

Regents Park Catholic Parish



St Bernardine's Church

25 Vergulde Road
Regents Park Qld 4118



St Catherine's Church

74-76 East Street
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Our Lady of the Assumption

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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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**WILDERNESS AND WEAKNESS:
A REFLECTION ON LENT AND CHRIST'S TEMPTATION**

The Season of Lent invites us into a journey of reflection, vulnerability, and spiritual transformation. At the heart of this sacred season lies Christ's temptation in the wilderness, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke 4:1-13, our Gospel this weekend.



Luke's account begins with Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, being led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The wilderness represents a place of isolation, deprivation, and spiritual testing. After forty days of fasting, Jesus is at his most physically vulnerable - hungry, alone, and seemingly at his weakest. It is precisely in this moment of extreme human fragility that the tempter approaches.

The three temptations Jesus faces are deeply symbolic. First, the temptation to turn stones into bread speaks to immediate physical gratification and self-sufficiency. In a state of extreme hunger, Jesus is challenged to use his divine power for personal comfort, to escape his present suffering. Yet, he responded with wisdom: "Man shall not live on bread alone." This response reveals a deeper understanding of sustenance, that human life is not merely about physical survival, but about spiritual nourishment.

The second temptation offers worldly power and authority - a shortcut to influence and control. The devil shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, promising global dominion without the path of sacrifice and suffering. This temptation challenges the very nature of Christ's mission, offering power without pain, leadership without love. Jesus' rejection speaks to the corruption of power and the true nature of servant leadership.

The final temptation is a challenge to God's protection and Christ's own identity. "If you are the Son of God," the tempter says, urging Jesus to throw himself down from the temple's highest point, forcing God's intervention. It is a temptation to manipulate divine love, to test God's faithfulness through a display of supernatural rescue.

In each temptation, Jesus reveals that spiritual resilience comes not from personal strength, but from a deep connection with God's word. This wilderness experience becomes a microcosm of the human spiritual journey, a testament to the reality that temptation is not about the absence of struggle, but about how we choose to respond in our moments of greatest vulnerability.

Lent calls us to our own wilderness; to confront our weaknesses, to resist immediate gratification, to understand that true power lies not in control but in the quiet faithfulness to God.

Peace and Grace to you all. Fr Onyema

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted. Luke 4:1-13

MASS TIMES

Wednesday 12th March

9.00am Mass St Bernardine's Church

Thursday 13th March

8.00am Mass St Catherine's Church

Friday 14th March

9.00am Mass St Paul de Chartres

7.00pm Stations of the Cross St Bernardine's Church

Saturday 15th March

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

4.00pm Mass St Paul de Chartres

6.00pm Mass St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 16th March

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7.30am Mass Our Lady of the Assumption Church

9.30am Mass St Bernardine's Church

(Rite of Commitment - Penance)

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

**Please keep an eye out
for email and
Facebook updates
regarding any changes to
this weekend Masses.**



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This Week: **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

1st Reading: *Deuteronomy 26:4-10*

Responsorial Psalm:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Next Week: **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Prayer requests for the sick of our parish

Luka Gabriel, Donald Wallace, Andrea Armanasco, ,
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 March 7.00pm
St Bernardine's Church**

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

Cuppa and Chat - All Welcome



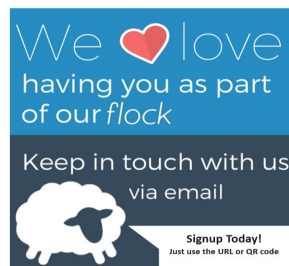
Cuppa and Chat
Monday 9.30am in the Parish Centre.

St Bernardine's Church Morning Tea

Dates Sunday, 16 March 2025

Sunday, 6 April 2025

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



Parish Meetings at Parish Centre

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.*

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.



Crossroads RCIT 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 pastoral coordinator Jo Cullen pastoral.stbern@bne.catholic.net.au or the parish office for more details. Sessions will commence in July please register.

God bless you all, Josephine (Jo) Pastoral Coordinator

2025 EASTER SCHEDULE

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.

DUE TO CYCLONE ECK AND YOUTH NIGHT ARE CANCELLED THIS FRIDAY.



Encounter kids rescheduled to Friday 14th March.

Sacramental Programme 2025



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)

Rite of Commitment & Workshops -
25 May 9.30am Mass St Bernardine's Church
1 June 9.30am Mass St Bernardine's Church
15 June 9.30am Mass St Bernardine's Church
21/22 June First Holy Communion Mass

CONFIRMATION (Year 3 and above)

Parent Information and Registration Night-
Wednesday 25th June 7.00pm St Bernardine's Church

Rite of Commitment -
26/27 July Mass St Bernardine's Church

Workshops

10 August 9.30am Mass St Bernardine's Church
17 August 9.30am Mass St Bernardine's Church
31 August 9.30am Mass St Bernardine's Church
12 September 6.30pm Confirmation Ceremony
St Bernardine's Church

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. Please note this is the **SECOND WEDNESDAY OF MONTH**

VENUE: GOLDEN INN CHINESE RESTAURANT
(in shopping Centre near McDonalds)
133 Brisbane Street
Jimboomba

DATE: Wednesday 12th March 2025 @ 1200hrs
FOR LUNCH

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