

Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

29th October 2023

'They will respect my Son ... ?'

We the Catholic Communities of Regents Park Parish, gather together in the presence of our loving God.

To reflect on our Parish Values. To be respectful, Christ centred, inclusive,
united, inspiring and generous in our service to God and the Community.

REGENTS PARK PARISH

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Ministry Matters

All Saint's and All Souls Day – Hallowed-Eve
All Saints' Day, on 1st November which began most likely as All Martyrs' Day,
can be traced to the earliest Christians. By the third century, the followers of
Christ were annually honouring their brothers and sisters who had given their
lives (been martyred) while witnessing for and defending Jesus Christ.
Typically, on the anniversary of All Saints day we gather for Mass to remember
the martyrs who were so faithful. The belief among the first Christians, which
continues today, is that believers who died defending Christ were borne by
angels to heaven and are face to face with the living God.
All Souls day honours all the faithful departed on 2nd November.
The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day, evolved onto
the Church calendar long after All Saints' Day. We are being encouraged to
pray for the souls of those who have died, those waiting the joys of heaven.
On All Souls' Day the universal Church prays for all those in purgatory, people
who were much like us, whose offense may have been less than ours. By
pleading for them, we are inspired to lead purer lives. During the entire month

of November, we remember our departed brothers and sisters in prayer and by

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord"

attending the Masses in November.

Halloween -Commonly celebrated as an evening of ghosts and ghouls, scary looking costumes and trick or treating but what are we celebrating? All things Dark? Halloween is a day to reflect on Christ's triumph over sin, death, and the devil. To meditate on our own mortality and duties to God; to shun sin, Satan, and all his works; to give honour to the saints in heaven; to pray for the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory. It is true that Halloween has been badly corrupted and hyper-commercialized, just like Christmas. However we should never stop as Catholics celebrating the great feasts of the church, neither should it stop Catholics from enjoying Halloween as a vigil celebration of the great feast of All Saints.

As Christians we have a choice, we can either celebrate this night as a night of darkness or stand with Jesus as the light of the world, and celebrate October 31st as All Hallows Eve, as a night of light. All hallows eve can be part of a special three-day holy celebration in which we can contemplate, pray, attend masses for All Saints and All Souls and create new and meaningful catholic

traditions in our parishes and families. We can honour God by Worshipping Jesus as the light of the World, by recognising his light in the lives of the Saints who reflected him to all of those around them, and by acknowledging and praying for all souls who have died in the faith, that they may receive his mercy, be reunited into his loving arms and live eternally in his light.

God Bless, Josephine (Jo) Pastoral Coordinator

PARISH MEETINGS
Parish Centre

Parish Finance Council

5:00pm Mon 6th November

Parish Leadership Team 7.00pm Mon 13th November

REFLECTION BOOKS

If you are wishing to purchase any items or books from the piety stall we now have an eftpos form you can fill out and Bassania will process the payment Monday morning.







Advent Book \$5.00

God's Word 2024 \$20.00

Columban Calendar

Please remember All Saints and All Souls You are invited to record the names of deceased family members and friends for whom you wish to have Masses offered throughout November. Cards to make an offering are available at all churches.

Please place your envelope on the collection plate or return to the parish office.

ADVENT is a time where we sit and prepare our hearts and minds.

It should be a prayerful time of preparation for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is not all about the presents it is about us being present for the Lord. To prepare and be present. I am offering Advent sessions at St Bernardine's on Wednesday nights starting at 7pm or Saturday afternoon before Mass commencing at 5pm.

I am looking at the starting on the last week of November. I would like to get an idea of which times would suit most people. Day or Night. Please place your name on the folder on table of your preference and if you wish to attend. Even if it is one session, it is still good to make time for God. I believe OLA will also be commencing these sessions after 7.30am Mass. I will keep you updated on this.

<u>DESPERATE</u> In need of a handyman and plasterer who can take a cupboard off the wall in the hut and move a small free standing kitchenette. Please contact the parish office for more details.



In need of singers, musicians, guitar, keyboard anything for our Christmas Mass Celebrations. We will be recording Music for Christmas Mass on Saturday 4th November 10am at St Bernardine's Church Please see Jo if you can help. Ph. 0419 733 878

Communion ministers and Readers are needed as we have more attending our 9am Mass on Sundays. If you would like to be a minister at any of the Masses across the weekend please contact Jo.

Big **THANK YOU** to the wonderful children from St Bernardine's school who spoke about Catholic Mission last weekend. Very proud and dedicated to this life- giving work for the missionaries around the world. If you can return your envelopes for Catholic Mission this weekend and place in collection bowl

Reminder that Fr John Conway will not be leaving the Parish until February 2024.

