



## Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

19th November 2023

"Well done, good and faithful 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.*

### REGENTS PARK PARISH

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**School Principal:** Mrs Jane Egan

## Ministry Matters

### Fr John on Retreat

This week commencing is the final retreat for priests of the Archdiocese, and I am attending. There will be no masses in the parish from Monday to Friday of this week. I am sure that neighbouring parishes will still be providing weekday masses and I invite parishioners to investigate the mass times in other places for those who wish to attend Mass during the week. The Community at St Catherine's on Tuesday will no doubt do their own thing, and Fred has offered to open the Church on that day for those who wish to gather for prayer. I will pray for you all as I enter into this sacred silence at Santa Teresa Retreat Centre.

### Advent and Christmas Masses.

Our pastoral team in conjunction with members of the parish leadership team, have come up with a somewhat radical proposal for Masses that cover the Communities on the fourth Sunday of Advent and the masses being provided for Christmas Eve and Christmas day. See inside for details.

### Israel and Gaza

A few days ago, a young woman from a Jewish Community wrote an article for the Courier mail highlighting the fact that she and some of her friends are terrified here in Qld, about identifying as Jewish because of the backlash happening even here in Aus from the Israeli bombardment of Gaza.

This should not be happening here in our land of hope and opportunity, where everyone should have an opportunity at life and peace and hope for a better future for themselves, for their families and for their communities whatever faith tradition that they claim. I hope and pray that both Jewish people and Islamic people can find a way to live together here in peace, and that those crazy bigots in our society who are creating havoc by their actions will never divide our society where we can all live in harmony together.

But, and sadly there is always a but. I cannot support the actions of the Israeli Government and the Israeli army who are bombing indiscriminately the lands and the people of Gaza. What I have seen on the news each night could almost be seen as genocide as Israel seems to be wiping out the Palestinian people of Gaza, innocent men women and children who are constantly dying in that place that should be home for them. There is no place either for the actions of Hamas, but I would hope that the decision of Israel and the actions of its army would be somewhat proportionate, rather than simply endeavouring to wipe out a whole people and place by their actions.

I believe the Government and the army are wrong in what they are doing, and by acknowledging this opinion, many commentators, especially those of the Jewish Community will brand me 'Antisemitic' because I will not stand with these people who are simply destroying lives and homes and communities indiscriminately. I am NOT Antisemitic, I AM anti-indiscriminate bombing and destruction of one group of people by another, and it seems that Gaza is the latest victim of such action.

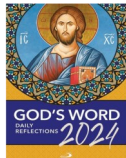
None of us, it seems to me are antisemitic, but as Australians living in our own land of peace and harmony and opportunity, we may see such actions taking place in Gaza at present as an attack on justice for all, mercy for all, and freedom for life. It seems to me that this is what we oppose. I hope and pray that both sides find some resolution before Gaza and its people are totally destroyed. May God be with them all.

*Fr John.*

***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 \$10.00**

### WHAT IS THE JESSE TREE?

Represents family tree of Jesus.

According to the Bible Jesse was the Son of Obed and grandson of Ruth and of Boaz. He lived in Bethlehem, I Judah and was of the Tribe of Judah, he was a farmer, breeder and owner of sheep. He was a prominent resident of the town of Bethlehem. It is supposed to start the first weekend of Advent, but you will have noticed I put the Jesse tree up earlier.

The reason is to help prepare ourselves and look at giving and awareness of the families who are suffering in our community. Basically for St Vincent de Paul to have gifts for our families. We used to use the pretty tree but to a lot of people that is a sad time and a time of struggle. A bare tree is making way for life giving changes for our community and being in readiness for the arrival of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Jesse tree usually starts in December and ends with the birth of Jesus. From Isaiah 11:1 "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom." The old dead tree that no one wants to know will shoot roots and be our beautiful Christmas tree as we wait, wait and prepare.



**ADVENT RETREAT** Morning Prayer retreat at Santa Teresa, Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Leaving St Bernardine's at 8.15am sharp returning 12pm. Beautiful morning tea and bus for only \$30 Book at parish office. Or fill out eftpos/credit card forms at church.

### TIME OUT WITH GOD FOR ADVENT

Through the busyness of our lives we seem to be forgetting the meaning of Advent. Please make some time to buy one of the Advent books only \$5. Tuesday nights at 7pm come for 10mins, half hour or full hour to spend quiet time with God. We should be preparing and staying awake.

**GIFT TAGS** – Thank you everyone who took gift tags from the Jesse tree this year. We need to have them returned by the 9<sup>th</sup> December as the gifts need to go out to families.

**DESPERATE NEED** – We are getting more calls for home bound people to receive communion. We only do this once a month so I am looking for some ladies to accompany one of our male communion ministers to go and give communion in the community. Can you please contact Jo on 0419733878 if you feel you can help. It will be a Monday morning or afternoon whichever suits.

**FAMILY FUN DAY** \$3745 is the amount raised from the Family Fun Day. Once again HUGE thank you to everyone that helped make this day a great success.

*God Bless you all,*

*Josephine (Jo) Pastoral Coordinator*



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, the impact we make on children and their families in need is reflective of the Grace of God.**



  
**SAFE PEOPLE**

  
**SAFE PRACTICES**

  
**SAFE PLACES**

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## WORSHIP

**This Week: 33rd Sun in Ord Time (Year A)**

**First Reading:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

**Second Reading:** Thessalonians 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

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**Next Week: Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe(s)**

**First Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The Lord is my shepherd  
there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second Reading:** Corinthians 15:20-26,28

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

### Prayer Requests for the sick

**John McReady, Ron Munz; Ron Burgess,  
Garry Edwards, 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](mailto:stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9am St Bernardine’s Mass.

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

**This weekend at St Catherine’s  
through Baptism we welcome into our  
Catholic Community**



**Caelan Dolan**

## MASS TIMES - 19th to 26th November

### Sunday 19th November

**33rd 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**

### Tuesday 21st November

*Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am **NO** Mass St Catherine’s Church

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

### Wednesday 22nd November

*St Cecilia*

9:00am **NO** Mass St Bernardine’s Church

### Friday 24th November

*Sts Andrew Dung Lac and companions*

9:00am **NO** Mass St Paul de Chartres

### Saturday 25th November

*St Catherine of Alexandria*

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe(s)**

4:00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

5:15pm Reconciliation St Bernardine’s Church

6:00pm Mass St Bernardine’s Church

### Sunday 26th November

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe(s)**

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.



**LIGHT AND PRESENCE  
7PM-8PM EVERY TUESDAY  
ST BERNARDINE’S CHURCH**

## FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT 23RD/24TH DECEMBER MASS TIMES

**Saturday 23rd** 4.00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

6.00pm Mass St Catherine’s **(No St Bernardine’s 6pm Mass)**

**Sunday 24th** 7.30am Mass Our Lady of the Assumption

9.00am Mass St Bernardine’s

## CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY 24TH/25TH DECEMBER MASS TIMES

**Sunday 24th** 4.00pm Family Mass St Bernardine’s

6.00pm Mass St Catherine’s (Carols from 5.30pm)

12 Midnight Mass St Bernardine’s (Carols from 11.30pm)

**Monday 25th** 7.30am Mass Our Lady of the Assumption

9.00am Mass St Bernadine’s





## 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



### 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, 3 December 2023

Sunday, 17 December 2023

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

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