



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

Second of Easter Year A

16th April 2023

'My Lord and My God.'

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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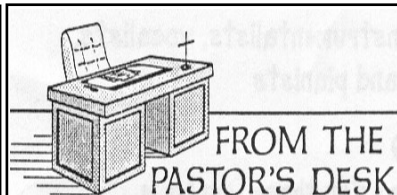
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Ministry Matters

DON'T FORGET

THE ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMIT

18th—20th May at Riverlife Centre.

There is still an opportunity to register for the early bird registration fees to attend this Conference. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish office on Monday so that arrangements can be made for that registration to attend the Archdiocesan Summit 23.

From a Distance

I am writing from my isolation in a far off land where I am endeavouring to recover from the hectic events of last Week's Easter celebrations, as well as the debilitating absces that struck me down from Good Friday onwards. By Tuesday, I was all smiles again, thank goodness. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those wonderful, people who took the time to look after me during my busy Easter life, as well as those who were so thoughtful to provide me with food and medication to assist in my recovery. Thank you.

My thanks also to the many many people who were involved in the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies that seemed to be filled to capacity by God's Holy People who came to Church during that time. I was amazed at the numbers who arrived, and grateful to them for their willingness to be a part of our parish celebration. Well done. I am sure that we will see you again this weekend as we come to celebrate this Second Sunday of Easter as God saved people.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS.

This weekend it is my intention to endeavour to introduce Holy Communion in both Host and cup. It has been some time since we have done so - so it may take time to re-discover just how to achieve this aim in practical ways, but we will give it a go.

It will require an increase in Communion Ministers at each of our masses so that it can be carried out to the best of our ability. If you would like to enter into his Ministry as a Communion minister, please let Fr John know at the masses, or speak to the Mass coordinator at the local Church, or e-mail our Pastoral person, Jo, through the Parish office. Let's see how we go.

God bless, Fr John

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Parish Office will be open again
17th April

PARISH MEETINGS At Parish Centre

Parish Finance Council
5.00pm Mon 1st May 2023

Parish Leadership Team
5.00pm Mon 8th May 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)

FAITH MATTERS

I have noticed over the last few months at Regents park parish we have lost the value of kneeling at the symbolic moments during the Mass. Obviously, for people with mobility or health issues this is not possible and we understand. But I thought I would give some insight into why we should kneel and encourage our children to do so.

People often ask, "Why do Catholics do so much kneeling?"

About the 7th century, however, Catholic theologians put more emphasis on Christ's divinity and introduced kneeling as the only appropriate posture at those points in the Mass when God is believed to be present.

The Catechism of the church tells us that genuflecting is "a reverence made by bending the knee, especially when entering the pew and also to express adoration of the Blessed Sacrament." Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist, which is reserved in the tabernacle.

In the bible, the Hebrews, regarded kneeling as a **symbol of strength**; to bend the knee is, therefore, to bend our strength before the living God; an acknowledgment of the fact that all that we are we receive from Him. In important passages of the Old Testament, this gesture appears as an expression of worship.

Saint Paul, writing in his Letter to the **Philippians 2:10**, states, "That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth."

So I encourage as many of you to take the time to kneel for the special moments of adoration. More importantly, the Consecration should be a time where we reflect, kneel or if unable please bow. *God bless you all, Jo.*



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

For children who have been Confirmed and are in Grade 4 and above

Sunday, 30th April 2023 9am Mass then Workshop
Sunday, 28th May 2023- 9am Mass Reconciliation & practise

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday, 3rd June 2023 – 6pm

OR

Sunday, 4th June 2023 – 9am

Attention High School Students

Commencing April, we are offering sessions to anyone in high school who wishes to receive their sacraments into the Catholic Church. A program called **Crossroads RCIA** will be commencing in April.

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested and have further questions or to register your child please email me (Jo) at:

pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au or phone the parish office.

Urgent change of email address.

We have had some problems with our email for sacramental families.

