

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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We are Redeemed by God's Grace in Christ

Readings: 1st: 2 Chr 36:4-23; Ps 136:1-6; 2nd: Ep 2:4-10; Gos: Jn 3:14-21

Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow". Today is **Laetare** Sunday. It is unique because the Church exalts us to rejoice in the hope of our salvation.



Our First reading this weekend presents what seems to be the two sides of a coin; **'the wrath, and the mercy of God revealed in both the exile and liberation of his people'**. Three complaints were made against Israel and its leaders. These include: **"That they were unfaithful; they defiled the temple; and they laughed at the prophets."** This led to their deportation and exile. However, in his mercy, God decided to restore them at his own time. Hence, this reading is essentially a message of hope anchored on the Grace of a loving, merciful, and sovereign God. This is a demonstration of how God chose to save humanity through his only son Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately, for some obvious reasons, only a few of those granted freedom by king Cyrus took advantage of the opportunity to return home. The rest continued living in the land of exile. When God is ready to save us, we have to respond positively to his offer of salvation both from physical and spiritual captivity. It is only through this that our joy will be complete.

In the second reading, St Paul reminds us of our former state and how God did redeem us: **"...When we were dead through sin, He brought us to life with Christ."** This is a manifestation of God's love and mercy, which highlights the Grace of God in action. Today, we rejoice because God has shown us mercy through his Grace.

Furthermore, Paul calls our attention to an essential point and question, **"shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?"** (Rom 6, 1). Of course, the answer is no! We must not take anything for granted. We have a part to play. God's grace has been poured out to save us, we must reach out to fetch it. God expects us to nourish the new life by living a good life. The purpose of saving us through his Grace is clear: **"To live a good life, as he meant us to live it from the beginning."** Yes, this is what Grace did for us. It restored us to the life of innocence. So, we must appreciate what God has done for us through Christ.

Peace and Grace to you
Fr Onyema

"Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." John 2:13-25

MASS TIMES

Monday 11th March

8.00am Mass St Catherine's Church, Jimboomba

Wednesday 13th March

9.00am Mass St Bernardine's Church

Friday 15th March

9.00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

7.00pm Stations of the Cross
St Bernardine's Church

Saturday 16th March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

4.00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

6.00pm Mass St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 17th March

Fifth 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 Catherine's Monday after Mass

St Bernardine's Wednesday after Mass

St Bernardine's Saturday after Mass

or by appointment with Fr Onyema

EASTER SCHEDULE

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

St Bernardine's

Monday 18th March 6.30pm

St Catherine's

Wednesday 20th March 6.00pm

St Bernardine's

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

28 March – 6.30pm

Good Friday Passion 29 March – 3.00pm

Easter Vigil 30 March – 6.00pm

Easter Sunday 31 March – 9.00am

Our Lady of the Assumption

Way of the Cross 29 March – 10.00am

Easter Sunday 31 March – 7.30am

St Catherine's

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

28 March – 4.30pm

Way of the Cross 29 March – 10.00am

Easter Sunday 31 March – 11.00am

This Week: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm:

Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm:

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 3:12:20-33

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

Phyllis Bradley (Mother of Juan McGuire)

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9am St Bernardine's during school term.

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

Baptism



**This weekend at St Bernardine's
through Baptism we welcome into our
Catholic Community**

Viliani Vanderhaar, Ailish Marsden, Ruby Smith

Riley Wannell and Scarlett Wannell

Next Baptism Preparation Session

Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm

St Bernardine's Church

Please email the office to register attendance.

stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au

Cuppa and Chat - All Welcome



9.30am Mondays In The Parish Centre

St Bernardine's Church Morning Tea

Dates Sunday, 17 March 2024

Sunday, 7 April 2024

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

Parish Meetings at Parish Centre

Parish Finance Council

5.00pm Mon 11th March 2024

Parish Leadership Team

7.00pm Mon 11th March 2024

*Any items for the Agenda, please submit to the Parish Office on the
Monday of the week before the scheduled meeting.*



SACRAMENTAL DATES 2024

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

During Lenten week 4 – Pass it on .

**Recall one person, now deceased, who was instrumental in your life.
Choose one specific way you can pass on to another the gift that person gave to you.**

LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday 16 March, at OLA, 9.15 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.



PENENCE

Last Sunday we saw 11 children come to receive the sacrament of penance as 1st rite. So lovely to see parents and children engaging in conversation about forgiveness, the love of God, prayer and how we can make a difference. Maybe this is something as adults we need to revisit in our lives. Forgiveness, prayer, love and making a difference.

First Holy Communion Parent information night on ???! April. This is for parents of children who have already been Baptised and received Confirmation. Children are not required to attend for this night. Refreshments will be available.

Confirmation information night 8th May in parish centre. This is for Parents or carers only, no children are required to attend this night. Refreshments will be available.



The Archdiocesan sacramental process is Confirmation before Communion and is one year apart. See Jo for more details. 0419 733 878 or email sacramental team on sacramental.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au

There are Working bees at all three churches scheduled to clean inside the church as well as outside. We really want as many of our church family to attend and help make our churches clean and beautiful. If you can bring along gardening gear, gloves, rags to clean as we have cleaning products. Lets get our churches looking fantastic for Easter! Please see Jo or Terri Gray for what may be needed. Fr Onyema will provide morning tea. (See back page for dates & times)



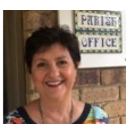
Suggestions- We are friends and family as Fr Onyema said last week in his homily. Instead of gossip or telling only your friends. Please do not hesitate to place your comments in the boxes at the back of the church. They can be anonymous and Fr Onyema and the Parish Leadership Team will endeavour to support your suggestion or ideas.

Palm Sunday: If anyone has palms we can use please drop them at the office no later than Thursday 21st March. If the office is closed please place them in the pergola area of office. We also need the large palms to decorate the church. We will be decorating St Bernardine's on the working bee day – 23rd March.

All welcome please come and help in some way.



God Bless you all, Josephine (Jo) Pastoral Coordinator



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Chrism Mass 2024

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual Chrism Mass to be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 21 March 2024 commencing at 7:00pm. This Mass is a celebration for the whole Archdiocese, and everyone is welcome.

The Cathedral car park will be available from 6:00pm.

A light supper will be served following the Mass.



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EASTER WORKING BEE

St Catherine's

Saturday 23rd March at 8.00am

Our Lady of the Assumption

Saturday 23rd March at 6.30am

St Bernardine's

Saturday 23rd March at 7.30am

Please BYO garden tools, utes & trailers.

