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## MASS TIMES

### Mon 24 July - Sun 30 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.*

### 16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 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.*

Our readings today help us to see some of the characteristics of God and help us to know and trust God.

In the **First Reading**, Israel's history is used to show the God who is both just and merciful. It also uses the imagery of a majestic king to show God as strong and in control. The image of God encourages the hearer that hope and trust in God is not misplaced. It is only when we know God that we can come to truly know ourselves and our relationship to God and God's creatures.

The long version of today's **Gospel** uses three parables to help the audience understand the Kingdom of God and by extension, God. The Gospel follows on from last week's (why some people don't seem to respond to the Good News) and initially picks up the idea of God's justice. The weeds described look almost the same as the wheat as it grows. It is only as it matures that the wheat can readily be seen. Similarly in our world. Good and evil are entwined and only in God's timing will they be separated. With many of the complex issues we face it is not easy to discern the weeds from the wheat. Good people of faith might hold different views. The parable seems to suggest that we need to live with both the wheat and the weeds and leave the task of judgment to God. Jesus offers this teaching to console and encourage his followers. Their task, as servants, is to sow goodness. The task of destroying evil is God's.

The two shorter parables address the nature of God's kingdom. The kingdom may be unimpressive in its current manifestation in the activity of Jesus. But before long, like the mustard seed, it will have sprouted up into something far greater – a substantial tree to which many, like the birds of the air, will flock. Similarly, leaven, going about its work silently and unobtrusively within measures of flour produces a result totally out of proportion to its size. So, too, the kingdom may not have spectacular beginnings but, as proclaimed and enacted by Jesus, it is quietly and effectively working transformation. These parables show us a God who works with and through the ordinary in unexpected ways. We also see a God who chooses to work slowly over time.

In the **Second Reading** Paul tries to help the audience to see part of the work of the Holy Spirit. God, in the Spirit, identifies with human weakness (inability to pray), takes it on, and thus comes to our assistance. God has a purpose, and though we do not know what that purpose is, the enabling Spirit of God moves us toward it. Even our human weaknesses are not an obstacle to holiness as God will provide a way.



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## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Michael Bright, Graham Lawton, Marie Byrne, Bruno Seeto, Beth Riegler, Leia Jehnke who died recently. Also Robby McCormick, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Milton Carmichael, Doris Buchanan, Stuart Bray, Eddie Burton, Tony Bengston, Ray Hall, Mavis Barker, Terri Reeves whom we remember.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### MONDAY 24 JULY

#### FUNERAL

10.30am, Graham Lawton, St Catherine's Church.

#### FUNERAL

1.00pm, Michael Bright, St Bernard's Church.

### TUESDAY 24 JULY

#### COMMUNION TO AGED CARE

TriCare, Agay Street.

#### CRAFT GROUP

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

#### SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Social Justice / Lifelong Learning Team has a vital role to play in our Parish, but we need more members to assist in the important tasks of - supporting refugees and asylum seekers, following Pope Francis' orders in the way we care for creation, developing a Reconciliation Action Plan as required by our archbishop and **most** important of all, advocating for a successful referendum to give the indigenous community a Voice to Parliament.

When refreshments are served on either the first or second Sunday of August, there will be a selection of library books for you to browse and borrow and an opportunity to buy the book entitled *Voice to Parliament Handbook* by Thomas Mayo and Kerry O'Brien for \$10. Please mark your calendar.

## 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.



## BAPTISM

We congratulate

**John Hobbs, son of John & Marissa.**

He will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

## WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY

Tuesday 25 July at 7.00pm

St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong.

Entry by donation & supper provided.

Details on event flyer available on parish website

[www.stignatiustoowong.org.au](http://www.stignatiustoowong.org.au)



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](mailto: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.”

## ENTRANCE: GATHER US IN

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness, vanished away, see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame; call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion, lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, but here in this place, the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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 85

**All:** Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

**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: BREAD BROKEN, WINE SHARED

**Chorus:** Bread broken, wine shared; Jesus here,  
taking our lives, opening our hearts,  
making us whole, setting our loving free.

1. Take all our dreams, all that we are, all we could ever be.  
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours, we take bread and eat. **Chorus**
2. Open our minds, open our hearts, let love set us free within.  
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours, we pour wine and drink. **Chorus**
3. Make us alive, filled with Your hope, living what's really true.  
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours, we know this is You. **Chorus**

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## SONG OF PRAISE: 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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## 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:  
Love is the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

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## 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



#### Facebook:

Like us: <http://www.facebook.com/umgwp parish>

#### 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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## LOURDES HILL COLLEGE OPEN MORNING TOUR

Tuesday 22 August | 9.30am - 11.00am

[lhc.qld.edu.au](http://lhc.qld.edu.au)



## Save The Date

### Catholic Mission Ambassador Open Day 2023

We invite you to come along and find out more about the work of Catholic Mission and how you can engage in mission through our ambassador training.

Date: Sat - 12th Aug 2023

Time: 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM

St James Catholic Parish, Coorparoo  
Parish Hall: 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo

More details will be provided by email.  
RSVP: Mon 31st Jul 2023

### 2023 Catholic Mission Church Appeal



This year we are supporting the **Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale, Timor-Leste** to maintain and stock the clinic for the community who are having tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality conditions.

### Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has a zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services.

**The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.**

### 17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

29 / 30 July 2023

#### READINGS

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

#### 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](mailto:umg@bne.catholic.net.au)

#### NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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