



## Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10th DECEMBER 2023**

*"Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight."*

*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

### Season of Advent

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we move from that call to be ever vigilant as the Gospel had reminded us on that First Sunday of Advent, to stay awake—be on your guard. This is still very much relevant for us as our journey through the ADVENT Season continues to unfold. But now we move to the next level of formation as we are called now to 'Prepare the Way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Once again, this call for preparation is so significant within our lives. No matter what we endeavouring to establish within our lives, preparation for the event is just so important.

The same is true for the journey to Christmas. No doubt much is being organised and planned for the big day when we gather as family and friends. Food and drink is purchased. Decorations are hung around the house, all in readiness for the arrival of our guests.

The same is necessary for the arrival of the Christ child into our lives at Christmas. Prepare the way of the Lord, we are told. Get ready for what is about to take place once again through the Christmas story.

It may be that we are all too used to getting ready for the Christmas celebrations, so much so, that we know where everything is, and we know what to get to be prepared for Christmas.

But it may be a bit of a challenge for us to focus our lives of faith in getting ready for the moment of encounter with God through the Christmas event that will unfold in the weeks ahead. Somehow, it is important for us to prepare ourselves for that encounter. That can only happen when we stop, take some time out of the busy-ness of our lives and find that sacred space, that sacred moment when we can indeed prepare the Way of the Lord for ourselves. Find the time. Find the

moment and prepare the way of the Lord.

*God Bless, Fr John*

## Reconciliation Times for the Parish.

I am proposing to provide these Reconciliation Times as follows:

Saturday 9th Dec 5:15—5:45 pm at St Bernardine's.

Sunday 10th Dec 7:00am—7:15am at OLA church.

5:00pm—5:20pm at St Catherine's

Monday 11th Dec at 8:30am—9:00am at St Bernardine's

Tuesday 12th Dec at 8:30am-9:00am at St Catherine's

Friday 15th Dec at 9:30am at St Paul de Chartres.

Saturday 16th Dec at 5:15pm—5:45 pm at St Bernardine's Church.

Sunday 17th Dec 7:00am—7:15am at OLA church.

5:00pm—5:20pm at St Catherine's

***My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)***

## REFLECTION BOOKS

Advent Book \$5.00



Break Open the Word 2024 \$20.00

Columban Calendar \$10.00

Our **BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2024** have just arrived.

These will be on sale in the piety stall for people to purchase for \$20.

It has been a huge cost to the parish **BUT** anyone who is a reader are welcome to receive a **free** copy.

(If you also wish to give a donation that will be gratefully appreciated)

*Last weekend we celebrated the Rite of Acceptance for Michael and John. And the Rite of welcome for Caleb who was baptised at St Bernardine's. We look forward to journeying with these gentlemen who graciously are happy to spend each week learning more about God and his love for us.*

*Please keep these men in your prayers for the future as we make our way into 2024 with the RCIA group. Special thanks to Mary Naughton, Patricia Rooney, Phil Breeze, Mourya Bertic and Peter Flynn who are part of the RCIA ministry group.*

Covid – As we have so far been very lucky with no covid cases at Mass. Can we ask that we all go back to sanitizing our hands prior to entering the church. There are small bottles also available.

In need of Altar helpers as well as lots of children to be part of Christmas Pageant celebration.

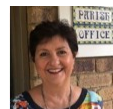
Practise day is Saturday 23 December at St Bernardines Church. Time to be advised soon.

**Ministers needed for Christmas Masses.** If you are here for Christmas and you would like to be a minister of the word, a communion minister, Mass co or Altar server at either of the Christmas Masses can you please place your name on the sheet on notice board.

*Need—Pillow cases for the Children's Pageant—earthy colours, plain or striped, for the Shepherds to wear. Basic sewing skills also needed.*

*Does anyone have a huge box at home about the size of a fridge. We need it for the children's pageant. Please contact parish office or Jo if you can help.*

*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.**





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**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

*Christmas Eve  
Mass at 4pm*

**Practice in St Bernardine's Church  
Saturday 23/12/23 time TBA**

RSVP to Jo at Parish Office – 3362 8770  
pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au

## WORSHIP

**This Week: Second Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 3:8-14

**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8

**Next Week: Third Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*My soul rejoices in my God*

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

### Prayer Requests for the sick:

John McReady; Garry Edwards, John Grech,  
Pat Delaney, Chloe O’Ryan, Arthur Maloney,  
Gina Eldridge, Judy McConville, Suzie Collyer.

### Recently Deceased:

Ron Munn; Ron Burgess; Maureen Dewhurst.

### Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9am St Bernardine’s Mass.

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

## MASS TIMES - 10th to 17th December

### Sunday 10th December

#### Second Sunday of Advent

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 11th December *Saint Damasus I*

10:30 am Funeral Mass for Ron Munn  
at St Mary’s Beaudesert.

### Tuesday 12th December

8:00am Mass St Catherine’s Church

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

### Wednesday 13th December *Saint Lucy*

9:00am Mass St Bernardine’s Church

### Friday 15th December

9:00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

10:00am Funeral Mass—Ron Burgess—St Catherine’s

### Saturday 16th December

#### Third Sunday of Advent

4:00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

5:15pm Reconciliation St Bernardine’s Church

6:00pm Mass St Bernardine’s Church

### Sunday 17th December

#### Third Sunday of Advent

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 (See front Page for  
Advent reconciliation times)**

**St Bernardine’s Saturday 5:15pm- 5:45 pm.**

**Or by appointment with Fr John.**

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



*Zoe Olivia-Jayne Brown,*

*Lewis James Darling,*

*Humphrey Octavius Palin,*

*Charles Bela Spicer.*

Light and Presence with Advent Reflection

From 7pm to 8pm Tuesday

St Bernardine’s Church.

Come and spend some time in  
prayerful reflection for Christmas.



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

**St Bernardine's Church Morning Tea Dates**  
Sunday, 17 December 2023  
**after 9.00am Mass bring along a plate to share.**

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