



# Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

14th February 2021

## Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

*'Of course I want to, Jesus said, be healed' .....*

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### Parish Office

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#### PARISH WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS

[You can book into Mass by clicking here](#)

**Fr John Hong is on leave until  
Wednesday 17th February.**



### Parish Meetings

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

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

*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 325

This is an amazing number. 325 is the number of years that the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres have existed. It must have been around 1696 when Fr Louis Chauvet called together a community of women who would set out to care for the sick and the aged. Now 325 years later the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres continue the valuable work that had gone before them through the commitment and dedication of their sisters of the past who have shared the journey for all those years.

This week, the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres will celebrate this milestone in their lives as they gather for Mass on Tuesday afternoon at 4:00pm. They gather to thank God for the guidance of the Holy spirit that has enabled them to be so effective in their lives and their ministries.

We pray with them and we pray for them as these good Sisters in our midst continue the work that Fr Louis had established all those years ago. Thank you and May God continue to bless you and your lives of love.

*God bless, Fr John and Fr John  
and the parishioners of Regents Park.*

### CALLING ALL CATHOLICS

Picking up on Archbishop Mark's homily from last week these are the three areas that we have been asked to commit towards: Keeping in mind that all that we do is linked into the EB website

1. Sign up for the prayer outreach.
2. Offer yourself as a volunteer to those on the journey.
3. Be a welcoming presence in your community So, there are three ways for us to commit and be involved, and all through EB.

The first area is **simply prayer outreach**, and there are so many of us who can offer to pray for our Church and for its people.

The second way for us is to be a **Volunteer Missioner**. This may be a challenge for many, but there may be those who can choose to share a journey with another.

Finally, Number 3. Ministry of hospitality—**be a welcoming presence** in our own local community. Greet each other, even strangers, and uncertain families who come to share with us. Let them know that God is in our midst because of the way we greet one another. The invitation is made the challenge is there for us.

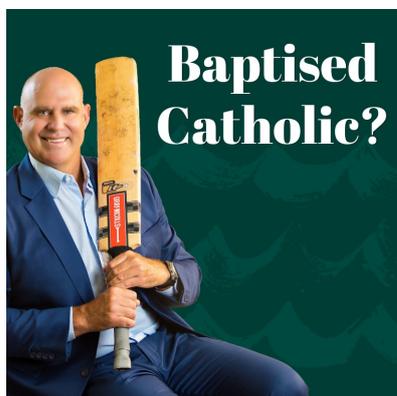
**What will you do, and when will you sign up?**

Dear Parishioners,

I am away several days this weekend to celebrate the Lunar New Year with the Vietnamese Catholic Community, and with my friends. As usual, we gather at Mass to give thanks to God for another year and to welcome the New Year on the New Year Eve (the night of Thursday February 11). We celebrate the Mass of the First Day of the Year (Friday February 12), praying for peace throughout the New Year, peace in the world, in our country, particularly in our family, and of course in each of us. We exchange the wonderful and best wishes to one another and 'keep our fingers crossed' for our country and community. On the Second Day (Saturday February 13), we pray at Mass for our ancestors, parents and grand-parents, both having gone and being alive. We remember particularly the old people in the community. We pray for God's blessing upon our work throughout the New Year at Mass on the Third Day of the Year (Sunday February 14). This is the Year of the Ox. Or the Year of the Buffalo if I get a precise translation from what we call in Vietnamese NÀM CON TRÂU. Once again, I very much miss my family and friends in Vietnam...

The Gospel of this 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Ordinary Time, Year B, brings forth a significant scene. A leper approaching Jesus pleaded on his knees: "If you want to, you can cure me." Jesus replied: "Of course I want to. Be cured!" And the leprosy disappeared. He was cured. Jesus sent him back to the priest to show that he was normal. *Break Open The Word* some years ago expresses: "Jesus dares to touch and heal the leper. In doing so Jesus challenges two assumptions of his society: that the disease is communicable and that only a priest can preside over ritual cleansing. In sending the leper 'back' to the priests Jesus challenges the priestly system that controls what is judged 'pure' and what is judged 'impure'."

