



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

21st February 2021

First Sunday of Lent Year B

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

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PARISH WEEKEND MASS BOOKINGS

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

**Fr John Hong is back from leave.
Great to have him back.**

Parish Meetings

Pastoral Leadership Council Meeting on Monday
15th March at 7:00pm at Parish Centre

Deanery Pastoral Council (DPC)
Baptism Formation Meeting
13th March at St Peter's in Rochedale.

**We warmly invite our parents and friends
at St Bernardine's to take time to reflect
on the season of Lent.
Monday 22nd February 2pm at
St Bernardine's Church.**

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 PASTORAL LEADERSHIP TEAM 21

On Monday Night last, our newly delegated Pastoral Leadership Team met for the first time in 2021. The New Team are: St Catherine's Community; Vivien Bampton; Ian Lahey and John McClelland. OLA Community; Helen Cowley; Juan McGuire; Sheridan Wilson. St Bernardine's: Andrea Tews; June Tui and Deborah Howarth. The Team is scheduled to meet on the third Monday of each month. Our next Meeting is on the 15th March at 7:00pm at the Parish centre.

I am grateful to these parishioners for their commitment in participating in the pastoral planning for our parish communities through the year ahead. You may also be aware that both St Catherine's Community and OLA Community have their own local Community Councils that plan and prepare local events for their Communities and our reps from these Communities also sit on the pastoral leadership Team. In this way there is a good connection between parish planning and local community planning.

The main issue that flowed from our meeting co-incided with the Call to all Catholics campaign instigated by our Archbishop. It is hoped that through our planning the whole of our parish will be able to connect into those Catholic people that we know and invite them to re-connect with our parish.

Through our School Community, we can meet and invite parents and possibly even staff who may need a slight nudge to come along. Through the various Sacramental life of our Church we can also draw families into the life of our Church as well. For us who are the 8% it is all to play for as we endeavour to reach out to the 92% who may be missing from our Communities. There is so much more to plan and prepare as a Parish Community setting out to build our connections. See how we go.

The other point of discussion about which we spoke on Monday Night is the opportunity to convene a meeting for the Leadership Team to establish a strategic plan for our Team with the assistance of the wonderful people from EB (Evangelisation Brisbane) who can guide and direct us in our discussions as we look to the future for our parish and its communities once again.

God bless, Fr John

ST BERNARDINE'S CLEAN-UP DAY.

It has finally arrived. "Weekend at Bernies" Taking place on Saturday 13th March starting at 8:00am. Come along and bring your handy tools for gardening work and for trimming and removal of unnecessary stuff from around the Church. Many hands make light work, so please bring many hands on the day. Our Church could do with a tidy-up.

Dear Parishioners,

We have begun the holy season of Lent on the Ash Wednesday. On this First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel points to us the reality of temptation: *"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted."*

"Temptation is," The *Encyclopedia of Catholicism* says, "an inducement to sin. Temptation does not spare anyone. Temptation is everywhere and in every form: in action, in behaviour, in words, in thought, in behaviour... Jesus, with prayer, fasting and fidelity to God, was victorious over temptation. We, the followers of Jesus, can do that. In the course of being tempted for forty days in the wilderness, Jesus was looked after by the angels. We do trust that during the temptations we have been faced, the angel of the Lord is always with us. In the choices we have made in life, temptation is always present.

Even we may still feel the impact of the Covid Pandemic, we pray that this Lenten Season be a good one for us, especially in the choices we make, not only for God but also for our brothers and sisters and for each of us.
Thank You Very Much!!
John Hong.

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Last weekend we held a working bee at **Our Lady of the Assumption Church**. We also had a BBQ Breakfast to celebrate the hard work completed. A very big thank you to all of those who came and helped. It looks fabulous. Well done to all. A very big shout out to Zac's Continental Butchery here at the Village Fair who was a great supporter of the BBQ.

A big thank you to Patsy and Guy Dimattina and Barry and Gloria Spann for looking after the garden and mowing the grass at **St Catherine's Church**. With all the rain we have been having it is a bigger job than usual. It's **St Bernadine's Church** turn next for a working bee on Saturday March 13th.

Baptism Celebrations



This weekend, we are celebrating the baptisms of **Archie Peter and Willow Ellen Fitzpatrick** at St Bernadine's Church. Please pray for them as they celebrate their baptisms with us and we ask you, our Community to pray for them as they continue to grow in faith.

Pastoral Thoughts

The forty days of Lent represent the beautiful season in which we prepare for Easter by refocusing more on our relationship with God and others. By observing the 40 days of Lent, we unite ourselves to Jesus' sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert. The sacrifices that we make during this season; prayer, fasting and outreach, help us grow closer to Christ.



On Ash Wednesday, as we received the blessed ashes on our forehead, we repeated the sombre and pious act that has been a tradition for Catholics for over 1,700 years. Like all those before us, may we joyfully embrace this invitation to renew and strengthen our faith and love in Jesus.

May this Lent be a time of sincere and purposeful reflection where we are truly and honestly committed to becoming closer to God.

Dear Lord, please be with us during the next 40 days as we repent and prepare. Help us to remember the meaning of Lent and find the strength and motivation we need to live our Lenten promises every day. Help us to think of others and to live our lives as Jesus did, with love, compassion, and generosity. Help us to better appreciate the sacrifice Jesus made for each of us and may our love for Him be reflected in our daily choices. AMEN

This Sunday Readings

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| First Reading | Genesis 9:8 –15 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Your ways O Lord are love and truth to those who keep your Covenant. |
| Second Reading | First Peter 3:18-22 |
| Gospel | Mark 1:12-15 |

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Lent 2021

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.

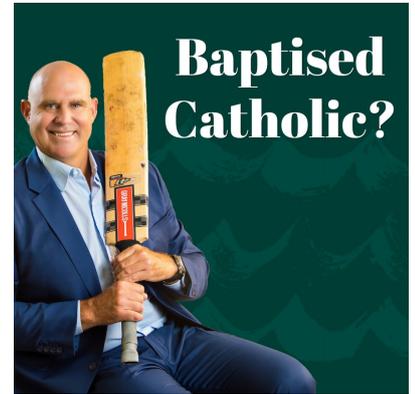
Stations of the Cross

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

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Mass Times This Week



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- 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 |
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| 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 St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church | 7:30am 9:00am 5:30pm |
| Tuesday 23rd February | St Catherine's Church St Paul de Chartres Mass - 325th Anniversary of Foundation | 8:00am 4:00pm |
| Wednesday 24th February | St Bernardine's Church | 9:00am |
| Thursday 18th February | Our Lady of the Assumption Church | 6:00pm |
| Friday 19th February | St Paul de Chartres Home for Residents only | 9:00am |
| Saturday 27th February 2nd Sun Lent Year B | St Paul de Chartres Mass for Residents only St Bernardine's Church | 4:00pm 6:00pm |
| Sunday 28th February 2nd Sun Lent 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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