



Regents Park Catholic Parish

Our Lady of the Assumption – St Bernardine's – St Catherine's

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

29th January 2023

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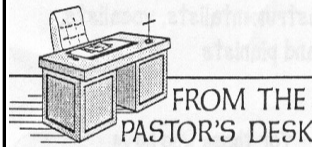
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FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Ministry Matters

NCP (National Council of Priests)

As you may be aware, I have been elected on to the Executive of the NCP. There are priests from all over Australia on the Executive and so we normally meet each month on ZOOM. But in February, we are meeting face to face and it is happening in Belmont in Victoria, where the NCP head office is located.

Therefore, I will be away from the Parish from Monday 6th February until Wednesday Evening 8th February.

Sadly, there will be no masses available through those three days here in the Parish. I am sure that St Catherine's Community can still get together and pray on the Tuesday, and for St Bernardine's Community there are Masses available in the neighboring parishes for those who are able to travel.

The NCP is an organization that has its roots in a gathering of Australian priests which took place in Lorne in Victoria, way back in 1971, some 52 years ago, and through all of this time, the NCP executive have guided and directed the way forward not only for the Organization itself but also for the priests of Australia who have benefited from all that the NCP has done throughout its long life. I have been a part of the NCP for some 30 or more years, and now I have been elected to the Executive.

Sadly, the interest in joining the NCP from many of our young priests and many of our overseas priests has waned considerably, and it seems that NCP may be coming to the end of its days in its current format. This will be one of the dominant factors in the unfolding conversations that will take place through our two days together. The issue about where we are going as a body of priests into the future.

The NCP has been a strong support network for priests throughout its 50 years, and it seems to me that there is a great sadness if this resource disappears from the Aussie Church.

The NCP has endeavoured to organize a clergy conference every two years, taking place in one of the Dioceses across Australia. It has been in Perth, around Broome, in Toowoomba, Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide and even Brisbane has hosted such conference, as well as returning to the place of its birth in Lorne Victoria.

I have attended most of these Conferences, and was also instrumental in the planning and preparation of the Brisbane Conference with the Planning team that had come together. All of these events have been a valuable experience in the life of the Aussie priest.

Where we are going into the future is uncertain, but I do hope and pray that we, as the current Executive, can find a way to maintain this valuable resource for the life of our Church in Australia.

God Bless you all, Fr John.

PARISH MEETINGS At Parish Centre

Parish Finance Council
5.00pm Mon 30th Jan 2023

Parish Leadership Team
7.00pm Mon 13th Feb 2023

Any items for the Agenda, please submit to the Parish Office on the Monday of the week before the scheduled meeting.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 30 January 2023

Parish Finance Council Meeting 5.00pm
Parish Centre

Wednesday 1 February 2023

Whole School Mass 9.00am
Siena Hall, St Bernardine's School
(open to all parish)

Sunday 5 February 2023

Children's Liturgy Resumes
9.00am Mass
St Bernardine's Church

Saturday 11 February 2023

Parish Strategic Plan Review
9.00am to 12.30pm
St Paul De Chartres Community Hall

Monday 13 February 2023

Parish Leadership Team Meeting 7.00pm
Parish Centre

Wednesday 15 February 2023

Emmaus College Open Day
9.00am to 10.30am
48 East Street, Jimboomba
arrive 8.45am for 9.00am start
limited places contact College Reception on
5547 9990 to register

Monday 13 March 2023

Sacramental Program Info Evening 7.00pm
St Bernardine's Church
(contact parish office for registration Forms)

Sunday 19 March 2023

Sacramental of Penance
after 9.00am Mass
St Bernardine's Church

Children's liturgy will be commencing at the 9am Mass on Sunday and we would love to invite anyone who would like to join this ministry to contact Jo if you would like to help.

You will be placed with another person and on a roster every 3 or 4 weeks.

Cuppa and Chat

Mondays 9.00am in Parish Centre

CATHOLIC LADIES EATING OUT DINNER (CLEO)

Invitation — Please feel free to come along and join in, you all are most very welcome.

We look forward to seeing some new faces to join us as we are a very informal, friendly and supportive group.

Park Ridge Tavern

Mt Lindesay Highway, Park Ridge

5.30pm Wednesday 1st February 2023

RSVP Astrid Raines on 0417 418 014 to confirm attendance as reservation numbers required by venue.



Regents Park Parish Sacrament Program

CICCA (Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age)

Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance

Registration is open for children ages 7 years and older to commence the Sacramental journey in 2023 that concludes in 2025.

There are four steps necessary :

1. **Register:** contact the Parish office by email at stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au and register your child who will receive a registration form and Mass card.
2. **Participation in Liturgy:** Regularly attend Saturday or Sunday Mass in one of the 3 churches. This is to help your child become familiar with the liturgy of the Mass and participate as much as possible.
3. **Invitation:** As Fr John and the team get to know your child we invite you to an informal program.
4. **Enrol/Prepare/Celebrate:** Children are formally enrolled in the Sacramental Program and attend family centred activity sessions to prepare for the celebration of Penance, Confirmation and First Communion.

