

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

Towards the Promised Land



A long time ago, the land of Israel had two very different parts. The Southern area was mostly a harsh desert where few living things could survive. In contrast, the Northern region, Galilee, was fertile and had a thriving population. This difference in nature likely influenced how people thought about responding to God.

Moses' last message emphasizes this: *"Today I offer you life and prosperity, or death and disaster. If you stay true to the Lord, he will bless you. But if you turn away or stop listening, you will face disaster. I encourage you to choose life, so you can live in the love of the Lord."*

This idea of two choices, good and evil, greatly affected the early Church. It shows up in today's gospel, which speaks of blessings and woes, and also in the reading from Jeremiah, where our choices are compared to the two extremes found in Israel. Those who rely only on themselves will struggle like dry shrubs in the desert, but those who trust in the Lord will thrive like a tree next to water, always producing fruit.

The prophets also speak about fairness and sharing: "Woe to those who keep adding to their wealth until they own everything," meaning those who try to monopolize resources. "Woe to those who wake up early for drinks and stay up late partying," referring to pleasure-seekers. "Woe to those who call what is bad good and what is good bad," meaning those who confuse morality. "Woe to those who take bribes and do not act justly," referring to dishonest people. Human nature hasn't changed; this message is still relevant today.

Then there are the poor and suffering people, those facing hardships for trying to live by Christ's teachings. Their only hope is to trust in God's care, and Jesus says they are blessed because their trust will be rewarded by God.

Jesus turns the world's expectations upside down. If you work hard for what the world values, you might get it, but that will be your only reward and will not last forever.

On the other hand, if you stay loyal to God and follow Christ's message, you may face mockery, but great joy awaits you in the end, a joy that can never be taken away from you.

Peace and Grace to you all.

Fr Onyema

MASS TIMES

Monday 17th February

The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites (OM)

10.30am Mass Berrinba Greens Care Community

5.30pm Finance Council Meeting (parish centre)

Wednesday 19th February

9.00am Mass St Bernardine's Church

6.30pm RCIA session (parish centre)

Thursday 20th February

8.00am Mass St Catherine's Church

9.00am Emmaus College Class Liturgy - St Catherine's

Friday 21st February

Saint Peter Damian (OM)

9.00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

Saturday 22nd February

The Chair of Saint Peter (F)

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4.00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

6.00pm Mass St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 23rd February

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7.30am Mass Our Lady of the Assumption Church

9:30am Mass St Bernardine's Church

5.30pm Mass St Catherine's Church

Reconciliation Times

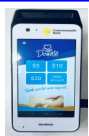
St Bernardine's Wednesday **after** Mass

St Catherine's Thursday **after** Mass

St Bernardine's Saturday **after** Mass

OR BY APPOINTMENT WITH FR ONYEMA

The parish has just received an eftpos machine. It can be used for donations and the piety stall at each church.



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Collection plate at Mass.

This Week: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Next Week: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Prayer requests for the sick of our parish

Luka Gabriel, Donald Wallace,
Andrea Armanasco, Trish Scammell, Doug Bakon,
Eva & Bilo Tarr, Cely Geronimo, Claude Smith,
John Grech, Arthur Maloney, Gina Eldridge,
Suzie Collyer.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy Sunday 9.30am St Bernardine's .

**For school aged children
unless accompanied by a parent.
Please book in your children .**

Baptism



**Next Baptism Preparation Session
Wednesday 19th February 7.00pm
St Bernardine's Church**

Please email the office to register attendance
stbernardines@bne.catholic.net.au

Cuppa and Chat - All Welcome



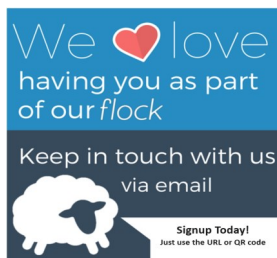
Cuppa and Chat
Monday 9.30am in the Parish Centre.

