



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

5th November 2023

'The greatest among you must be your servant.'

*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.*

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Ministry Matters

Back to Work.

So I have returned from leave, ready to immerse myself in the life of the parish. But, what a time to come back to life and ministry. With 7th October still ringing across the world when HAMAS attacked Israel, and Israel then responded. I have been sitting down the coast in my unit, watching our world explode because of prejudice, anger and hatred. It seems to me that no one is in the right in this unfortunate conflict that seems to be drawing so many nations to stand one side against the other. Time and again, I am sure that so many of you, like me, have prayed for peace in the region, perhaps to no avail, but still we pray.

Once again, as in so many conflicts that have impacted our world throughout the many centuries, when nation has attacked Nation, it is always the ordinary people who are so badly affected. The women and children from Israel who have suffered at the hands of HAMAS over these past few weeks, and the Many thousands of Gaza residents who have buried their sons and daughters because of Israel's retaliation with very targeted rockets. No one wins!

Sadly the overflow from this terrible conflict, is the division that is taking place, even in our own land, where Palestinian supporters attack members of the Jewish Community and no doubt radical Jewish people take it out on the members of the local Islamic Communities. We are so far away from the lands of conflict, I would hope that both Jewish and Islamic and Christian Communities can find ways to be at peace with one another, especially here in Australia, this place that all of us are endeavouring to call home. As 'People of the Book,' which include Islam, Israel and Christian, there are enough words of peace contained with those pages that all of us hold dear that we can endeavour to strive for peace and harmony, and leave the fight and the hatred to lands so far away from us.

Once again, this weekend, we pray for peace. Peace throughout our world where there is conflict and division among people, but we pray also for peace within our own society, and within our own communities whomsoever we may be. Be it Israel, be it Islam, or be it Christian, We are all a part of the Kingdom of God, and God is so very much a part of our lives as well. May we find the peace and harmony that can unite us as Australian people no matter the name we have for our God. Peace and harmony always begins with us. Now is the time for us to find that common ground.

We are One but we are Many and from all the Lands on earth we come. We share a dream and sing with one voice. *I AM, YOU ARE, WE ARE AUSTRALIAN.*

May God grant us peace. Fr John

PARISH MEETINGS

Parish Centre

Parish Finance Council

5:00pm Mon 6th November

Parish Leadership Team

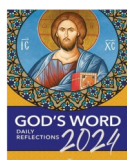
7.00pm Mon 13th November

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)

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



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. You are welcome to place the name of anyone in your family/friends who is deceased in

the book of Life Parish Register. Please only write the names of people NOT already in the book. There will also be a large cross placed in each of the churches. There will be small butterflies available for you to write names of any family/friends who are deceased. Butterflies mean transformation, hope and faith for thousands of years. Then you can place the butterfly anywhere on the cross prior to Mass each week. This will be up for the entire month of November to remind us of these wonderful people who are saints and resting in God's arms.

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.

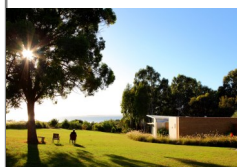
DESPERATE In need of a handyman and plasterer who can take a cupboard off the wall in the hut and move a small free standing kitchenette. Please contact the parish office for more details.



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.

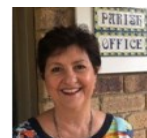
ATTENTION LAY MINISTERS – As announced at Mass a month ago, the Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding team have advised us that some Blue cards are not required for the Archdiocese. They are slowly de-linking the cards only from the ministries you are involved in that no longer require a Blue Card. This only means that a new report is showing that only certain ministry groups and ministers need blue cards. Please do not be concerned it is not the parish it is the Archdiocese just informing you do not need it for the ministry you are involved in. The parish will notify you if you need one. Also if you move to a new ministry at any time please contact the parish office so we can register and check the policy.



RETREAT TO SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE ORMISTON.

on the 2nd December. Leaving parish at 8.30am – returning about 11.30am. Please place your name on the list as numbers are limited. **Bus and morning tea only \$30. Leaving parish at 8.30am and returning 11.30am.** The morning is set up for us all to take time preparing for advent. I hope many of you will take this opportunity for a lovely trip to the bay and enjoy the surroundings of Santa Teresa. Travelling together will be a lovely journey.

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: 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

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Next Week: 32nd Sun in Ord Time (Year A)

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Responsorial Psalm:

My Soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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Prayer Requests for the sick

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

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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

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Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9am St Bernardine's Mass.

**For school aged children unless
accompanied by a parent.**

MASS TIMES - 5th to 12th November

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

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

Monday 6th November

10:30am Berrinba Greens Anointing Mass

Tuesday 7th November

8:00am Mass St Catherine's Church

7:00pm Light & Presence St Bernardine's Church

Wednesday 8th November

9:00am Mass St Bernardine's Church

Friday 10th November St Leo the Great

9:00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

Saturday 11th November St Martin of Tours

32nd Sun in Ord Time (Year A)

4:00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

5:15pm Reconciliation St Bernardine's Church

6:00pm Mass St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 12th November

32nd 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

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

Reconciliation Times

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

Or by appointment with Fr John.



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25 Vergulde Road
Regents Park Qld 4118



St Catherine's Church
74-76 East Street
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Our Lady of the Assumption
4095-4105 Mt Lindesay H'way
Park Ridge South Qld 4125
Stoney Camp Road Exit Mt Lindesay Highway



JOB VACANCY

We are looking for an Assistant Coordinator to join our team of 21 educators at **St Bernardine's OSHC**. We are licenced for 165 children per session and are located on school grounds with our own building and outdoor play space. We as a team are passionate about outdoor play, loose parts and working together to provide a welcoming space for children, families and staff. If you would like to know more about our amazing service and position please contact the parish Office 3362 8770.

Thanks The OSHS Team,
St Bernardine's – Regents Park Qld



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

St Bernardine's Church Morning Tea Dates

Sunday, 19 November 2023

Sunday, 3 December 2023

after 9.00am Mass bring along a plate to share.

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