



## Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

14th May 2023

*'I am the way the truth and the Life' says the Lord.*

*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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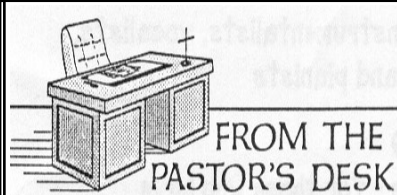
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## Ministry Matters

**DON'T FORGET**

**THE ARCHDIOCESAN SUMMIT**

**18th—20th May at Riverlife Centre.**

**Register at [brisbanesummit.com](http://brisbanesummit.com)**

**Priority: Engaging a New with First nations People.**

As we embark upon the Sixth Sunday of Easter we enter into this Fifth priority guiding us towards the Archdiocesan Summit that is starting on Thursday Evening of this week and then concluding on Saturday 20th May around 3:00pm.

The drama unfolding at this time is the relationship of everyday Australian and the first inhabitants of our ancient Land. It has not always been a positive experience, especially for the people of First Nations and perhaps through this focus of the priority that Archbishop Mark has articulated at this time we can begin to address some of the injustices perpetrated against our indigenous brothers and sisters, particularly by representatives of the Christian Churches through the history of white settlement across our land.

Perhaps well-intentioned but misguided, and as a result, People of First Nations have suffered. Through the Summit, it is hoped that there will be time for reconciliation, and a time to listen to both sides.

*God bless, Fr John*

### COLUMBARIUM 2023

St Bernardine' Community have held oversight of the parish Columbarium to inter the remains of their loved ones within the niches of the Columbarium walls. Now is the time for our parish Office, who maintain the management of the Columbarium, to endeavour to restructure the records of the many people who have sought to reserve a niche for themselves or for loved ones, especially into the future.

If you have booked either one of the niches or one of the double niches set aside for husbands and wives, could you please contact the parish Office by Friday 2nd June, so that our Parish Records for the Columbarium, can be confirmed and the niche register can be brought up to date. If you have reserved a spot in the Parish Columbarium, especially if you have paid a deposit for same, the Parish management of the Columbarium want to hear from you and tidy up our register records. If the office does not hear from parishioners then the reserved niches will be made available for those who wish to either reserve a niche or inter family loved ones after they have died We need to know ASAP. Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

### PARISH MEETINGS At Parish Centre

**Parish Finance Council**  
**5.00pm Mon 5th June 2023**

**Parish Leadership Team**  
**7.00pm Mon 12th June 2023**

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

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**Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities  
for the Archdiocese of Brisbane**

**Priority Five:  
Engaging Anew with  
First Nations Peoples**

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.

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**St Vincent de Paul  
Mothers Day Raffle**

Winners Drawn—St Bernardine's Church  
6.00pm Mass on 13 May 2023



**Heritage Park  
Parishioners  
Need your help.**

A couple from Heritage Park are in need of transport to get to St Bernardine's 9.00am Sunday Mass. Please contact the office or Jo if you can help out.



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This year we have two weekends A live out weekend at McAuley College Beaudesert going home on Friday night 30<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July and finishing with Mass on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 Approx 4pm. We have a live in weekend at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston Starting Friday evening 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm and concluding approx 4pm with Mass Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The weekend is for all Married couples who value their relationship. It doesn't matter if you have been Married 5 years or 55 years there is always something more. Please contact David and Maria Murphy on 0481 307 821 or [qldbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:qldbookings@wwme.org.au).

Watch **Archbishop Mark Coleridge support video** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o\\_wp6qGB44](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_wp6qGB44) or for more information go to the website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au).

David and Cecilia are coming to speak at each Mass next weekend 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> May

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**Next Holy Communion Workshop**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

10.30am to 12.30pm

St Bernardine's Church

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 – 6pm

OR

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 9am

**Email address for Sacramental communication**

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or telephone the Parish Office on 07 3362 8770

**CROSSROADS RCIA**

Sacraments for children from year 7 upwards in high school are welcome to join the Crossroad RCIA program.

We have three high school students being welcomed into Crossroads RCIA this weekend.

Please offer up your prayers for them as they commence their RCIA journey

If anyone is interested in joining this group please contact Josephine Cullen on [pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone the parish office.

*God Bless you all, Josephine (Jo) Pastoral Coordinator*



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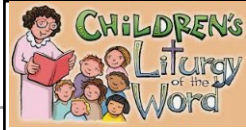
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# Easter Season

<b>SUN 14th May</b> <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 5:30pm Mass	Our Lady of the Assumption Church St Bernardine's Church St Catherine's Church	 <b>SUNDAY, ST BERNARDINE'S</b>
<b>TUE 16th May</b>	8:00am Mass	St Catherine's Church	
<b>WED 17th May</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>BCE Interviews</b>	
<b>FRI 19th May</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Archdiocesan Assembly</b>	
<b>SAT 20th May</b> <i>St Bernardine of Siena</i> <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	4:00pm Mass 6:00pm Mass	St Paul de Chartres St Bernardine's Church	
<b>SUN 21st May</b> <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 5:30pm Mass	Our Lady of the Assumption Church St Bernardine's Church..... <b>Rosary before Mass</b> St Catherine's Church..... <b>Rosary before Mass</b>	

## CUPPA and CHAT

9.30am Mondays in the Parish Centre

## **Bernardine's Feast Day Celebration—After 9am Mass - Sunday 21st May 2023**

Please bring a plate to share with an cuppa  
Icy poles and fun food for kids to celebrate our church.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD—YEAR A

This Sunday Readings — 6th Sunday of Easter		Next Sunday Readings —The Ascension of the Lord	
First Reading	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17	First Reading	Acts 1:1-11
Responsorial Psalm	<b>Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.</b>	Responsorial Psalm	<b>God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.</b>
Second Reading	1 Peter 3:15-18	Second Reading	Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel	John 14:15-21	Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20



Everyone is invited to the  
**Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May)**  
to honour the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on  
**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
in St. Bernardine's church.

Highlights of this special day include  
**Rosary Procession at 2:30pm,**  
**Flower Offering at 3:00pm,**  
**followed by Holy Mass at 3:30pm**  
to be celebrated by Rev. Father John Hong.  
Light refreshment at 5:00 pm will be shared.  
Pls bring a plate for fellowship.



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

**Helen Harvey**

and offer your prayers also for those recently deceased

**Tony Pisani**

and those whose anniversaries occur around this time

**Anna Monserat**

and for the souls resting in the Columbarium.



## **Next Baptism Preparation Session:**

**Monday 22nd May at 7.00pm**

Please email the office to register attendance.



When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself.

To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the

Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us.

Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn, and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

✱ Mark Coleridge Archbishop of Brisbane

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