St Bernardine's Church Morning Tea

Dates Sunday, 2 March 2025

Sunday, 16 March 2025

after 9.30am Mass *bring along a plate to share.*



Parish Meetings at Parish Centre

Parish Finance Council

5.30pm Mon 17th February 2025

Parish Leadership Team

5.30pm Wed 12th March 2025

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



PLEASE HELP

CLEANERS -Our church home is like our own home and it is something we should all care for. We are in need of regular cleaners at St Bernardine's who are available and be on roster for cleaning the church once a month. Please see Jo or contact parish office.

MOWING – Our grass around the grounds of the church are looking a little untidy. This can be very costly to the parish by hiring someone. We have been blessed over the last few months to have 3 men who have spontaneously come along and mowed the grass. It would be great to get a team of people together to keep our grass low. If you are able to help to mow the church and be on a roster please see JO or contact the parish office if you can help.

SACRAMENTAL – Children who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy communion will need to confirm attendance at the Mass on the **16th March** for their commitment ceremony and to receive their workbook. The actual session date will be the **30th March**. Contact parish office for more details or questions.

Easter Palms for Ash Wednesday – If you would like to bring along your **BLESSED PALMS** from last year please place it in the bucket that is at the front of the church. The week before Ash Wednesday Fr Onyema will burn the palms for our ashes on the **5th March**.



You will notice that we have posters up at church and a QR code set up for our youth to have their say. Please encourage your high school children to use this code as it gives us an idea of what the youth want as well as encouraging the growth of the high school youth.

2025 EASTER SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday - 5th March

St Bernardine's	Mass 6.30am
St Bernardine's School Hall (parishioners welcome)	Liturgy 9.00am
St Catherine's	Mass 4.30pm
Our Lady of the Assumption	Mass 6.30pm

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

St Catherine's	Monday 7 April 6.00pm
St Bernardine's	Monday 14 April 6.30pm

St Bernardine's

Thursday of the Lord's Supper	17 April – 6.00pm
Way of the Cross	18 April – 1.45pm
Good Friday Passion	18 April – 3.00pm
Easter Vigil	19 April – 6.00pm
Easter Sunday	20 April – 9.30am

Our Lady of the Assumption

Way of the Cross	18 April – 7.30am
Easter Sunday	20 April – 7.30am

St Catherine's

Thursday of the Lord's Supper	17 April – 4.00pm
Way of the Cross	18 April – 10.00am
Easter Sunday	20 April – 11.00am

St Paul de Chartres

Thursday of the Lord's Supper	17 April – 9.00am
Easter Saturday	20 April – 4.00pm

Stations of the cross will be held each Friday during Lent at 7.00pm in St Bernardine's Church. Beginning 7th March.

Sacramental Programme 2025



Registrations for PENANCE is open, last years First Holy Communion families have been emailed information. Please RSVP attendance.

PENANCE (Year 5 and above)

Rite of Commitment -

16 March 9.30am Mass St Bernardine's Church

Penance, God's Mercy and Forgiveness -

30th March 9.30am Mass St Bernardine's Church

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (Year 4 and above)

Dates to be advised.

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 and above)

Parent Information and Registration Night-

Wednesday 30th July 7.00pm St Bernardine's Church

More dates to be advised.

YOUTH NIGHT

DINNER | GAMES | FELLOWSHIP
OPEN TO HIGHSCHOOLERS

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

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MARCH 7
6 - 8 PM

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February 16, 2025 - Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way." Luke 6:24-26

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual and moral life and first consider whether you are blessed to be living a life that more imitates the saints or whether you more often reflect the serious struggles of the sinner. From there, try to choose which form of teaching you need the most. Do you need to ponder the rewards of seeking even greater beatitude in life so as to grow deeper in holiness? Or do you need Jesus' clear condemnations to help you break free from the cycle of sin with which you are struggling? Humbly identify that which is most helpful to you right now in your spiritual life and allow this full sermon of Jesus to help you on your journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.