

Regents Park Catholic Parish

Our Lady of the Assumption - St Bernardine's - St Catherine's Third SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B 21st January 2024

"The Time has come... Jesus said'."

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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Ministry Matters:

The Time has come..

So, after seven years of sharing this journey in faith in the midst of the parish of Regents Park, it now comes down to this, the last week of my time in your midst. Next weekend, the 27th /28th January will be my final Masses within the parish, and while I have spent the last couple of weeks moving all my life from here to Caboolture, it seems that there is always something I have missed hidden away in some corner of my life that I need to pick up and move. So in these final days of my time here, I am still finding stuff that I need to take with me. Silly things that I need, like my wok, or slow cooker, my air fryer, and a bar-b q hot plate. Of course my golf clubs are still here, but that is just in case I find an opportunity to have a swing at some time.

I find it amazing just how much clutter we seem to accumulate throughout our life journey, and every 7 years or so, I seem to be packing up my clutter and moving somewhere else. Now at 67 years of age, with the possibility of 7 years ahead for me at Caboolture parish, I will be around 74 when I finish. I am hoping that by that stage, after some 41 years of active ministry, I may be allowed to enter into that final stage of the life of an elder and simply fade away into golfing retirement.

But I will be here for a few more days before Fr Onyema arrives to begin his life and ministry surrounded by all of you who are the life of the parish. I am sure that he will settle in and find his own way and his own place in the midst of these lively and vibrant parish communities here in the Logan region. Next weekend, Fr Onyema will share a little of himself through the Newsletter reflection that he is providing for next weekend. So you will get to know him a little better before he embarks upon this faith journey that he is entering as the next Parish Priest of Regents Park.

But for now, as I enter into this final week amongst you, there are a number of masses that are taking place this week. On Monday, there is a Mass at St Bernardine's Church at 9:00am. This is to cater to the staff returning to the parish primary school for 2024. Then on Friday, Australia day, I have scheduled a Mass at Park Ridge Church at 9:00am to celebrate this Day of our Land. Please feel free to come along to either o these two masses. Of course, the Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday will take place as well.

Thank you for all that you have done for me and with me through my time in your midst. May God continue to bless you in all that you achieve here as the parish of Regents Park.

God bless to all. Fr John.

Pastoral matters

<u>Farewells for Fr John.</u> Everyone is invited to attend where and when you can. Morning teas at churches:

St Bernadine's Masses on Sat 20th and Sun 21st January.

St Catherine's after Mass on Sun 21st January.

OLA on Sun 28th January after Mass.

Please bring a small plate to share.

This is the last weekend to give a cash donation for Fr John. Please place it in an envelope marked "Fr John Farewell". Place it on the collection plate or hand to Mass Co-ordinator. Thank You.

<u>Fr Oneyma</u> will preside his first Masses in our parish across the weekend 3^{rd} & 4^{th} Feb.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith? Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community.

This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or **RCIA**. During the RCIA process you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith.

If you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming Catholic, please contact Jo pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au



SACRAMENTAL DATES 2024

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

Confirmation Parent Information Night—Wed 8th May,
Confirmation ceremony 23rd August
Communion Rite of Commitment with Workshop(1) 5th May,
First Holy Communion 16th June.

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

Mass Co-ordinators needed

We are in need of support from the community to have people to be Lay ministers by joining the Mass coordinator group. This involves arriving 20mins prior to Mass to help set up the tables. Set up the sacred vessels and just welcome people to our Church.

This is such a special ministry and I am happy to work alongside anyone who wishes to join. It is not difficult and you don't have to read or be up the front of the church. It is more behind the scenes. Please see Jo Cullen if you want to know more.

At St Bernardine's, this Saturday night, 20th January we will have a sausage sizzle after Mass in the parish centre near the parish office. There will be a cuppa and if you can bring a small plate to share that would be lovely (even a packet of biscuits). Savoury or sweet but please just a small amount. If anyone would like to come a bit earlier to help set up that would be lovely.

Sunday morning will also be in the parish centre and you are welcome to bring sweet and savoury as we have a microwave in the kitchen.

<u>HUT UPDATE</u> —Well the Hut is progressing extremely well and hopefully it might be finished by the time Fr John leaves. Big thank you to Peter Sorbello who painted the inside of the hut. Thank you to Neil Finlay, Helen McLaren, Mark Raison, Bob Crowley, Pono and Caleb Perkins for helping pick up and carry the new Kitchenette into the hut. Now I just need someone to put the flat-pack kitchen together. Lucky my husband, Dudley Cullen has volunteered to do this. It is wonderful to have so many caring and helpful people gather together to get the hut into a welcoming, enhancing environment.

If Ministers who serve at Mass on the weekend wish to wear a mask that is perfectly fine.

Please contact Jo on 0419 733 878 or pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net. *God Bless you all, Josephine (Jo) Pastoral Coordinator*



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WORSHIP

This Week: 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Gospel: Mark: 1:14-20

Next Week: 4th Sunday Ordinary Time First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark: 1:21-28

Prayer Requests for the sick:

Val Rooney; Ron Herbert; John McReady; Garry Edwards, John Grech, Chloe O'Ryan, Arthur Maloney, Gina Eldridge, Hernan Martinez, Suzie Collyer.

Recently Deceased:

Ron Osborn, Leonido Palaganas Sr

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

<u>CATHOLIC LADIES EATING OUT</u> (CLEO) LUNCH

Please feel free to come along and join in, you all are most very welcome.

We look forward to seeing some new faces to join us as we are a very informal, friendly and supportive group.

<u>VENUE</u>: Greenbank RSL CAFE Anzac Av Hillcrest

<u>DATE:</u> Wednesday 7th February 12.30 pm FOR LUNCH

Please call <u>ASTRID RAINES 0417 418 014</u> to <u>confirm attendance as reservation nos required by venue.</u>

MASS TIMES - 21st Jan to 27th Jan Third Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00am Mass St Bernardine's Church5.30pm Mass St Catherine's ChurchRosary before Mass

Monday 22nd January—School recommencement Mass

9.00am St Bernardine's Church

Tuesday 23rd January 8:00am St Catherine's Church

Wednesday 24th January— St Francis de Sales

9:00am St Bernardine's Church Friday 26th January - Australia Day

9:00am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church

9:00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

Saturday 27th January

St Angela Merici, St Timothy & Titus

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

6.00pm Mass St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 28th January

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

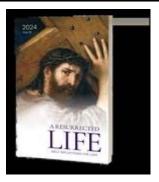
Or by appointment with Fr John

Light and Presence
Will resume on 5 March 2024
From 7pm to 8pm Tuesday
St Bernardine's Church.



Date Claimer—Ash Wednesday14 Feb

Lenten Books will be on sale shortly—please place your name with the Mass Co-ordinators to secure a copy at \$5 each (content of the books vary each year).





Baptism Preparation

First Baptism Preparation Session for 2024

Monday 29th January at 7.00pm ,St Bernardine's Church

Please contact or email the office to register attendance. stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au

Regents Park Catholic Parish - Churches/Mass Centres



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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

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

St Bernardine's Church Morning Tea Dates Sunday, 21 January 2024

Sunday, 4 February 2024 after 9.00am Mass bring along a plate to share.

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