



Regents Park Catholic Parish

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

FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME B

28th January 2024

“ 'Here is a teaching that is new' . ”

*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:

Farewell and Thanks.

Regents Park is in between priests this week. I am still travelling between here and Caboolture dragging my leftovers with me until I settle in, and Fr Onyema is still coming back from Nigeria, no doubt keen and ready to begin his new life as PP of Regents Park. Until all is stable again, there will be no Masses this week as we are both distracted by the current life that has been given to us. Nevertheless, I want to wish you all the best for the future as you embark upon this new experience of priestly leadership in the parish. I hope and pray that you and Fr Onyema will find the joy that had marked my 7 years in your midst.

God bless to all. Fr John.

Dear parishioners of the Regents Park Community,
I am writing this few words to express my heartfelt joy and gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your new parish priest in our community. It is with great honour and humility that I accept this appointment. I am a Nigerian born Australian. The sixth child in a family of eight, (seven boys and one girl). Mum and Dad deceased. Generally a sports lover; especially tennis, swimming, soccer, rugby, cricket etc.

I am deeply committed to my faith and to the well-being of the community. I believe that the divine grace from above has prepared me for this role, and I am excited to embark on this journey with all of you.

As your new parish priest, I promise by the special grace of God Almighty to be a compassionate and understanding leader, always ready to listen and support you in your spiritual journey. I am dedicated to fostering a sense of unity, love, and acceptance within our parish, and I will work tirelessly to create a welcoming space for all.

I am eager to collaborate with the existing parish staff and volunteers, as well as the wider community, to develop and implement meaningful programs and initiatives that will enrich our spiritual lives and strengthen our bonds as a parish family.

I am deeply thankful to Fr John for his pastoral and spiritual leadership this past 7 years. We wish Fr John well, and would be missed.

Please know that my door is always open, and I am here to serve you in any way I can; and more importantly to learn from you as well.

I am truly grateful for the trust and confidence placed in me, and I am excited to embark on this new chapter together. Let us embrace this opportunity to grow in faith, love, and service, and I am confident that together we can make a positive difference in the lives of our parishioners and our community.

Grace and Peace of God.
Blessings.

With heartfelt joy and gratitude, *Fr Onyema ELCAQU.*

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

Pastoral matters

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

SACRAMENT OF PENENCE

For children in Grade 5 and above who have been baptised, and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion are invited to receive God's Mercy (reconciliation) on Sunday 3rd March after 9 am Mass.

For all enrolment enquires please email sacramental.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

For children who have been Confirmed and are in Grade 4 and above.

Rite of Commitment with Workshop(1) 5th May,

First Holy Communion Mass 16th June.

Registration will open April.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For children in Grade 3 and above

Parent Information Night—Wed 8th May,

Confirmation Ceremony 23rd August.

Registration will open in May.

HUT UPDATE –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.

HELP NEEDED - There is a missionary Catholic family of four that work within the Archdiocese struggling to find rental accommodation within our parish. They are looking to move into the area as soon as possible.

If anyone has a rental available please contact the parish office as we would love to help this lovely family.

Please contact Jo on 0419 733 878 or pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au



God Bless you all, Josephine (Jo) Pastoral Coordinator



In 2023, we had a 26 per cent increase in the number of requests for assistance on the previous year, helping a total of 1239 families (3918 people), assisting families with food, food vouchers, utilities, rent assistance to prevent homelessness, furniture, cost of essential prescriptions and fuel as clothing and schooling needs/uniforms as well as blankets during winter.

Between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2023, Regents Park and Jimboomba conferences had a 68 per cent increase in the number of contacts for assistance and have helped a total of 9107 people in our community providing 3230 hours of contact time and \$351,000 in food and financial assistance.

WORSHIP

This 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

Next Week: 5th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark: 1:29-39

Prayer Requests for the sick:

**Hernan Martinez, Val Rooney; Ron Herbert;
John McReady; John Grech, Arthur
Maloney, Gina Eldridge, Hernan Martinez,
Suzie Collyer.**

Recently Deceased:

Maria Gabrielle, Louisa Manu, Bernard Eborn.

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9am St Bernardine's Mass.

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

CATHOLIC LADIES EATING OUT (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.

**VENUE: Greenbank RSL CAFE
Anzac Av, Hillcrest**

**DATE: Wednesday 7th February 12.30 pm
FOR LUNCH**

**Please call ASTRID RAINES 0417 418 014
to confirm attendance as reservation numbers
required by venue.**

MASS TIMES - 28th Jan - 4th Feb

Sunday 28th February

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

Tuesday 30th January

NO MASS St Catherine's Church

Wednesday 31st January— St John Bosco

NO MASS St Bernardine's Church

Friday 2nd February The Presentation of the Lord

9:00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

Saturday 3rd February

St Ansgar and St Blaise

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4.00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

6.00pm Mass St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 4th February - Word of God Sunday

Fifth 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- 5:45pm
or by appointment with Fr Onyema

Light and Presence

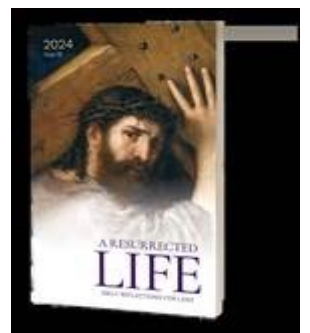
Will resume on 5 March 2024

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



Date Claimer—Ash Wednesday 14 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



St Bernardine's Church
25 Vergulde Road
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Our Lady of the Assumption
4095-4105 Mt Lindesay H'way
Park Ridge South Qld 4125
Stoney Camp Road Exit Mt Lindesay Highway

Kids matter here.



We want you to
feel safe.



We want you to
be safe.



We will listen to
you.



We will help you
with your
problems.

If something is wrong it's OK to tell.



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

St Bernardine's Church Morning Tea Dates
Sunday, 4 February 2024
Sunday, 18 February 2024
after 9.00am Mass bring along a plate to share.

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