



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

24th January 2021

Third Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of people

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PARISH WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS

You can book into Mass here

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St Bernardine's School

Resumes on Wednesday 27th January.
The parishioners wishing to attend 9:00am
Mass at St Bernardine's that day will also
contend with school parking chaos. Parish-
ioners please park in the access way near
the Columbarium.

Please Pray for

Recently Deceased: Archbishop Phillip
Wilson; Bishop Geoffrey Robinson.

Anniversary: John Laverty
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.*

CALLING ALL CATHOLICS 2021

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

Ministry Matters, 2021— LIFE RETURNS.

This week ahead, Schools return to begin this New School year. OUR Parish staff have already met with St Bernardine's APRE and much is being planned and prepared for the staff, students and parents through the months that are ahead.

We begin with a Staff Mass on Monday morning at 9:00am at St Bernardine's Church. To any parishioners who wish to attend, please note weekday Masses in the parish you sign in at the Marshalling table. I am hoping that by this time, things will be back to some normality and we will not be as restricted as we have been over the past few weeks with numbers at Masses. So, if you are interested in attending on Monday Morning, please register before the day.

As our School resumes and parents fill the car parks on Wednesday dropping off their children, it is worth thinking about the call from our Archbishop to focus upon inviting absent Catholic back into the fold through this year ahead. It may be worthwhile starting with the Catholic families who fill our School each year, but seem to be missing from our Church celebrations each weekend.

Here is our Mission for 2021. (Among so many other things that will be happening.) Somehow, as parishioners connected to the Church it will be our role and responsibility to re-connect with those who may not be as connected to our Church. This is what Archbishop Mark is talking about when he calls us to reach out to those disconnected Catholics and invite them to come back to Church.

I am sure that there will indeed be plans afoot to establish processes where we can reach out to our disconnected brothers and sisters and enable them to find their way back to God through the rituals provided by our parish communities.

The families of our School, and those young families who seek to have their children baptised into our Community are a ready market for us to share our faith and to guide them back to God. I am sure that these families in our midst are only too willing to take that first step for themselves. All they are waiting for is people like us to invite them in, and that is what we will endeavour to do as members of our parish communities.

God bless, Fr John

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel this third Sunday in the Ordinary Time year B brings to us the call proclaimed by Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry, *"The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News."* The Good News is for everyone. The Good News, as we know, is about God's love for us. God's love enfolds our life. No matter what we become or who we are, God's love is always there for us. The kingdom of God is the Kingdom of love, peace and justice.

Encountering with Christ and listening to God's words can help us to have a change for better. We see an example in the First Reading when people of Nineveh listened to God's word through the preaching of Prophet Jonah. They *"proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth..."* The result is really good: *"And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened."*

And on this Tuesday, 26 January, we celebrate with the whole country the Australia Day. In the history of our country, there are changes from time to time to make a country we Australians can be proud of today. Let us pray for Australia and pray that the Good News proclaimed by Jesus benefits the life of all people in our country, particularly the unfortunate ones, and even in the challenges and difficulties we have experienced such as in the deadly Covid Pandemic. Happy Australia Day!!

The meaningful words in *Break Open The Word* invites us for a reflection in response to Jesus' call: *"To be a Christian is to be attentive to the signs of the times. Given the present situation in the world, in Australia, in my community, in my street, what is God calling me to do? What signs of the times should be especially attentive to today? Where are the signs that 'the kingdom of God is close at hand'?"*

We pray that we be good messengers of God's Kingdom through our life.

May God bless us all!!

Fr. John Hong.

CLEO DINNER **(Catholic Ladies Eating Out)**

HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone!
The first dinner for this year is at;

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Wednesday 3rd February 5:30pm
Please RSVP to
Michelle 0421 216 395 after 6PM.
OR Astrid 0417418014

Lenten Program 2021

As we get ready for Lent, we again would like to offer the opportunity for you to join our Lenten Programs. If you are interested, please let the parish office know.

Sacramental Journey 2021

If your child is ready to commence their Sacramental Journey in 2021, (it starts with Confirmation) please sign up via our website.

This is also a reminder to those families, who are finishing their journey with Reconciliation, please check your emails.

Legion of Mary

Gathering to pray, each Tuesday at 10am. If you are interested in becoming a member please call the parish office on 38847600.



Baptism Celebrations

This weekend, we are celebrating the baptism of **Michael Matthew McCulloch** at St Bernardine's Church. 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 1st February.
Please RSVP to the office on 3884 7600 if you would like to attend.

This Sunday Readings

First Reading	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Responsorial Psalm	Teach me your ways, O Lord.
Second Reading	First Corinthians 7:29-31
Gospel	Mark 1:14-20

Do you want to become a Catholic? Have you have questions about your faith?

Come talk to Fr's John or Andrea for more information.

Or email pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au

Booking into Masses

Time and again Fr Joh's are 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 we do ask you to please continue to book in for Masses when you are coming to any of our Churches. The process 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 they want.

Since Christmas we have set up the option so that you can book into the Mass permanently that you attend. It will register you at every 9am for instance. We aren't sure if this is the best way, but we are trying it for the next few weeks to see.

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>

Also note, that this weekend, people attending Mass will need to wear a mask. We will have some spare if you don't have one.

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

Mass Times This Week

- This weekend, we are back to normal ish numbers in COVID times. They are St Bernardine's 140 people, St Catherine's 100 people and Our Lady of the Assumption also 100 people.
- 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 2:00pm. 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.



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

Date	Church	Time
Saturday 23rd January	St Paul de Chartres Mass St Bernardine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 24th January 3rd Sun Ord Year B	Our Lady of the Assumption Church St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm
Monday 25th January	St Bernardine's Church— 'Conversion of St Paul' Staff Mass	9:00am
Tuesday 26th January Australia Day	St Catherine's Church St Bernardines Church	8:00am 9:00am
Wednesday 27th January	St Bernardine's Church	9:00am
Thursday 28th January	Our Lady of the Assumption Church—Feast of St Thomas Aquinas	6:00pm
Friday 29th January	St Paul de Chartres Home	9:00am
Saturday 30th January 4th Sun Ord Year B	St Paul de Chartres Mass for Residents St Bernardine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 31st January 4th Sun Ord 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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