God Bless you all, Josephine (Jo) Pastoral Coordinator

We listened to our Parishioners and The Vinnies Christmas Gifting Tree is Back for 2023! St Vincent De Paul Brown's Plains-St Bernardines Conference is extending an invitation to our parishioners to assist those in need in our community during Advent.

This year we will be placing a Christmas Gifting Tree & Food Hamper Basket at St Bernardine's & OLA churches from November 4 until December 10.

We will be delivering over 80 gifts to children and 40 Christmas food hampers to families in need. If you are able please choose 1 or more tags from the tree and purchase an age appropriate gift for the girl or boy identified on the tag. Please wrap & tag the gift and place under the tree. If you are able please donate food items appropriate for the festive season in the basket under the tree. Food items such as long life custard, shortbread biscuits, tinned ham, puddings, fruit cakes, mince tarts and the like. If you choose a tag & for some reason you are unable to buy a gift please place back on the tree so a child does not miss out.

Thank you for your generosity in advance and the impact we make on children and their families in need is reflective of the Grace of God.

WORSHIP

This Week: 30th Sun in Ord Time (Year A)

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength. Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Next Week: 31st Sun in Ord Time (Year A)

First Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace. Second Reading: Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Prayer Requests for the sick

John Grech, Pat Delaney, Chloe O'Ryan, Arthur Maloney, Gina Eldridge, Judy McConville, Suzie Collyer.

Baptism Preparation

Next Baptism Preparation Session

Monday 27th November at 7.00pm

St Bernardine's Church

Please contact or email the office to register attendance.stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9am St Bernardine's Mass. For school aged children unless accompanied by a parent.

Don't Forget St Bernardine's Working Bee Saturday 4th November 7am - 11am **Everyone is Welcome and NEEDED!** Please bring gardening tools, trailer and wheel burrows.

RETREAT Theme will be Advent - 2nd December Held at **Santa Teresa Spirituality**

Centre Ormiston. This is a beautiful setting overlooking the ocean. Beautiful gardens and quiet reflective spaces. Bus and morning tea only \$30. Leaving parish at 8.30am and returning 11.30am.Please place your name on the form on the notice board at each church if interested.

If numbers are low it will be postponed.

MASS TIMES - 29th Oct to 5th Nov

Sunday 29th October

30th Sun in Ord Time (Year A)

7.30am Mass Our Lady of the Assumption Church Rosary before Mass

Mass St Bernardine's Church 9:00am Mass St Catherine's Church 5:30pm

Rosary before Mass

Tuesday 31st October

8:00am Mass St Catherine's Church

Wednesday 1st November ALL SAINTS

9.00am Mass St Bernardine's School Hall

ALL WELCOME

Thursday 2nd November ALL SOULS' DAY

7.00pm Mass Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Friday 3rd November St Martin de Porres

9.00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

Saturday 4th November St Charles Borromeo 31st Sun in Ord Time (Year A)

Mass St Paul de Chartres 4.00pm

5.15pm Reconciliation St Bernardine's Church

6.00pm Mass St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 5th November

31st Sun in Ord Time (Year A)

7.30am Mass Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Rosary before Mass

9:00am Mass St Bernardine's Church

Mass St Catherine's Church 5:30pm **Rosary before Mass**

Reconciliation Times

St Bernardine's Saturday 5:15pm- 5:45 pm.

Or by appointment with Fr John.



Regents Park Catholic Parish - Churches/Mass Centres



St Bernardine's Church 25 Vergulde Road Regents Park Qld 4118



St Catherine's Church 74-76 East Street Jimboomba Qld 4280



Our Lady of the Assumption 4095-4105 Mt Lindesay H'way Park Ridge South Qld 4125 Stoney Camp Road Exit Mt Lindesay Highway



HALLOWED EVE 31ST OCTOBER Place a lamp or light in your window if you stand for Christ and He is the light of your world.

CATHOLIC LADIES EATING OUT (CLEO) LUNCH

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.

VENUE: PERKS CAFÉ 17 Cusack Lane Jimboomba DATE: Wednesday 1st November 1230hrs FOR LUNCH

Please call ASTRID RAINES 0417 418 014 to confirm attendance as reservation numbers required by venue.





CUPPA and CHAT: All welcome 9.30am Mondays In The Parish Centre

St Bernardine's Church Morning Tea Dates Sunday, 5 November 2023

Sunday, 19 November 2023

after 9.00am Mass *bring along a plate to share.*

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