



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time 8th November 2020

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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.

Please Remember in your Prayers Sick

Ron Burgess, Judy McConville, Joan Murphy

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

Next Friday, Mr Jack Ho moves from the ranks of the Laity to that of ordained ministry as he is ordained as transitional Deacon for the Church of Brisbane. It would be great if all of us could attend that special event and share with 'Deacon-to-be' Jack at this time in his journey towards priesthood in a few months' time. Sadly, COVID once again steps in and ruins our plans to celebrate together.

But the Ordination will be live-streamed by the Cathedral, so while we cannot be there we have an opportunity for everyone to watch and see what happens in this ancient Liturgical Celebration as Jack and his fellow Ordinands are ordained by Bishop Ken, and they will then be appointed to the parishes in which they will exercise their ministry as Deacons for the Church of Brisbane. This weekend we pray for Jack and his fellow ordinands as they enter into new ways of living their lives as Reverend Deacons in our Church. May God continue to bless and guide them all as they do endeavour to find new ways of sharing their lives as Deacons at this time.

PARISH MEETINGS

In the next few weeks our parish Finance Council and the Pastoral leadership Teams will be meeting to discuss the future directions of a number of things that will impact upon the life of our Parish into the future. and I am hoping that much will happen to draw parishioners into the active life of the parish. Wait and see what happens.

God Bless, Fr John

Ordination To The Diaconate

The Mass of Ordination for the following young gentlemen will be occurring Friday 13th November 2020 at 10am.

Jack Ho
William Aupito Iuliano
Francis Fernandes

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at the Mass of Ordination is by invitation only. Regretfully we are not able to celebrate with Jack in person at the Cathedral, however, you are invited to watch the live-stream of the Ordination through the Archdiocese' webcast service:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>
Congratulations Jack from all of us in the Parish.

Dear Parishioners,

The readings of the last couple Sundays of the Liturgical Year call for us to be ready for the coming of the Lord. We are very familiar with the parable of ten bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom in the Gospel this Sunday. We would not want to be like five foolish bridesmaids, those who took 'their lamps, but brought no oil' and ended up standing outside the wedding room. Of course, we certainly want to be like the sensible ones who brought their lamps with oil, ready at any time, to meet the bridegroom and entered into the wedding hall with him.

This is a parable which urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming. We are called to have our lamps of faith burning brightly, using meaningful drops of oil..., oils of love, joy, hope, peace, happiness, participation in the parish's life, whatever Christian virtue we can name. In doing so, we contribute to keeping the lamp, particularly of our parish community and that of our Church as a whole, alight. We are ready for the coming of the Lord at any moment of our life. We do know that our pilgrim journey is the journey towards the eternity, the reality we are invited to pay attention to, especially in this month of November when we more remember all our brothers and sisters who have gone before us.

When a door is closed, another door is open. We see this echo even in the reality of our life journey from this earthly life to the eternal life as we often prayed for the dead: *"Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven."* (Preface I for the Dead). Eternal life is the continuation of our present life here on earth. We do know that our life in the eternity depends very much on our life we live here on earth. It may be good, or even wise, to ponder upon what we will be (though we do not completely know) when we finish our pilgrim journey: *What will happen to me after death??!!??*

The Lord was coming, is coming, and will be coming at any moment of our life. This is the ever-living and powerful and merciful God, the most faithful companion on our life journey. We pray that we are always ready for the coming of the Lord in our life. May God bless us all!!
John Hong.



Christmas Appeal 2020 SVDP Conference

This year has been a very difficult and trying year for all, but more so for some of those in our community. To help, the local St Vincent de Paul Conference volunteers, have set up a Christmas tree with a few decorations and tags. These gifts get distributed with food hampers to those people, families or children in need of some special attention at this time of year.

Please feel free to take a tag and bring it back with a gift attached.

To get to the families in time, all donations need to be in by the weekend of 5/6 December. Thank you for your kind hearted generosity to make Christmas brighter for some families doing it tough.

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.

Adore Advent Program—Just to let you know, the orders have been placed. Please wait to see it in the newsletter or facebook to come in and collect.

CHRISTMAS PLANNING

This is November, so Christmas in December is very much upon us, and it is important for us to establish a planning meeting to look at what needs to be done for our parish to celebrate this special celebration as well as we are able, especially during this COVID pandemic. As some of you know, the planning process has already started, however it is now time to share and hear your ideas and when how and if we can do Christmas in the parish as we always have, or, more likely, what can we do in Covid times.

We are thinking to meet Monday 16th November at 11am.

If you wish to be a part of this conversation, please email or call the office on 3884 7600.

Pastoral Thoughts

Welcome to November. We started with All Saints Day which is a day not just to celebrate the well-known saints, but all those wonderful and amazing people who have beautified their soul and are now residing with our Lord in Heaven. These souls make up our 'Communion of Saints' which we believe in, as part of our Catholic Creed.

The feast of All Souls Day is where we remember our loved ones who have died. It is a day of hope, that our loved ones, and ourselves – will enter into eternal life with our Father. Before any soul enters Heaven, it must attain Beatific Vision, it must be perfectly pure to enter into the Kingdom of God. Our prayers and offerings are very important to these souls. Through prayer we can help these souls enter more quickly into Heaven. Our prayers are a powerful gift!

Throughout November, may we all not just remember our loved ones who have died, but may we also actively and passionately pray for their souls so that they too will be a part of our Communion of Saints.

God Bless. 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 7th November	St Bernardine's Church	6pm
Sunday 8th November	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 10th November	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 11th November	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 12th November	Our Lady of the Assumption Church	6:00pm
Saturday 14th November	St Bernardine's Church	6:00pm
Sunday 15th November	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm

Sunday Readings

First Reading Book of Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.
Second Reading St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Matthew—25:1-13



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