



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

7th February 2021

Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

'Word of the Lord Sunday'

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PARISH WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS

You can book into Mass here

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Parish Meetings

Parish Finance Council meeting
Monday 8th Feb at 7pm at Parish Centre

Pastoral leadership Council Meeting on Monday
15th February at 7:00pm at OLA

Deanery Pastoral Meeting
13th February at Cornubia Parish (see emails)

Please Pray for Recently Deceased:

Rod Byrne, Douglas Graeme Corrin,
Matt Field and Kate Leadbetter

Anniversaries: Jimmy Peniol

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

'WORD OF THE LORD SUNDAY

This weekend we will hear from Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Pope Francis has designated Sunday 7th February as Word of God Sunday and Archbishop Mark is speaking to the whole Church about establishing a significant focus upon dwelling more deeply in the Word that we share through the Scriptures. There are a number of points that Archbishop Mark highlights for our own personal reflection. There are three points he will stress in his homily. Archbishop Mark says to us:

Each parish and community has resources from Evangelisation Brisbane that will help anyone hearing these words to get involved. But there are three simple things you can do...

1. Sign up for the prayer outreach through the Evangelisation Brisbane website, something we can all do to support and encourage those responding to this call to go on this journey of faith.
2. Offer yourself as a volunteer to accompany those starting the journey by enrolling on the Evangelisation Brisbane website (we may need 10, 100 or a 1000 depending on the response we draw).
3. Be a welcoming presence in your community to ensure that new faces are greeted in a warm and friendly way, so that in finding you they will find Jesus.

As well as endeavouring to **Call Catholics back to Church**, this will no doubt be a significant focus of our Archbishop and of EB and no doubt all parish leadership teams across the Archdiocese.

2021 may then be a busy year with all that is going to take place. Perhaps to make up for the more quieter COVID year through which we lived and survived in 2020. Watch this space and see what YOU can achieve as members of our faith community.

God bless, Fr John

Clean-up at St Bernardine's Church

Watch this space for clean-up times at St Bernardine's Church grounds. You are invited to come and spend a

'Weekend at Bernies'!

Come along and do your bit.

Dear Parishioners,

During the conversation on the phone with my friend last week, we offered each other best wishes for the Lunar New Year, beginning this Friday. We shared with each other about difficulties and hardships in life, regarding especially the Covid Pandemic which we and families have suffered in one way or another. We both 'crossed the fingers' for all the sufferers in this coming Lunar New Year, the year of the Ox. We both had hopes and dreams for the New Year. However, there still remain sufferings: sufferings in each of us, physically as well as mentally and spiritually; sufferings in the family, sufferings in the community, in the country and in the world... We finished the chat with a wish that there will be less and less sufferings in this New Year while we are working and journeying our life.

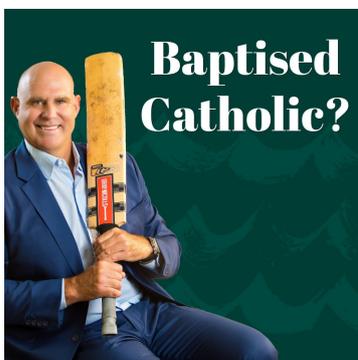
Suffering spares no one. We all have had suffering in one kind or another. Suffering is present everywhere. Suffering is a reality which we may be impossible to avoid. There can be various viewpoints about the cause of sufferings.

With the Readings this Sunday (especially the First Reading and the Gospel), we can meet certain entities regarding the sufferings we, human beings, have suffered in life. We see the gloomy view of Job in the First Reading while facing the great sufferings even though he courageously endured sufferings in faith and trust in God. And in the Gospel, Jesus responded to the suffering human being suffered in a practical way: "he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another." An invitation to us in the face of the sufferings is to do something. It can be an acceptance, a sharing, a help, a presence, a visit, a prayer... it can be many more. And we do know that God is always with us, that in the midst of the sufferings God is present.

Let us face our sufferings in faith, trust and love, and offer whatever we can to our brothers and sisters in suffering, knowing that the Healing and Caring God is always journeying with us in life.

May God bless us all!!

Fr John Hong.



Were you Baptised Catholic?

Find out what being baptised Catholic really means for you and your family with the "More with Jesus" faith exploration resource. It's free!

Did you know that Families that go to Church weekly are 57% more likely to stay together?

Just sign up at livingcatholic.com.au or have a chat to Fr John's and the Parish Staff. There are also flyers at the back to give to someone, you think might appreciate them.



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OLA Yard Clean-up Saturday 13 Feb from 7am.

We prayed for rain and now the gardens need attention!! Please bring your garden tools to give the hedges a good prune and a general spruce-up of the gardens. Utes and trailers will be needed to transport the green waste.

Morning tea will be available. Please come along and lend a hand.

OLA Family BBQ Brunch Sunday 14 Feb after Mass

All are welcome to come along to a BBQ Brunch to celebrate Family and Community on Sun 14 Feb. Please extend this invitation to your family and friends as a practical way of re-connecting to the Church, as our Archbishop is inspiring us to do.

For catering we need to know numbers, so please sign up at OLA masses or ring the Parish Office.

This Sunday Readings

First Reading	Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm	Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.
Second Reading	First Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel	Mark 1:29-39

CALL TO ALL CATHOLICS

In an advertising campaign in February and March featuring international cricketer, Matthew Hayden, the Archdiocese of Brisbane is inviting all baptised Catholics to reflect upon what it means to be baptised Catholic with. We're looking for your help to:

- Pray for the opening of hearts
- Accompany those who are seeking
- Welcome new faces

There will also be fliers in your parish that you can give to family, friends, or colleagues who might be interested.

To sign up to be an accompanier or join the prayer, or just to find out more, go to: www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic.

You can find out more about *More with Jesus* via the website www.baptisedcatholic.com.au.

Fr John's and the office staff can help to.

Lenten Program 2021

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

Sacramental Journey 2021

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

[Sacramental Registration 2021 \(stbernardinesparish.com.au\)](http://stbernardinesparish.com.au)

This is also a reminder to those families, who are finishing their journey with Reconciliation, please sign in urgently.

<https://www.stbernardinesparish.com.au/reconciliation-registration.html>

Events in the Parish this week

Monday 930am—Coffee, Cake and Craft—Parish Centre

Tuesday 10am—Legion of Mary—Parish Centre

Tuesday 7pm—Light and Presence— St Bernadine's Church



Mass Times This Week

As you all know, we are trying to simplify the process of signing into Mass. This week, we have some clarification for you about the how to:-



- If you attend Mass regularly, (doesn't have to be every week) please click here to sign up. <https://www.trybooking.com/eventlist/regentsparkcatholicparishmasstimesforadvent?embed=1>
- All you do on the day, is give the Covid Marshall / Welcomer your name and they will mark you in.
- If you attend different Masses regularly, talk to Christy about best way for you. (3884 7600)
- If you attend Mass once a month or a few times a term please sign up each time, via the QR code at each Church on a weekend (or the sign in sheet)
- You can also just decide to turn up at the last minute and sign in on our sheets.

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

Date	Church	Time
Saturday 6th February 5th Sun Ord Year B	St Paul de Chartres Mass for Residents only St Bernadine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 7th February 5th Sun Ord Year B	Our Lady of the Assumption Church St Bernadine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 9th February	St Catherine's Church	8:00am
Wednesday 10th February	St Bernadine's Church—Feast of St Scholastica	9:00am
Thursday 11th February	Our Lady of the Assumption Church— No MASS	
Friday 12th February	St Paul de Chartres Home—Feast of St Agatha	9:00am
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