Regents Park Catholic Parish





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

Parish Priest: Fr Onyema Eloagu

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Moving House

Psychologists tell us that, apart from the death of a loved one, perhaps the most traumatic experience a person can have is that of moving house. Those of us who have gone through this experience can attest to some truth contained in these words. One of the benefits derived from the exercise (moving house), however; is that we get rid of all the junk we have accumulated since our last move. It could perhaps be argued that people's dread of moving is directly proportionate to the amount of "stuff" they have gathered.

Today we find Jesus clearing all the accumulated junk out of the Holy Temple. But what is happening here is not merely the removal of unwanted items. By this symbolic act, Jesus is calling all the peoples of the earth to worship God "in spirit and in truth." True worshippers, he will tell us later in the gospel, are those who worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Worship is not a word which figures largely in our religious vocabulary today. Like "adoration," it is a particularly

God-centred word, ill-suited to be our self-centred age where religiousness is more often expressed in terms of self-actualisation.

There is a sense in which it is true to say that people today have forgotten how to worship, so that often even our liturgical acts simply become gatherings or experiences. To worship means to acknowledge the transcendence of God, and his Lordship, and to respond appropriately. Rather than being just a relic of primitive religion, worship is an integral part of the Judeo-Christian religious sense. From deep within our self, springs the desire to worship and adore God. Getting in tune with that desire and expressing it through word and gesture is at the heart of prayer (Our Catholic Liturgy).

To worship in spirit and in truth, we must prepare our hearts and minds by being faithful to the covenant relationship *(keeping the commandments)* and seeking the wisdom of God, which is the wisdom of the Cross. We must let Jesus cleanse us, as he cleansed the Temple, leave our sins behind, and simplify our lives, getting rid of any needless clutter. Then we can enter the New Temple, which is Jesus himself, praying in and through him.

Through the pierced side of Christ, we now have "access to the Father in the one Spirit." If we are to properly worship God, we must leave behind everything that gets in the way, and then enter that "Secret Chamber" which is the side of Christ, and there worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Peace and Grace to you. Fr Onyema

MASS TIMES

Monday 4th March - St Casimir

8.00am Mass St Catherine's Church, Jimboomba

Wednesday 6th March

9.00am Mass St Bernardine's Church

Friday 8th March - St John of God

9:00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

St Bernardine's Church

Saturday 9th March - St Frances of Rome Fourth Sunday of Lent

4.00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres6.00pm Mass St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 10th March Fourth 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: Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Next 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

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 Preparation



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

St Catherine's Working Bee

Saturday 9th March 8.00am

Cuppa and Chat - All Welcome



9.30am Mondays In The Parish Centre

St Bernardine's Church Morning Tea Dates Sunday, 3 March 2024 Sunday, 17 March 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 3

Consider who might be the last person you would leave any materials or resources to if you were to die today? Then spend at least 10 minutes in prayer for that person.

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.





SACRAMENT OF PENENCE

This weekend at the 9am St Bernardine's Mass we welcome children in Grade 5 and above who have been baptised, received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion to now receive God's Mercy (reconciliation). We pray for them and their families as their faith journey continues.



CAN YOU SERVE?

We are looking for more Mass coordinators, sacristans, Altar Servers and cleaners for our churches. If you can help or wish to know more about the ministry group please do not ve. Grow. Serve. hesitate to contact me. I am happy to meet over a coffee to chat about the ministries.



If anyone has any Coles or Woolworths plastic bags they are really needed for Vinnies. Can you please drop at the office or give to Jo or Mass coordinators at Mass.

ADORATION

Holy Hour Adoration will begin Wednesday 3rd April 7.00pm in

St Bernardine's Church and Thursday 4th April in St Catherine's Church.





God Bless you all, Josephine (Jo) Pastoral Coordinator



Best wishes and prayers to our parishioners who are

celebrating their Birthday in this month of March.

Launch Afternoon Friday 22nd March, The Hut

www.encountercatholickids.com.au/regentspark

Questions? Contact Jo or Andrea at the Parish office Parish Office: 3362 8770 or stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au

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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: Jo & Co Café (near ALDI)

Illaweena Rd Drewvale

DATE: Wednesday 6th March 1230hrs FOR LUNCH

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EASTER WORKING BEE

St Catherine's

Saturday 9th March at 8.00am Yard and Church clean-up



Our Lady of the Assumption Saturday 23rd March at 6.30am

Please BYO garden tools, utes & trailers.