



# Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

## Feast of All Saints 1st November 2020

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### Parish Groups

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

### 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— Back to the Future'

Well, my leave is over for another year and straight away I am back into harness. Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday of this last week was somewhat occupied with meetings all over the Parish, the Deanery and the Archdiocese, as people called upon my talents, (as gifted and talented as I am) to be involved in so many areas of life within the Church. What a week it has been indeed. But now, back to the life of our own parish. This weekend is the 1st of November already. (where does a year go?) Although this Year, with all the joys of COVID-19, will not be missed by too many of us.

But this weekend, we celebrate the Feasts of All Saints and then All Souls on Monday, and there will be Masses available, especially on Monday to celebrate all those who have died and gone before us, marked with the sign of faith.

There is a Mass at St Bernardine's Primary School in the Hall to celebrate All Souls Day at 9:00am, but due to whole School gathering, again numbers from outside will be limited to school children only. Then on Monday Evening there is another Mass at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Assumption at Park Ridge and we can welcome as many as 50 people at that Mass Centre. So, just to be safe, contact the Parish Office on Monday to book in for the Mass, so we can control numbers.

But, it is November already and so Christmas will soon be upon us. Again in the midst of COVID still we need to be creative in opening the Christmas Masses to accommodate all of the people who want to come and celebrate the birth of the child Jesus within their own lives. So, with the limitation on numbers at Mass, it is important for the parish to find creative ways to endeavour to accommodate everyone. In the weeks ahead, information about Christmas Mass Times will be advertised in the Newsletter, so look out for them. Also, rumour has it that there will be a Midnight Mass available again this year. Wait and see what happens. Nevertheless, it is good to be back into the chaos of parish life once again.

*God Bless, Fr John*

### PARISH MEETINGS

Next meeting of the **Parish Finance Council**—9th November at Parish centre at 7:00pm

Next meeting of the **Leadership Team Monday** 16th November at Parish Centre at 7:00pm.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and begin the month of November. We know that November is the month we are invited to keep special prayers for our departed brothers and sisters. The second day of November is the Feast of All Souls. There is a close connection, I believe, between those who have gone and those who remain. With the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, we can be more convincingly profess (as we say in the Creed): *"I believe in the communion of Saints..."*

Since the early centuries of the church the liturgical calendar has reserved one day to honour all the saints, both those officially recognised and those only known to God. We are reminded that the true company of saints is far more numerous than the list of those who have been formally canonised, and have the day to remember in the Calendar of the Church. The vision of Saint John in the First Reading is that: *"I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language, they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands..."*

There can be certain things for reflection and exploration. One of them would be that the lives of the saints teach us that holiness comes in all sizes and shapes: rich and poor, warriors and peacemakers, hermits and organizers of charities, parents and celibates, scholars and those who could not read. We may acknowledge the varieties of holiness. Some saints are famous for contemplation and others for action; some played a public role while others spent their lives in quiet obscurity. Some demonstrated the vitality of ancient traditions while others were pioneers, charting new possibilities in the spiritual life. Some received recognition and honour within their lifetimes, while others were scorned or even persecuted.

The saints are not really 'super' human beings. They are human beings like us. But they realise the vocation for which all human beings are created and to which we are ultimately called. The saints are made of the same human material as we are. They faced the same temptations as we do. Saints become saints through the choices they make. And we can be one among them.

Let us celebrate the Feast in love, in faith, in hope, in trust, in gratitude...

May God bless us all!!

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 **Eilis Eliza Beard**. 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 23rd November. Please RSVP.**

### 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.

### 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

### The Power of the Rosary

The rosary helps us make small steps towards making God a greater priority in our lives. Even those days when you're not feeling emotionally or spiritually strong, saying the Rosary is a wonderful way to remain faithful, and to feel a sense of peace and strength. Praying the rosary doesn't wipe out suffering in our lives, but it *does* give us a more powerful weapon to fight it with. It is in our times of weakness that we need the intercession of Mother Mary the most.

When you start to place your trust, your life and even your heart into the hands of Mary through the rosary, you begin to understand how eminently practical, simple and full of solutions she is. Mary's purpose is to lead us to Christ, and she loves us so much, with the true tenderness of a perfect mother, that we do her a great honour when we give her our problems. You can be very courageous when you know that Mary is by your side!

*"There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary."* Sr. Lúcia of Fatima.

***In times of darkness, holding the rosary beads is like holding our Blessed Mother's hand.***

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](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 31st October	St Bernardine's Church	6pm
Sunday 1st November Feast of All Saints	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm
Monday 2nd November All Soul's Day	Mass School only—Sienna Hall Mass Parish—Our Lady of the Assumption Church	9:00am 7:00pm
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	6:00pm
Saturday 31st October	St Bernardine's Church	6:00pm
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### Sunday Readings

**First Reading**      **Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14**  
**Responsorial Psalm**    **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**  
**Second Reading**    **First Letter of St John 3:1-3**  
**Gospel**                **Matthew—5:1-12**



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

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