

## Regents Park Catholic Parish

**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  
Park Ridge South Qld.

*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:****A WORD OF THANKS**

*Readings: 1st: Lev 13, 1-2, 44-46; Ps: 31, 1-2, 5, 11; 2nd: 1Cor 10, 31, 11, 1; Gos: Mk 1, 40-45*

Today's story may be an early version of the story of the ten lepers. However, the point is quite different. In this version the leper, far from not thanking Jesus, goes about shouting his gratitude to all who would listen. The passage is made more obscure by Mark's literary device of the "Messianic Secret", his recurring claim that Jesus was trying to keep who he was a secret; which today's scholars regard as just an odd narrative form. Surely, however, Jesus did not want to be known as the kind of military messiah that so many people in his time wanted and expected. The predicament of the leper in the time of Jesus was truly pathetic. Those unfortunates were debarred from all social life, both religious and commercial. We might try to explain their plight with examples from one's local surroundings, although it is difficult to find such an all-embracing boycott, in modern cultures.

Jesus crosses social and religious boundaries to cure the leper. But before this could happen, the leper had the courage to break the Law of the Old Testament and approach Jesus. The outcast had such a high opinion of this holy man that he risked a rebuke from him for ignoring the normal prohibitions. At the heart of the encounter, compassion moves Jesus not only to respond with a word of encouragement, but also to reach out and touch him. Here Jesus shows us God's attitude to human disability. He wishes to reach us in our weakness and restore us to fullness of life.

It is not enough that the outcast is restored to health. Without the permission of the priest, he could not regain his place in society and would remain an outcast. Jesus wants to re-establish communion in a broken human family. Leprosy drove people away from others through the fear of the healthy that they would contract the dread disease, but Jesus wants to remove these barriers between human beings and set up a communion that is free and harmonious.

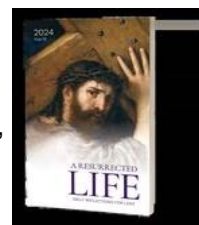
We might apply this to our own community by instancing types of bias and prejudice that exist locally and invite people to ask the Lord to heal whatever keeps them at distance from certain others. Continuing reconciliation is necessary as we go through life and receive various types of hurts, which could make us withdraw from others as the leper did. It requires the courage of the leper to bring these hurts and fears to the Lord for healing.

*Grace and Peace upon you.*

*Fr Onyema.*

A Resurrected Life: daily reflections for lent book now available at the Piety Stall for \$5.00.

Each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis.



**"The leprosy left him and he was cured." Mark 1:40-45**

## 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 9am Mass.

For all enrolment enquires please email [sacramental.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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 **5th May**,

First Holy Communion Mass **15th/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**.

## PASTORAL MATTERS

**Lenten Retreat** - *save this date*—**Saturday 16 March, at OLA, 9.30 sharp to 2.30pm. \$5 to cover morning tea and lunch. Please let us know of any dietary requirements. Set aside this time for prayerful reflection.**

**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.



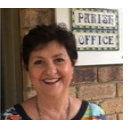
We will need fresh palms for Palm Sunday so please keep your trees looking healthy for this. We will still be using the large palms. This particular palm in picture I would like to also use. It is called the Jerusalem Palm. If anyone has this growing in their back yard please see or email Jo in the parish office. Keep an eye on the newsletter for when we will need the palms sent to office.

Children's liturgy has commenced again. Children's liturgy runs through the school term only when the 9am Mass is on. All our leaders have blue cards and the necessary safeguarding requirements. We will need you to sign in your child/ children only once in the year. Please find registration forms on table at the front of church or ask Mass coordinator. This is only for primary school children, however if your child is under the school age a parent or older sibling is welcome to accompany them.

This year we hope to commence a primary school youth group and a high school Youth group. It will still remain YHUB but will be broken up into to age groups. Please keep an eye out in newsletter for commencement date and registration.

High school youth Hub will still be on the last Friday of the month in the parish centre. All parents must sign in their children on the night. Lots of games, fun, talks, videos etc I hope parents will encourage their children to attend these faith youth groups. The best way to make friends in joining a community of like-minded people who love community and love want to grow in faith. Next High school yHub is Friday 16th February 2024 commencing at 6.00pm till about 8.30pm Food included.

Primary School Yhub – watch for date in newsletter.



## This Week: 6th Sunday Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm:

*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Gospel: Mark: 1:40-45

## Next Week: First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm:

*Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.*

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

## Prayer Requests for the sick of our parish

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

## Prayers for the Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

Derek Clarke

## Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9am St Bernardine's during school term.

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

## Baptism Preparation



Next Baptism Preparation Session

**Monday 26th February at 7.00pm  
St Bernardine's Church**

Please email the office to register attendance.  
[stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au)

## St Vincent de Paul



St Vincent de Paul is asking for your help. Each week, for people in need, we make between 15-20 hampers using large plastic bags. Unfortunately now these plastic bags are no longer available. We would greatly appreciate donations of these plastic bags that you are no longer using. Please bring them along to Mass or drop them off at the Parish Office and they will be passed on to SVDP. Thank you again for supporting our mission.

## Light and Presence



**Will resume on 5 March 2024**

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

## Cuppa and Chat - All Welcome



**9.30am Mondays In The Parish Centre**

**St Bernardine's Church Morning Tea Dates**

Sunday, 18 February 2024

Sunday, 3 March 2024

**after 9.00am Mass bring along a plate to share.**

## MASS TIMES

### Monday 12th February

8.00am Mass St Catherine's Church

### Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday

6.30am Mass St Bernardine's Church

9.00am Liturgy St Bernardine's School Hall  
(Parishioners Welcome)

4.30pm Mass St Catherine's Church

6.30pm Mass Our Lady of the Assumption Church

### Friday 16th February

9:00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

### Saturday 17th February

*The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites*

### First Sunday of Lent

4.00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

6.00pm Mass St Bernardine's Church

### Sunday 18th February

### First Sunday of Lent

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 after Mass  
or by appointment with Fr Onyema

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD  
EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 7.00PM  
IN ST BERNARDINE'S CHURCH.  
BEGINNING 23RD FEBRUARY.**

 **YHUB**  
@ Regents Park

# Youth Night

Friday, February 16  
06:00pm-08:30pm  
St. Bernardine's Parish Centre

**What's happening**

DINNER • GAMES • CRAFT •  
ADORATION

To RSVP or for any queries:  
**Nicky - 0466 644 260**



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be safe.



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you.



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### February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities.

Where does God rank in that list?

If He's not first, you have some work to do.

Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God.

Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"