The God of mercy and love is always reaching his healing hands to touch and cure us of all kinds of illness. Like the leper, let us come to him pleading, "If you want, you can cure me". And we, I believe, will receive his healing touch and love  
May God bless us all!!  
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](http://livingcatholic.com.au) or have a chat to Fr Johns' and the Parish Staff. There are also flyers at the doors of the Churches. Please give to someone, you think might appreciate or benefit from them.

### 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 in coming back to Church.

To sign up as a person to share the journey with others, or just to find out more, go to: [www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic](http://www.evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/baptisedcatholic).

You can find out more about *More with Jesus* via the website [www.baptisedcatholic.com.au](http://www.baptisedcatholic.com.au). Either Fr Johns and the office staff can help in this regard.



### CATHOLIC LEADER 2021

As you may have seen the Catholic Leader is back in production. But it is now a little different. It has now become a monthly issue, and it costs \$4.00 per copy.

Copies of the current Leader are still available at the Churches for those who wish to purchase a copy.

### This Sunday Readings

First Reading	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Responsorial Psalm	I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
Second Reading	First Corinthians 10:31—11:1
Gospel	Mark 1:40-45

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY 2021

As you would be aware, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten Journey and Ash Wednesday falls next Wednesday 17th February.

Due to COVID 19 still impacting many parts of our world, Rome has issued instructions for the distribution of Ashes in Church Communities at this time. Rather than signing penitents with the mark of the Cross on foreheads in the form of the Cross, this year Ash will be sprinkled on the heads of those who come forward.

Hopefully, this will minimise the risk of further COVID infection spreading through local communities by physical contact from serving ministers to the local communities.

Once again we are confronted by this tragic pandemic that is so impacting upon our world in so many challenging and inconvenient ways. But we shall overcome, - someday. May God continue to be with us at these challenging times especially through our 2021 Lenten Season.

*Fr John & Fr John*

## Lent 2021

### Ash Wednesday Masses

9am St Bernardine's Church  
 9am Sienna Hall (Students only)  
 12:30pm Emmaus College (Students only)  
 7pm St Bernardine's Church  
 7pm St Catherine's Church

[Click here to book into Mass](#)

During Lent, we have several opportunities for you to participate in Lenten programs.

### Lenten Reflections

**Tuesday's** - St Catherine's after 8am Mass  
 - St Bernardine's 7pm

Light & Presence with Lenten Reflections.

### Stations of the Cross

**Friday 19th Feb** - St Bernardine's Church 7:00pm  
 Holy Week will be confirmed shortly.

## Sacramental Journey 2021

If your child is ready to commence their Sacramental Journey in 2021, (it starts with Confirmation) please sign up. [Sacramental Registration 2021](#)  
[stbernardinesparish.com.au](http://stbernardinesparish.com.au)

## Mass Times This Week

- If you attend Mass regularly, (doesn't have to be every week) [please click here to sign up.](#)
- 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 13th February 6th Sun Ord Year B	St Paul de Chartres Mass for Residents only St Bernardine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 14th February 6th Sun Ord Year B	Our Lady of the Assumption Church St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm
Tuesday 16th February	St Catherine's Church St Paul de Chartres Mass - 325th Anniversary of Foundation	8:00am 4:00pm
Ash Wednesday 17th February	St Bernardine's Church St Bernardine's School Siena Hall Liturgy at EMMAUS College St Catherine's Church St Bernardine's Church	9:00am 9:00am 12:15pm 7:00pm 7:00pm
Thursday 18th February	Our Lady of the Assumption Church	6:00pm
Friday 19th February	St Paul de Chartres Home for Residents only Funeral Mass— Frank Andrew Baker at St Catherine's Church	9:00am 11:00am
Saturday 20th February 1st Sun Lent Year B	St Paul de Chartres Mass for Residents only St Bernardine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 21st February 1st Sun Lent Year B	Our Lady of the Assumption Church—With a BBQ Brekkie St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm

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