



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

10th January 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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ST BERNARDINE'S CHURCH CARPARK CLOSURE NOTICE

For all who attend Mass at St Bernardine's Church, please take the letter regarding the temporary closure of the Carpark while work is being carried out before the Term 1 at the School resumes in late January.

Office Closure

Please note that the parish office will reopen on Monday 11th January.

If you need a priest during this time, please call
Fr John Conway on 0418 151 295 or
Fr John Hong on 0422 571 482
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Please Pray for

Recently Deceased: Mary Van Ansem;
Caterina Randazzo;

Anniversary of:

May they rest in peace.

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: Pastoral Leadership Planning 2021

As I had mentioned last weekend, I am endeavouring to focus upon the further development of the Parish Pastoral Leadership Team for 2021 and beyond.

Our first Meeting for the new Team will be on **15th February at 7:00pm in the Bernardine's Parish Centre.**

To prepare for that event, I intend to offer a Power-point presentation over the next few weeks at Masses to highlight the different aspects of the roles and functions of the Pastoral Leadership Team as well as the timeline for membership.

I am hoping that with this information, parishioners will step forward and be willing to be involved in the pastoral management of our parish for the next few years.

This is a challenging time for us as members of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane, challenging, as well perhaps fulfilling, as we set out to Call Catholics Home. Much will be presented to us from EB (Evangelisation Brisbane) that we can then utilise for the purpose of bringing people back to the fold.

So I do ask you to please consider this important role within the life of our parish, and think about nominating for the Pastoral Leadership team so necessary for our parish.

Pre-empting the response of Samuel to God's call that we will hear next week. Samuel had said, 'Here I am Lord, since you called me.' I ask you to think about his response and how can you do the same at this time in the life of our Church and our Parish?

God Bless, Fr John

CALLING ALL CATHOLICS 2021

Let's work together and build this Kingdom of God.

St Bernardine's Carpark issue and Baptism Families arrival.

The next three weeks will create great challenges for all of us with a single entry in and out of the Church grounds. As people depart after the 9:00am Mass on Sundays, please be aware that families will be driving in to come for Baptism ceremonies. Please be accommodating towards these people who come to visit our Community.

PLUS

As has been mentioned, the oval at the rear of St Bernardine's Church is available for parking during those times that people come to the Church, either Weekdays or on Weekends.

As well as this the bottom section of the Church grounds, the space near the Columbarium, will be open for people for whom walking can be a challenge. If it is too difficult for you to park in the oval behind the Church, please feel free to park in the area in front of the Church steps. I would ask that those who can walk choose to park behind the Church and so allow the space in front to be reserved for people with walkers and people who find it difficult with mobility. Thank you for your patience at this time.

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, the Feast of Baptism of the Lord, we are once again brought back to the scene when Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist. We can sense the presence of the Blessed Trinity: The Holy Spirit in the image of a dove descending on Jesus, the Son of God, and the Father with a loving statement, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

The Feast of Baptism of the Lord more or less reminds us of our own baptism. We all know about the Baptism. It is that "Baptism incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God's people. This first sacrament pardons all our sins, rescues us from the power of darkness, and brings us to the dignity of adopted children... Baptism establishes a relationship between the individual and God, and incorporates the individual into the community of believers, the priesthood of the faithful. Baptism also confers on the soul a permanent character designating a permanent relationship with Christ and his church, even though one might later cease to be an active member of the community. The baptised are marked with a special character empowering them to share in the priestly function of Christ, especially in the offering of the Eucharist."

Jesus began his public ministry with the baptism at the Jordan River. We began our faith and spiritual journey with the Church at the time of baptism, sharing and partaking into the Church's mission, the mission of making the kingdom of God's love, peace and justice the reality, wherever and whenever we live and work. The Feast of Baptism also marks the beginning of the Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar. We do know that God always journeys with us. We can be sure that in the ordinary there is the extraordinary. Each day, each hour... is the blessing and grace of God...

May we bear in mind and heart the words God spoke through prophet Isaiah in the First Reading, "the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do," as we embark on the ordinary time with God, with each of us, with the others, and with our parish family. May God bless us all!!
John Hong.

What will 2021 bring to your life?

Happy new year to each of you. I pray that this year is filled with the powerful and healing peace and love of our Lord. Have you thought about your spiritual resolutions for 2021? What can you do to strengthen and deepen your faith and that of others? God wants us to evaluate ourselves by how deep and strong our faith is, as this determines how much of a difference we can make in the lives of those around us.

To deepen our faith, first we must truly **ACCEPT** Him wholeheartedly – give Him our life, our heart, soul, spirit and body. Give Him everything!

When you put your complete confidence and **TRUST** in God, you are surrendering to His will so that He can guide your steps and give you a peace that only He can give.

How often do you say, "I love you Lord"? Think of God as an extra member of your family, endeavour to **LOVE** Him as He loves us and to nurture your relationship with Him.

LIVE for Him. Our time on Earth is a gift from God. We must always endeavour to use our gifts and talents to serve Him. With a grateful heart acknowledge each day as a gift from God, let us use each and every one of them to make a difference in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

How will you grow and strengthen your faith this year?

Baptism Celebrations

We will be holding our next Baptism Preparation Session, on Monday 1st February. At 7:00pm in St Bernardine's Church. Please RSVP to the office on 3884 7600 if you would like to attend.

This Sunday Readings (10th January)

First Reading **Isaiah 55:1-11**
Responsorial Psalm You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.
Second Reading **First Letter of St John 5:1-9**
Gospel **Mark 1:7-11**

Next Sunday's Readings (17th January)

First Reading **First Samuel 3:3-10&19**
Responsorial Psalm Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
Second Reading **First Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20**
Gospel **John 1:35-42**

Booking into Masses

Time and again I am asked if it is necessary to continue booking in to Masses in the parish each weekend. Unfortunately, we are still required to do so, and will continue to do so until there are further directions from the Government authorities and from our own Church organisation. So I do ask you to please continue to book in for Masses when you are coming to any of our Churches. The processes mentioned below are there to make it a little easier for the booking process to happen. I am hoping that people do find it less complicated and are able to attend the Masses that you choose.

Masses are loaded into Try-Booking for you to book to attend.
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The QR Code and the link are here, so that you can book in to any Mass including Christmas.

<https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/regentsparkcatholicparishmasstimesforadvent?embed=1>

Thank you for your patience in these challenging times. Fr John

Mass Times This Week

- Please book each week for the Masses you would like to attend. Note the QR Code and new links above.
- 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.
- **Doing it the QR code way, means you can book into Mass and get a confirmation email right up until Mass starts.**

If you feel even a little unwell, we ask you to please stay home and take care of yourselves.

Date	Church	Time
Saturday 9th January	St Paul de Chartres Mass for Residents St Bernardine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 10th January Feast of The Baptism of the Lord	Our Lady of the Assumption Church St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 12th January	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 3th January	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 14th January	Our Lady of the Assumption Church	6:00pm
Friday 15th January	St Paul de Chartres Home—Mass for Residents.	9:00am
Saturday 16th January	St Paul de Chartres Mass for Residents St Bernardine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 17th January 2nd Sun Ordinary Time Year B	Our Lady of the Assumption Church St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm

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