Parent Information Evenings for Families Commencing the Sacramental Program

Sacramental Program Parent information night for the families wishing to commence their children into the full Sacramental program journey is on Monday, 13th March 2023 at 7.00pm in St Bernardine's church.

Please contact parish office for registration forms.

Stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au

Children who made their confirmation in 2022 – First Holy Communion will be 3rd/4th June 2023. Workshops will be updated in upcoming weeks in the newsletter.

Sacrament of Penance for those who missed out in 2020/2021

Children who made their first Holy Communion in 2022 are to register for the Sacrament of Penance session occurring on **19th March 2023** after 9.00am Mass. This is also for any children who may have missed the Sacrament of Penance during the Covid years. Please call the parish office to book in.

ROSTERS UPDATE:- Thank you to all the Lay ministers who stepped forward to continue or new to the ministry. New updated rosters for Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary ministers, Mass coordinators and PowerPoint operators (AV) will be out beginning February. If you wish to come off the ministry please contact myself of Andrea Tews.

*** AS ADVISED IN LAST WEEKS NEWSLETTER , ROSTERS WILL NO LONGER BE APPEARING IN THE NEWSLETTER. A ROSTER WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU OTHERWISE YOU MAY REQUEST A HARD COPY TO BE LEFT AT THE CHURCH.

Crossroads RCIA – If you know someone in high school who would like to be part of the crossroads journey to be baptised or learn more about the Catholic faith please contact me, Jo Cullen (Pastoral Coordinator for more information. pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au) Keep an eye on the newsletter for start dates.

God Bless you all

Josephine (Jo)

Ministry Coordinator



EMMAUS COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 15th February @ 9:00am to 10:30am
(please arrive 8.45 for a 9.00 start)

Please contact College Reception on 5547 9990 to register as we have limited places available.

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REGENTS PARK PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

2022 - 2026

PLANNING REVIEW SESSION

Saturday 11 February 2023
9.00am to 12.30pm

St Paul De Chartres Community Hall

A chance for ministry teams to determine their priorities for the coming 12 months in a way which is manageable for the teams.

Anyone who wishes to become part of a ministry team contact Jo Cullen.

Ministry Teams

- Liturgy
- Adult Faith and Evangelisation
- Youth and Young Adults
- Children and Families
- Community Life
- Outreach and Service.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

St Bernardine's and Our Lady of the Assumption

With the overwhelming support from our parishioners, along with the St Bernardine's school community and together with our local sponsors we were able to deliver some 57 families a Christmas hamper on the 17th December.

This also included over 141 children who received beautifully wrapped gifts in very smart Santa Sacs sewn by Lorraine & final touches added by members of our very gifted Craft group. A special thanks needs to go to Di Fichera and her large team of elves who championed our Vinnies Christmas appeal for 2022!

We look forward again to everybody's support in 2023 God Bless - Andrea, Colleen, Danuta, Di, Helen, Kym, Marie, Susan, Vineta, Alan, Bob, Gerard and Gio.

St Catherine's Jimboomba

This Christmas saw another outstanding Christmas SVDP Appeal from the folks at St Catherine's. Between 14th and 17th December their generosity and with the selfless contribution of a wonderful band of volunteers enabled us to help some 50 families, 16 singles and 100 children to a better Christmas. Hampers valued at between \$100 and \$160 were distributed. Every child received some form of Christmas gift.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

RETURNING 5TH FEB

9AM MASS

ST BERNARDINE'S




Next Baptism Preparation Session:

Monday 27th February at 7.00pm

Please email the office to register attendance.

LITURGY OF THE WORD - YEAR A

This Sunday Readings - 4th Sun Ord Time Year A		Next Sunday Readings - 5th Sun Ord Time Year A	
First Reading:	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13	First Reading:	Isaiah 58:7-10
Responsorial Psalm :	<i>Happy the poor in spirit The Kingdom of heaven is theirs.</i>	Responsorial Psalm :	A light rises in the darkness for the upright
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel:	Matthew 5:1-12	Gospel:	Matthew 5:13-16

Date	Mass Centre	Time	 <p>Pray for those in our Parish who are unwell and in need of our prayerful support</p> <p>Recently deceased: Anniversaries:</p> <p>For the souls resting in the Columbarium</p> <p><i>Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.</i></p>
Sunday, 29th January 4th Sun Ord Time Year A	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	7.30am 9.00am 5.30pm	
Tuesday, 31st January St John Bosco, Feast	St Catherine's Church	8:00am	
Wednesday, 1st February Whole School Mass	Siena Hall Parish welcome to attend	9:00am	
Friday, 3rd February St Blaise and St Ansgar	St Paul de Chartres Hall	9:00am	
Saturday, 4th February 5th Sun Ord Time Year A Word of God Sunday	St Paul de Chartres Hall St Bernardine's Church	4:00pm 6:00pm	
Sunday, 5th February 5th Sun Ord Time Year A Word of God Sunday	Our Lady of the Assumption St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's	7.30am 9.00am 5.30pm	

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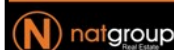
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