

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

Into the Valley of Death

One focus during Lent is to reflect on our own death and to see our way through it. We all must die, as much as we do not like the fact. We try to hide it or deny it. Yet we cannot in fact escape it. Jesus came into the world, not so much to do away with death (not immediately) but to teach us how to die by his example and then to assure us that death does not say the last word about life. When we walk into the valley of death we do not walk alone. Jesus is with us because He's been there before and knows what it is like. Moreover, he promises us that just as he rose from the dead so will we. We will all be young again. We will all laugh again.

Once upon a time there was a young grandmother who totally adored her oldest grandson (like most grandmothers do). He was a good young man too. Handsome, friendly, courteous, more mature than you could reasonably expect any teenager to be. He was also an excellent athlete and was to be valedictorian of his class. Then, just a week before graduation, another teenager (completely drunk) plunged into the car in which the young man was arriving home from a baseball game. He died three hours later in the hospital. Everyone in the family was devastated, as you can well imagine. The grandmother was furious. "Why do such terrible things happen?" she demanded. "Why did it have to happen to my grandson? What kind of God would permit this to happen to me? He must be a cruel and vicious God. Why should I believe in him? I don't believe in him. My grandson was so young; he had the rest of his life ahead of him. It's all right for 'very old ones' to die, but not for someone who had a right to a long and happy life. I don't believe in heaven. I don't believe in anything."

She carried on like this for months, years, making the tragedy even harder for her family. She stopped going to Church and refused to talk to the priest who visited her house to talk to her. "I just hate God," she insisted. Then one night, maybe she was dreaming, maybe she was half-awake, her grandson, in his baseball uniform, came to visit her. "Cool it, Grams," he told her. "I'm happy. Life is much better where I am. You're not acting like my grams any longer. We all must die sometime, young, or old, but here we're all young and life is peaceful." So, the grandmother began to let go of her grief and rage. Do you find yourself in some similar situation, please let go. In Christ Jesus, life has no end, but is being transformed. Think about this!

Peace and Grace to you all.
Fr Onyema



MASS TIMES

Monday 18th March - St Patrick

8.00am Mass St Catherine's Church, Jimboomba

Wednesday 20th March

9.00am Mass St Bernardine's Church

Friday 22nd March

9.00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

7.00pm Stations of the Cross
St Bernardine's Church

Saturday 23rd March - St Turibius de Mogrovejo

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4.00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

6.00pm Mass St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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: 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 12:20-30

Next Week: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 15:1-39

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

Wladyslaw Danischewski

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 9am St Bernardine's during school term.

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

Baptism

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 Leadership Team

7.00pm Wed 10th April 2024

Parish Finance Council

5.00pm Mon 13th May 2024

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

YOUTH GROUP

Primary Aged Youth Group Grade 3-6

22nd March 3.30pm - 5.30pm

The Hut, St Bernardine's

High Schoolers Youth Group

22nd March 6.00pm-8.30pm

St Bernardine's Parish Centre



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 5 – Realise the wonderfulness of living.
Emily in Our Town says, “ Oh Earth, you’re too wonderful for anybody to realise you. Do any human being server realise life while they live it – every, every minute?” **At the end of each day write down in your journal the wonder of the ordinary in your day. Thank God.**

First Holy Communion Parent information night on 22nd April at 7pm. 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.

Please register by phoning parish office or emailing sacramental.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au



Crossroads RCIA is for high school children who have not received sacraments of the church, Baptism, Confirmation or Holy Communion. Jo will be commencing workshops to support all the children in their journey. If you would like to know more please contact the pastoral coordinator Jo Cullen or the parish office for more details. Registrations are open now. First session will commence in May.

RCIA (Rite of Christian initiation of adults) is a journey to learn more about the faith and the catholic traditions. Through this journey you will have the opportunity to build a relationship with Christ as well as receive the sacraments of the church. If you or you know someone who maybe interested, please contact Jo on 0419 733 878 or pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au



Holy Week

IMPORTANT – If you will be here for the Easter Triduum Ceremonies and Masses can you please let Jo know if you would like to be part of the preparations for Easter.

We are in need of Altar servers, communion ministers, proclaimers, welcomers and more please see Jo or write your name on the notice board at the back of church.



Altar servers always make our celebrations and masses so special. Looking for Altar servers for Easter Masses. If you would like to be a server training will be provided with Fr Onyema and Jo. Please contact Jo or parish office if you or your child can help.

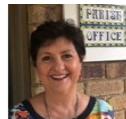


Palm Sunday: If anyone has palms we can use please drop them at the office no later than Thursday 21st March. If the office is closed please place them in the pergola area of office. We also need the large palms to decorate the church. We will be decorating St Bernardine's on the working bee day – 23rd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

All welcome please come and help in some way.

God Bless you all, Josephine (Jo)

Pastoral Coordinator



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

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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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SVDP REPORT

In January:

Brown's Plains St Bernardine's Conference had 102 contacts and assisted 300 people including 145 children at a total cost of \$18,623.43. St Catherine's Jimboomba Conference completed 25 visits, assisting 93 people including 50 children under 17 years at a total cost of \$4,456.21.

In February:

Brown's Plains St Bernardine's Conference had 78 contacts and assisted 222 people including 112 children at a total cost of \$10,843. St Catherine's Jimboomba Conference completed 28 visits, assisting 84 people including 47 children under 17 years at a total cost of \$3,695.01.

