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MASS TIMES

Mon 31 July - Sun 6 August 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.

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.

Ancient authors did not record history objectively (as we like to think we do) but composed a particular version to convey a particular meaning or interpretation of reality. Today's **First Reading** comes soon after Solomon has, in the narrative, established himself as David's successor. He does the right thing and seeks guidance from God, going to Gibeon which was the principal place of worship before the temple in Jerusalem is built. Rather than seek personal advantage he seeks to serve his people, requesting 'a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil'. As a reward for his humility and self-denial, God promises that Solomon will be wiser than any before him. Solomon has chosen the "better part".

The first two parables in today's **Gospel** are essentially Jesus trying to find ways of explaining why the reign of God, "the better part", has so captivated his own imagination. Of course Jesus speaks of a treasure and a pearl he has already found, while the disciples and later Christians only glimpse God's reign in moments of insight. The parables are not about what one 'ought' to do; they simply describe what happens in the life of people who have caught a glimpse of the kingdom. While not yet within their grasp, it is already bringing joy, freedom and hope to human lives. The Kingdom's description here mirrors the descriptions of Wisdom in the Hebrew Scriptures where wisdom is the gift of God and more valuable than jewels, silver or gold, achieved at whatever cost and not to be forsaken.

The third parable that Matthew offers picks up the theme of last week's parable about the weeds and the wheat growing together. It shifts the image from gardening to fishing where the net hauls in a wide catch of both good fish and worthless things. Once again, there will come a time when sorting will happen but not in the middle of the fishing process. Only when the fishing work is over, will the catch be sorted. We can wonder at what must have been happening in Matthew's community for him to give his community these two parables, as they are not recorded in Mark and Luke. Were divisions starting to happen? Were people beginning to make judgments about others, perhaps wanting to sort out the community? Could Matthew be trying to teach his local church to leave the sorting out to God? The fact that these are only in Matthew certainly suggests that these had some particular purpose, even if today we can only guess what that might be.

The **Second Reading**, continues Paul's case for hope deriving from his belief that we (believers) are all caught up within an unfolding divine plan that is already well under way. The goal of this plan is that human beings become images of the risen Christ, who is himself the image of God. This will occur when believers fully share his risen life through their own resurrection. At that time, Christ will not only be the unique Son of God, but the 'eldest' of many brothers (and sisters) within the one family of God.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Darrel Petersen, Elizabeth Chan, Michael Dunlea, Robert Woodhouse, Michael Bright, Marie Byrne who died recently. Also Theodore Jovellanos, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, James Toomath, James Dwyer, Thomas Dwyer, Grant Jenkins, Bryan Langfelt, Paul Davies, Gert Cramb, Terry Campbell, Dennis Webb, Nicholas Vallianos, John Blanchfield, Vic Paull whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 31 JULY

FUNERAL

11.00am, Michael Dunlea, St Bernard's Church.

TUESDAY 1 AUGUST

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

THURSDAY 3 AUGUST

BETHANY MEETING

10.00am, St Bernard's Office.

LITURGY MEETING

Thursday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST BERNARD'S

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

The adult faith journey is different for everyone, so if you'd like to know more please talk to Fr Pat, Fr Stephen or contact Pauline at pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au or at the Parish office.

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.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Lexie Thomason, daughter of Monica & Ashley;
Bryson Bouverie, son of Gabrielle & Shane;
Ari Clive, son of Katia & Sam.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.



Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations

Arthur & Margaret Morton

on celebrating their

50th Wedding Anniversary

on Friday 4th August.

May God continue to bless them &
their Family.

"Spirit of Hope" Monthly Prayer Meeting
Wed 2 August 10.45 - 12.15pm after 10am Mass



**St Stephen's Chapel in the
grounds of the Cathedral.**



Morning of Prayer, Praise and Worship.
Enquiries Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes are now available for collection from the Church you regularly attend.

If you can't locate your envelopes please contact Debbie at the Parish Office.

ENTRANCE: CITY OF GOD

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: *Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!*

2. We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

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 118

All: Lord, I love your commands.

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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: *BLESS THE LORD*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Repeat x2

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RECESSIONAL: *GOD SENDS US FORTH*

1. God sends us forth to love and serve,
make known God's name, and live God's word,
mirror God's love, reflect God's grace
till all have seen the Saviour's face.
2. Nourished by Christ with word and bread,
burning with love and Spirit-led,
sent to embrace a world in need,
to make God known in word and deed.
3. Called to the ones the world ignores
hungry and thirsty, weak and poor
let us bear Christ, who heals all pain
and comforts those with guilt or shame.
4. So with the cross to lead the way,
let us go forth in peace today
till ev'ry end of earth has known
the saving love of God alone.

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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



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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.

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CALLING ALL SINGERS

A wonderful opportunity has arisen for singers to be part of a massed choir to sing at St Stephen's Cathedral in September.

On **Friday 29 September at 5:30pm**, a special Mass will be held at **St Stephen's Cathedral** as part of the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference taking place here in Brisbane. Archbishop Mark will preside at the Mass which will be attended by bishops, clergy, religious and lay conference delegates from around the country.

Liturgical music for this Mass will include organ, piano, brass and worship band, as well as a massed choir to support the sung prayer of the people. All singers from around the Archdiocese are warmly invited to be a part of this choir. Two rehearsals will be held as follows:

1. Sunday 10 September, 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct
2. Wednesday 27 September, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
St Stephen's Cathedral

If you would like to take up this special opportunity to be involved in the choir for this national event, please register by clicking here:

<https://lbsurvey.weebly.com/conference-choristers.html>

You will be able to download the list of music tracks from this registration page and we invite you to listen to these tracks prior to the first rehearsal.

Pre loved
Markets

Saturday 5 August

10.00am - 3.00pm

Our Lady of Fatima Parish



350 Mortimer Road

Acacia Ridge

www.fatimascaciaridge.org.au



THE TRANSFIGURATION of the LORD, YEAR A

5 / 6 August 2023

READINGS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

2 Peter 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

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

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
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Focus on the picture, it will
change the direction of the
stairs every ten seconds, and
this is one of the things that the
mind cannot zone

