

Regents Park Catholic Parish

Our Lady of the Assumption – St Bernardine's – St Catherine's FEAST OF Mary, Mother of God 1st January 2023

'Listen to the voice of creation.'

We the Catholic Communities of Regents Park Parish, guided by the Holy Spirit; commit to building a welcoming, inclusive, Christ-centred community grounded upon the Gospel values of leadership and service.

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Ministry Matters

Happy New Year

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Well, it has finally happened once again. Another New Year has begun. As we immerse ourselves into this new month of January things may be a little bit different.

Fr John's time in our midst comes to an end this weekend, and, for the foreseeable future, I will be flying solo here in the Parish.

I have done such things before, but then I was so much younger and a little more energised. That was thew time about 15 years ago, that I set about to run a number of parishes as best as I was able.

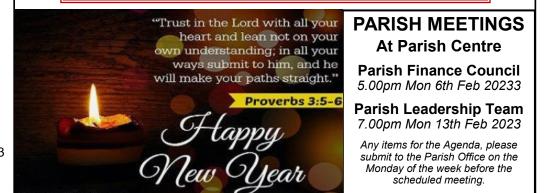
So, now, it may be that I rely a little more on locals to step up and enter a little more deeply in the management of the parish. We already have a number of dedicated parishioners who are giving of their time and their energy to keep the parish afloat and I am grateful to them.

But we may need a few more who can give a little time and energy so that we can *keep on keeping on*, as British Paints would tell us.

So the New Year has begun, and there may be ways that YOU can assist in maintaining the parish into the future. Please consider such a ministry for our parish and its people, and we shall indeed overcome whatever comes our way.

May we all have a very happy and spirit-filled New Year, and may God continue to bless us all in these uncertain times. Fr John

PARISH OFFICE HOURS Parish Office is closed over the Christmas and New Year periods and will re-open on Monday 9 January.



Catholic Leaders For sale

We missed out on the December issues, but the Christmas issues has arrived on time. The cost is **\$4 per copy** and those who purchase the Leader regularly, please feel free to also take a copy of last month's Leader at no cost.

Lord Jesus, I thank You that You are with me, that You are in me. Resolutions might come in one year and go out the other. Open my ears this year, so that I can hear You and enjoy You at every junction, when You tell me to turn right or left. Amen." PETE BRISCOE

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Lay Ministry Roles — Masses

It must be disappointing for the many that already volunteer, that in a Parish as energetic and diverse as Regents Park, to observe the vacant slots in the Mass Lay Ministry roles.

The Lay Ministry Roles are a wonderful opportunity to more actively participate in celebrating the most central part of our Catholic faith given to us directly from Jesus - Mass.

How about a New Year resolution to put yourself forward to participate in a lay Ministry role.

Make it Happen!!!

Give your name, contact details and lay ministry preference into the Parish Office (telephone or email) or Jo (telephone or email) or inform one of the Mass Coordinators.

Someone will get back to you promptly.



Big thank you to all the children who were in the Christmas children's pageant on Christmas Eve. Such a beautiful time as the children acted out the gospel. We had shepherds, angels, wise men, town crier, shining star and of course

Joseph and a real life baby as Jesus.

In the stillness of the thanksgiving song, "Silent night" a real baby was placed into Marys arms for the duration of the song. A unique and touching moment. I would like to take this opportunity to

moment. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank the team behind the scenes who supported me and made this night so special for the children. They are Andrea, Anne, Naomi, Tarcha and Nicky. Our musician Deslie and choir led by Patricia Rooney were amazing. Blessings and thank you for the dedicated work and time given in preparing for this night. The love



this team showed by stepping forward on the night was an absolute credit to all of them. I can't thank them enough as the night went extremely well.

> Thanks go to all the musicians for each of the Christmas masses, Lay ministers who

served at each of the Masses. Big thank you for living your Baptismal promise of service.

Learn or want to know a bit more about the catholic faith. Or do you have unanswered questions about life and belief in God. Call Jo on 0419 733 878 for a casual cuppa and chat.

As 2022 draws to a close and we enter a new year, you may feel a swirl of both excitement and anxiety about what comes next. The days between Christmas Day and New Year's Eve are the perfect time to introduce New Year's prayers into your daily prayer rotation so you may reflect on the months gone by and ponder what you want in 2023. New Year's scripture, from Bible verses about gratitude to prayers about trust in God's plan, will help you release the past and focus on the next chapter in your life. The following New Year will manifest protection, health, and love for the year ahead.

Regardless of your New Year's Eve plans this year, you can share these meaningful prayers with a friend or family member to welcome a safe space where you can both focus on goals and resolutions for 2023. Maybe you are marrying your partner and want a blessing from God about this new phase in your life or maybe you have a sick family member and looking to give them strength as they continue their treatment plan in January. These New Year's prayers speak to a variety of feelings that surface at the end of a year, but they also remind you that God is by your side every day no matter the year.

God Bless, Josephine (Jo) Lay Ministry Coordinator



PARISH MASS CENTRE ROSTER WEEK 2 : 8 th January 2023							
Mass Centre	St Bernardine's		OLA	St Catherine's			
Ministry	Saturday 07/01/2023	Sunday 08/01/2023	Sunday 08/012023	Sunday 08/01/2023			
Welcomer/	Andrea Tews	Toni Sorbello		John McClelland			
Coordinator	Glancia D'Souza	Dolores Flanagan					
		Fe McTackett					
Welcome Speech	Mikayla Cavanagh						
Readers 1st	Leanna Sione	May Taupo	Di Fichera	Barbara Malicki			
RS				Barbara Malicki			
2nd	Miguel Sanchez	June Tui	Gio Fichera	Carmel Betts			
POF	Sanjana D'Souza						
PowerPoint			Helen Cowley	Jane Jeong			
Offertory	Family	Family/Youth					
Collectors		Moses, Spencer, John and Scott		Fred Carter			
Communion Minister	Prabha or Shaila		Colleen Parr	Vivien Bampton			
Church Cleaner			Di and Gio Fichera				
Children's Liturgy							



CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES WHEN SCHOOL

STARTS BACK IN 2023



Next Baptism Preparation Session: *Monday 23rd January at 7.00pm* Please email the office to register attendance.

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Sunday Readi	e Holy Mother of God	Next Sunday Readings - Epiphany											
First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27		First Reading:		Isaiah 60:1-6									
Responsorial Psalm :	May God bless us in his mercy		Responsorial Psalm :		Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.								
Second Reading:	eading: Galatians: 4:4-7		Second Reading:		Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6.								
Gospel:	Luke 2:16-21		Gospel:		Matthew 2:1-12.								
Date		Mass Centre	Time										
Sunday, 1st January MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD		Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7.30am 9.00am 5:30pm		Pray for those in our community who are unwell Pope Emeritus Benedict and for the souls of the recently deceased								
Tuesday, 3rd January		St Catherine's Church	8.00am										
Wednesday, 4th January		St Bernardine's Church	9.00am										
Friday, 6th January		St Paul de Chartres Hall	9.00am		those resting in the Columbarium								
Saturday, 7th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD		St Paul de Chartres Hall St Bernardine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm	tl	and those whose anniversary occurs at this time Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful								
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