



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

24th DECEMBER 2023

"You will conceive and bear a 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.*

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Ministry Matters

Merry Christmas to all.

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of our parish staff and voluntary ministries working in the parish office throughout the year, to wish all of you and your families a Happy and Holy Christmas.

As we set about to welcome the Christ child into our lives on this Christmas day that we celebrate, may he bring to all, a sense of hope for the future and the gift of peace that perhaps can only come from the love of our God that flows from the birth of the saviour for the world.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES.

Once again I ask you to please be aware of the Christmas mass times that are available across the parish commencing on Sunday Night with the Children and family mass at 4:00pm at St Bernardine's Church. Please refer to the mass schedule contained with this Newsletter, and please be aware that Midnight mass will start at Midnight, with carols at 11:30pm to get us in the Christmas mood.

PARISH OFFICE

The Office will be closed from now until the 8th January for the Christmas and New Year break. Please contact Fr John on his mobile if there are any issues that may arise during his time.

I plan to be wandering from Regents Park to Caboolture through the weeks of January to endeavour to set up my new digs before I have to face the challenge of beginning again at this new appointment as PP of Caboolture. But I will endeavour to be available if there are any needs that may arise.

Nevertheless, I hope and pray that you all do have a happy and Holy Christmas and that the New Year will bring all that we seek within our lives to be people at peace and people of God.

God bless to all. Fr John.



The funds raised from this Appeal will ensure our Far North Queensland Members are well-equipped to support impacted locals with food, clothing, accommodation and housing support, furniture, bills and other essentials.

If anyone in our parish community would like to donate to the 2023 Flood Appeal, they can visit qld.vinnies.org.au/floods2023 or call 13 18 12.

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

Pastoral matters

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.

Father Oneyma will preside his first masses in our parish across the weekend 3 and 4 February 2024.

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 3 pm, at St Bernardines Church.

Please bring water bottles to stay hydrated!!

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.



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

BIG THANK YOU to all the helpers for putting up the Christmas decora-

Parish Office is closed and will reopen on Monday 8th January 2024. Please contact Fr John on his mobile for urgent matters.

Message from Pope Francis

Pope Francis identifies two chief characteristics of the Nativity scene: soberness and joy. The first characteristic contrast with the hustle and bustle of the holiday season the consumerism that too often marks Christmas. Instead, "the Nativity scene was created to bring us back to what truly matters: to God Who comes to dwell among us." The Pope went on to consider the characteristic of the true joy inspired by the Nativity scene.

The joy of Christmas, he said, does not come from sumptuous presents or lavish celebrations, but instead is "the joy that overflows from the heart that has tangibly experienced "the closeness of Jesus, the tenderness of God, Who does not leave us alone but stands with those who are alone.

WORSHIP

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

Next Week: The Holy Family

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Rite of Baptism

On Sunday 31st December we welcome Ella Veronica Hanni who is to be baptised at St Bernardines after Mass. Please pray for Ella and for her family.

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 will be taking a break over Christmas.

Light and Presence
Will resume on 5 March 2024

From 7pm to 8pm Tuesday
St Bernardine's Church.



MASS TIMES - 24th to 231st December

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

6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass St Catherine's Church

Monday 25th December:

See Christmas Mass schedule below.

Tuesday 26th December St Stephen

NO MASS at St Catherine's Church.

Please gather for prayer if you wish.

Wednesday 27th December St John

NO MASS St Bernardine's

Friday 29th December St Thomas Becket

9:00am **Mass at St Paul de Chartres**

Saturday 30th December: The Holy Family

4.00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

6.00pm Mass St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 31st December : The Holy Family

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

Reconciliation Times

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

(except Saturday 23 Dec)



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 (Carols from 8.30am)



Whilst Christmas can be a busy season for many people with lots of extra events and celebrations, for many people this can be a difficult time. A lot of our community members live alone and many struggle to leave their home or even live in a home. Please keep them in your prayers for so many who are isolated and lonely this Christmas.



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
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CUPPA and CHAT: All welcome
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Sunday, 6 January 2024
Sunday, 20 January 2024
after 9.00am Mass bring along a plate to share.

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