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MASS TIMES

Mon 17 July - Sun 23 July 2023

Monday 9.15am St Catherine's

Tuesday 9.15am St Bernard's

Wednesday 7.00am St Catherine's

Thursday 7.00am St Bernard's

Friday 8.00am St Bernard's

9.30am St Martin's

Saturday 5.00pm St Bernard's

6.15pm St Catherine's

Sunday 6.30am St Bernard's

8.00am St Martin's

8.30am St Catherine's

9.30am St Bernard's

5.00pm St Bernard's

RECONCILIATION

St Bernard's: Saturdays 4.00pm

St Catherine's: By appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

by arrangement with the
Parish Office.

Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Catholic Parish



St Bernard's, Upper Mt Gravatt
St Martin's, Eight Mile Plains
St Catherine's, Wishart

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, faith-filled parish whose members care for one another and are welcoming and inclusive.

The Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Catholic Parish acknowledges the Jagera and Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose lands we live, work and worship.

15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

15 / 16 July 2023

READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

The parables in today's readings from Isaiah and Matthew provide a mirror held up to us, to see in them the reflection of our own response to God's word.

Today's **First Reading** effectively forms the conclusion of the second part of Isaiah (40–55). These chapters, or this second 'book', proclaims God's compassion for those exiled in Babylon; their suffering and alienation from their land is about to end. The prophecy makes what for many contemporaries would have been an

outrageous, even laughable, claim. God will use the Persian ruler, Cyrus, to deliver the peoples of tiny, insignificant Israel and Judah. And even more, Israel and Judah (small as they are) will be entrusted with God's mission "to the ends of the earth." One can imagine that such massive claims would have generated vigorous debate among exiles and others. This concluding statement effectively reminds the audience—what God says, God does.

In the **Gospel**, the sower is over-abundant with the way he throws the seed haphazardly, not worrying about where the seed lands or how much of the seed will be "harvestable". God's love and call is the same—it "falls" on us all. The hearer must decide for themselves do they hear God's word at a surface level and not allow it to take root (like the rock), do they push it aside (eaten by birds), do they allow life to overwhelm it (weeds), or do they allow it to take root and grow—changing their lives in the process.



The **Second Reading** is as an expression of hope: hope not just for the eventual salvation of human beings but a hope that the non-human created world, with its necessary connection to our own bodily existence, might somehow share in that salvation as well. This is in fact one of the few passages in the New Testament where the fate of the world – what Pope Francis calls 'Our Common Home' in his encyclical *Laudato Si* – seems also to be in view.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Graham Lawton (son of Ursula), Elizabeth Lancaster, Bruno Seeto, Beth Riegler, Leia Jehnke, Ermida Andreussi who died recently. Also Mary Cusack, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Anthony Nhon Ngo, Mary McPaul, Iris Dodd, Sally-Anne McGeorge, Judy Pattinson, Trish McGuire, Ena Carson, Ag Corrie, Pauline Fenton whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 18 JULY

CRAFT GROUP

10am to 2pm in St Bernard's Community Centre. BYO Food and cup.

FUNERAL

10.30am, Bruno Seeto, St Bernard's Church.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

FRIDAY 21 JULY

AGED CARE MASS

9.00am, Terrigal Lodge.

FUNERAL

10.30am, Beth Riegler, St Bernard's Church.

ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITY

The Archdiocese Adult Faith team have organised a series of four modules for people interested in digging deeper into aspects of their faith. Registrations are open for the second module, "Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures" commencing on Monday 21st August from 7pm - 9pm.

Our Parish is hosting a hub at St Bernard's Community Centre. Cost \$150 for the 10 sessions.

Brochures are available in the Churches or contact Pauline at the Parish Office for more information.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST CATHERINE'S

SUNDAY 16 JULY 8.30am Mass

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS BUS TRIP

Wednesday 26 July 2023

Departs St Catherine's bus stop at 8am.

We are off to Redcliffe to visit the **Redcliffe Museum**.

BYO food for morning tea beforehand at Pelican Park Clontarf. Lunch at the Redcliffe Tavern.

Contact Ros on 3349 9218 for trip booking and ordering your lunch selection option.

We hope to walk to Bee Gees Way for a look around after lunch.

Cost \$50 each depending on numbers.

Please bring any used stamps for Bob and Maureen Hore to send to the Missions Office.

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

We would like to warmly welcome Hazel Sikakau to our Team. Hazel is taking on the role of Parish Secretary as our lovely Michelle has retired and moved to the beautiful sunny Gold Coast.

 We will miss Michelle's knowledge of parishioners and parish operations as well as her unflappable nature.

Michelle has graciously offered to mentor Hazel in her role so she will be in the office from time to time.

We are very fortunate to secure the services of Hazel who will be working Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.



