



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17th 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.*

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Ministry Matters

Masses this week

There has been a slight change to the scheduled Masses across the parish this week.

On Tuesday Morning 19th December, the Funeral Mass for Maureen Dewhurst will take place at St Bernardine's Church at 11:30am. There will be no Mass at St Catherine's that day.

On Wednesday Morning 20th December, the Funeral Mass for Ron Burgess will take place at St Catherine's Church at 10:30am. There will be no Mass at St Bernardine's on that day.

Third Week of Advent

This weekend marks the beginning of the third Week of Advent, and perhaps not surprising we are confronted once again with the story of the arrival of John the Baptist on the unfolding drama of God's plan of salvation for the world. As John enters into the story, he brings the same message that we have heard a number of times over these past few weeks. Be prepared. His is the voice crying in the wilderness. But it is a voice that cries out of the wilderness to the people of Israel who no doubt were still going about their business of simply living. It was to these people that the cry from the wilderness had come, and the message was straightforward and the message was simple.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

Now, as we set out to enter into this third week of Advent, that same voice is calling to us as well.

Out of the wilderness that is perhaps beyond our own lived experience, beyond the ordinary and everyday events of our lives, where we become so caught up in simply living that we miss the opportunity to be prepared for that moment of encounter with God. But it is still the third Week of being prepared and we still have the opportunity to simply stop, pause for a moment or two and be open to the quiet whispers of God as we enter into his journey of encounter through the Christmas event that is about to unfold in our lives. So, listen. That voice crying in the wilderness. Be prepared. 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 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)

Pastoral matters

Break Open the Word is available at Piety stall for \$20. If you are a Reader, a copy is available for free (if you wish to give a donation that will be gratefully appreciated).

Farewells for Fr John, are planned after the St Bernadine's masses on Sat 20 and Sun 21 Jan. St Catherine's after mass on Sun 21 Jan. OLA on Sun 28 Jan after mass.

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.

TRANSPORT required for a lady who lives in Pinelia Court, Regents Park to mass at St Bernardine's if you live nearby and can assist please let the Office know.

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.

After 9am MASS at St Bernardine's this Sunday, many hands are needed to assist with assembling the crib in the church. Please stay for a few minutes to lend a hand.

SACRAMENTAL dates 2024

Penance for children in Years 5 & 6 are invited to receive God's Mercy (reconciliation) on Sun 3 March after 9 am Mass, please enrol at Parish Office.

Confirmation Parent Information Night—Wed 8 May, Confirmation ceremony 23 August

Communion Rite of Commitment with Workshop(1) 5 May, First Holy Communion 16 June.

More information and registration paperwork will be advised in the New Year.

God Bless you all, Josephine (Jo) Pastoral Coordinator



December 17, 2023 3rd Sunday of Advent

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

(Accessed on December 4, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weeklybible-reflections)

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Pageant practice in St Bernardine's Church

Saturday 23/12/23 at 3pm

RSVP to Jo at Office 3362 8770

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WORSHIP

This 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

Next Week: Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Responsorial Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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:

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9am St Bernardine’s Mass.

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

**Children's Liturgy will be taking a break over
Christmas. It will return Sunday January 28th.**

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.



MASS TIMES - 17th to 25th December

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

Tuesday 19th December

11:30am Funeral Mass for Maureen Dewhurst at St
Bernardine’s

7.00pm Light & Presence St Bernardine’s Church

Wednesday 20th December

10:30am Funeral Mass for Ron Burgess St
Catherine’s Church

Friday 22nd December

9.00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

Saturday 23rd December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

4.00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

6.00pm Mass St Catherine’s Church

Sunday 24th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

9:00am Mass St Bernardine’s Church

24th December

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD VIGIL

4.00pm Family Mass St Bernardine’s Church

6.00pm Vigil Mass St Catherine’s Church

12 Midnight Mass St Bernardine’s Church

25th December—Christmas DAY

7.30am Mass Our Lady of the Assumption Church

9.00am Mass St Bernardine’s Church

11.00am Mass St Pauls de Chartres

The Vinnies Christmas Gifting Tree has been a huge success for St Vincent De Paul Brown’s Plains-St Bernardines Conference. **Thank you for your generosity, the impact we make on children and their families in need is reflective of the Grace of God.**



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
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Our Lady of the Assumption
4095-4105 Mt Lindesay H'way
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Sunday, 17 December 2023
after 9.00am Mass bring along a plate to share.

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