



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th October 2020

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Parish Groups

Alpha Youth 4C's
Light and Presence
Legion of Mary

are all meeting either in person or via Zoom.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Sick

Ron Burgess,, Judy McConville, Joan
Murphy

Anniversaries

Soraya Rayne Desic, Jane Mary Wakehan
(nee Matthews)

Calling all old phones

If you have any old phones that are still working, please think about donating them to SVDP where they will be donated to struggling people of our community. We would appreciate any working phone that is wiped clean of all data and has a charger. Please contact the Parish office for more details.



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.

Book of Remembrance

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. The priests will remember them in the Masses of November.



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,

A reality of life which is 'as old as the earth' but 'as new as each spring returning', is love. We all have viewpoints about love. We know what love is. We have ability to love. There are people doing great things mainly for love. We were born from love. We are encouraged and taught to love. We certainly... love. Love is *raison d'être*. At a chat with my friends in a sharing group, we all agreed that: "Living without love is death but knowing how to breathe." Love is really essential for life.

What is important and essential for life is surely the same for Christians. Love is, as Cardinal Thuan emphasised, the 'uniform' of Christians. We can find a variety of expressions about love, some of them can be as follows:

- Love is the definition of Christian living.
- We love God by helping those who are in need: the poor, the orphan, the marginalised who are liable to exploitation, injustice, oppression and prejudice.
- Serving the helpless and the disadvantaged for the love of God may mean bringing solace and comfort to the lonely, to the disheartened and to those who are sad in our own immediate surroundings.
- Pope Paul VI wrote: "*Love implies an absolute demand for justice which recognises the rights and dignity of one's neighbours. Unless the Christian message of love and justice shows its effectiveness through action in the cause of justice in the world, it cannot gain credibility with the people of our times.*"

The Gospel this Sunday, once again, reminds us of the golden commandment of love. Jesus was asked to name the greatest commandment, and responded by naming two: "*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself.*" These two commandments are not separated, but serving like two sides of the same coin in the life of Christ's disciples.

May we be real God's messengers of love!

Fr John Hong

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 **Ashlynn Jade Malone**. Please pray for her as she celebrates her baptism with us and we ask you, our Community to pray for her as she 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

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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

Glory Be – this short little prayer is a statement of faith and possibly the simplest and most essential Creed.

“Glory to the Father” gets us thinking how wonderful and glorious our Heavenly Father is, the eternal source of all. “And to the Son” is an affirmation of the divinity of Jesus. It says, this man who came among us, whose words we hear, whose sacraments we touch, who unites Himself to us – He is no less than the Father, and the same Glory which belongs to the Father is the very same Glory which also belongs to the Son.

“And to the Holy Spirit” is this very same glory, that our Father gives to us as a gift to dwell in our hearts - the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The rest of the prayer, “as it was in the beginning,” means that this is not temporary; the saving glory given to us is the eternal glory of God. “Is now and ever shall be” is a powerful reminder that the God of the Bible does not belong to the past, He is still the Creator and we will always be his children. “World without end” is referring to our eternal life that we continue to strive towards and connects the profession of faith in the Trinity with all of time.

Next time you say the Rosary, say the Glory Be with passion and commitment as it is a beautiful way to reaffirm your faith and your love of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. **Andrea**

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 24th October	St Bernardine's Church	6pm
Sunday 25th October	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 27th October	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 28th October	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 29th October	Our Lady of the Assumption Church (Prayers and Adoration 5pm)	6:00pm
Saturday 31st October	St Pauls de Chartres (not open to public yet) St Bernardine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 1st November	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm

Sunday Readings

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26
Responsorial Psalm I love you, Lord, my strength.
Second Reading St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel Matthew—22:34-40



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

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