the
Lord is your
STRENGTH
NEHEMIAH 8:10

Still today, landmine accidents are prevalent in Cambodia, a cruel reminder of the country's troubled past, even for those who were not yet born during the tumultuous years of the Khmer Rouge regime and ensuing civil conflicts.

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Four C's



Previously known as The Craft Group, now known as the Four C's (standing for Coffee, Cake, Craft and Chat!!) are meeting on Monday morning at 9:30am. This will be in the Parish Centre. We hope to see you there.

Pastoral Thoughts

Saying a decade a day of the Holy Rosary is a great way of introducing this powerful and meditative prayer into our lives. If you say a full Rosary it will take about 20 minutes, which can be hard to find. Don't despair; you can say a decade at a time throughout the day when you have a few minutes. Maybe the first decade could be before you get out of bed – what a wonderful way to start your day!

Don't worry if you find yourself being distracted during the Rosary, this is very common.

Ways to help you pray the Rosary include meditating on the specific mystery (<https://m.theholynosary.org/rosarymysteries/>) or on the words of the Hail Mary; the first part are words spoken by the Angel Gabriel to Mary at the Annunciation (first Joyful mystery), followed by the words spoken by Elizabeth, who was filled with the Holy Spirit, when Mary came to visit (second Joyful mystery).

May the Holy Rosary become an essential and very important part of your life, may it fill you with peace, hope and love.

Andrea

Prayers and Adoration

Everyone is invited to an hour of prayers and adoration on Thursday, 22 October 2020 at Our Lady of the Assumption Church at 5:00 pm followed by Holy Mass at 6:00 pm to honour Our Lady of the Holy Rosary for the month of October. The Mysteries of Light introduced by St. John Paul II will be prayed to celebrate his Feast Day on the same date. Registrations available from Monday morning via our website.

Mass Times This Week

- 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 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 17th October	St Bernardine's Church	6pm
Sunday 18th October	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 20th October	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 21st October	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 22nd October	Our Lady of the Assumption Church (Prayers and Adoration 5pm)	6:00pm
Saturday 24th October	St Pauls de Chartres (not open to public yet) St Bernardine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 25th 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 45:1,4-6
Responsorial Psalm Give the Lord glory and honour.
Second Reading St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5
Gospel Matthew—22:15-21



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