The annual **Quo Vadis Weekend** is an opportunity for young men to learn more about the priesthood in an environment that will equip and inspire a better

understanding of their personal calling. Men who are single and open to priesthood aged 18-35 are invited.

DATE: 5 pm Friday 4th - 2 pm Sunday 6th of August.

LOCATION: Holy Spirit Seminary (487 Earnshaw Road, Banyo).

COST: \$100

RSVP: 19th July 2023 by emailing your Expression of Interest to vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

Feedback from Mark, one of our Parishioners

"Was a great experience when I went last year, I honestly think all young men should go - we often forget that religious life exists as an alternative to all the other life-style/career choices we see advertised."

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY

Tuesday 25 July at 7.00pm

St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong.

The event will take the format of a panel to discuss "Nurturing the nurturer" – how does a person in a nurturing role, sustain their own spirit?

Entry by donation & supper provided.

See further details on event flyer available on parish website www.stignatiustoowong.org.au

This event will be livestreamed the link will be available via parish website www.stignatiustoowong.org.au

ENTRANCE: COME TO THE WATER

Refrain: Come to the water, you who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come
and be filled with the goodness I have to
offer! Come! Listen! Live!

1. Why spend your money on what cannot fill the emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy goodness and peace in your heart! **Refrain**
3. Just as the rain falls to water the earth,
just as a seed becomes bread,
my word upon you can never return
until my longing is filled! **Refrain**

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GLORIA

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God heavenly king, O God, almighty father.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

Refrain

For you alone are the holy one,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God, the Father.

Refrain

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 64

All: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; All who come to him will live forever.
The seed is the word of God.

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

EUCARISTIC ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

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COMMUNION: UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

Refrain: Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.

3. Make your home in me as I make mine in you; those who remain in me bear much fruit. **Refrain**
4. If you remain in me and my word lives in you; then you will be my disciples. **Refrain**
5. Those who love me are loved by my Father; we shall be with them and dwell in them. **Refrain**

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SONG OF PRAISE: SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN

Refrain: Seed, scattered and sown,
wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one,
the Living Bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land,
wine, work of our hands,
one cup that is shared by all;
the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

1. Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured?
Refrain
2. The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.
The seed within good ground will flower and have life.
Refrain

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RECESSONAL: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

3. You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

4. We are blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Live is the Kingdom of God!
Refrain

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Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen

Couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage at the 11.30am Mass on Saturday 30 September. There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share please contact David Todd email: toddd@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3030 by 1 September.

To register to attend Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22 September 2023
Email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3324 3030.

MASS CENTRES



St Bernard's
4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt



St Martin's
Cnr Logan & Chester Rds,
Eight Mile Plains



St Catherine's
388 Newnham Rd, Wishart



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Parish Office Hours

8.30am - 4.30pm
Monday - Friday

Closed Weekends and Public Holidays.

For urgent matters after hours please call 3849 7158 and leave a short message with your name & phone number. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

SCHOOLS

St Bernard's School
Principal: Daniel Hodge
1823 Logan Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt
Phone: 3849 4800

St Catherine's School
Principal: Paul Mitchell
388 Newnham Rd, Wishart
Phone: 3349 7188

Clairvaux MacKillop College
Principal: Wayne Chapman
24 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt
Phone: 3347 9200

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Clairvaux MacKillop College

2023 College Tour



Please join us for a College Tour on

WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY 2023
9.00am TO 10.30am

This event will provide you with a comprehensive insight into the life of Clairvaux MacKillop College and will allow you to take a tour with our Student Mentors; meet our Principal, Mr Wayne Chapman, and senior members of staff. We look forward to welcoming you to the College.

Additional Tour Date: Wednesday 6th September 9am to 10.30am



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via the Enrolments tab or telephone 3347 9275

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Tuesday 22 August | 9.30am - 11.00am

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Pre loved Markets

Saturday 5 August

10.00am - 3.00pm



Our Lady of Fatima Parish



350 Mortimer Road

Acacia Ridge



HOLY LAND TOUR 7-17 NOVEMBER 2023

This 2023 Pilgrimage promises to be grace-filling. Contact for more details:
Hyacinth or Suren: Mobile: 0431791285 Phone: 1300 200 100.
Email: sales@idestrytravel.com.au

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22 / 23 July 2023

READINGS

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 *In the place of sin, you give repentance.*

Romans 8:26-27 *The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30 *Let them grow together until the harvest.*

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

We warmly welcome you and your family. If you have recently moved into this area we invite you to join our Parish.

Please contact the Parish Office on 3849 7158 or email umg@bne.catholic.net.au

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Our Newsletter is available via email. Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know requires access to the newsletter.

You are also able to view our weekly newsletter on our website: www.umgwparish.org.au

**I've found marriage to be very educational.
For example, I had no idea there was a wrong way to put milk in the fridge.**