If you wish to enrol your child for the sacramental program the new email is: sacramental.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au

God Bless you all

Josephine (Jo)

Pastoral Coordinator



Outreach update – Strategic Plan Review 2023

On Saturday 11 February 2023, the Outreach Ministry team spent the morning working with members from across our Parish who form the Parish Ministries, as well as other key leaders of our Parish community, to review and update the Regents Park Parish Strategic Plan 2022-26.

Several members of our Outreach Ministry team cross-volunteer with St Vincent de Paul to deliver the community pantry. During 2022, St Vincent de Paul helped 769 families and around 2255 people in total. This represents a 56 per cent increase in the number of visits on the previous year – assisting families with food, food vouchers, utilities, rent assistance to prevent homelessness, furniture, cost of essential prescriptions and fuel as well as blankets during winter, clothing and school uniforms.

With the cost of living nearing a 30-year high, we can only expect to see even more need from the most vulnerable in our community. Thank you to all for your continued support as we look forward to providing a hand up to those in need.

As part of the review of Strategic Plan it was agreed the following activities would be our primary focus for 2023:

- † Make the Parish Centre accessible for mobility-impaired members of our community.
- † Finish painting the Parish Centre pergola – after it was refurbished in 2022.
- † Engage with more local schools to support the community pantry.
- † Acquire blankets and winter needs for the community pantry.
- † Establish a trial program to build a school visiting program to aged care.

Would you like to share the kindness of a personal connection? Human interaction is very important for seniors who are in a Nursing Home. We would love to hear from anyone who would enjoy being part of a visiting program to a nursing home. Please contact Jo Cullen at the Parish office 07 3362 8770 or email pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au

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Easter Season

SUN 16th April Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	7.30am	Mass	Our Lady of the Assumption Church
	9:00am	Mass	St Bernardine's Church — Family Mass
	5:30pm	Mass	St Catherine's Church
	Stay for Morning Tea at St Bernardine's Church after 9.00am Mass		
MON 17th April	10:30am	Mass	Opal Green-Fern Home.
TUE 18th April	8:00am	Mass	St Catherine's Church
	7:00pm	Light & Presence	St Bernardine's Church
WED 19th April	9:00am	Mass	St Bernardine's Church
FRI 21st April	9:00am	Mass	St Paul de Chartres
	10:30am	Mass	Regents Aged Care Home
SAT 22nd April	4:00pm	Mass	St Paul de Chartres
	6:00pm	Mass	St Bernardine's Church
SUN 23rd April 3rd Sunday of Easter	7:30am	Mass	Our Lady of the Assumption Church
	9:00am	Mass	St Bernardine's Church
	5:30pm	Mass	St Catherine's Church

LITURGY OF THE WORD—YEAR A

This Sunday Readings — 2nd Sunday of Easter		Next Sunday Readings — 3rd Sunday of Easter	
First Reading	Acts 2:42-47	First Reading	Acts 2:14, 22-23
Responsorial Psalm	Give Thanks to the Lord for he is good His love is everlasting.	Responsorial Psalm	Lord, you will show us the path of life
Second Reading	1 Peter 1:3-9	Second Reading	1 Peter 1:17-321
Gospel	John: 20:19-31	Gospel	Luke: 24: 13-35

BAPTISM



Next Baptism Preparation Session:

Monday 24th April at 7.00pm

Please email the office to register attendance.



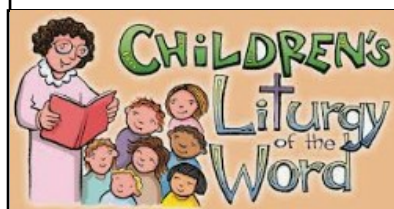
Pray for those in our Parish who are unwell and in need of our prayerful support

Juan McGuire

and offer your prayers also for those recently deceased
And those whose anniversaries occur around this time

and for the souls resting in the Columbarium

**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.**



CHILDRENS' LITURGY

IS TAKING A BREAK
DURING THE SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS

RESUMES SUNDAY, 23RD APRIL 2012

Rosary before Mass

St Catherine's before 5.30pm Mass each Sunday.

OLA before 7.30am Mass each Sunday

CUPPA and CHAT

Resumes Monday 17th April 2023

9.30am Mondays

Parish Centre

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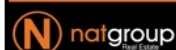
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