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MASS TIMES

Mon 14 August - Sun 20 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.

20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

19 / 20 August 2023

READINGS

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 *I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 *The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28 *Woman, you have great faith.*

After last weekend's reading giving us moments of God's self revelation, this weekend shows us the extent of God's inclusive plan for humanity.

When the Israelites returned from Exile, they found that many foreigners had moved into the land which once they had called their own. How was living with non-Israelites compatible with Israel's sense of identity as a holy people, set apart for the service and worship of God? In the **First Reading**, Isaiah presents a bold vision where God will actually bring to the 'holy mountain' (the Temple mount) foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord, making of the Temple 'a house of prayer for all the peoples'. The privilege of worshipping God is so central to Israel's identity that it is hard to think of a stronger expression of inclusivity than this.

In the **Second Reading** inclusiveness works the other way round, so to speak. The bulk of Israel has said 'No' to the Gospel of the Crucified Christ. Does this mean they have forfeited the chance of salvation? No, says Paul: the God who has worked to include the nations of the world will not fail to act inclusively in favour of the original chosen people, for God's 'gifts and calling are irrevocable'. God is faithful, even when we are not.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus has moved beyond the territory of the Jewish people, into the northern region of Tyre and Sidon. Here he encounters a Gentile woman – again very clearly identified as a Canaanite from that region. In Matthew this is the first explicit encounter with a non-Jew. The Canaanite woman asks Jesus to heal her daughter and Jesus states his understanding of his mission, 'only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel'. With superb wit and faith, she takes up Jesus' image and turns it against him (or at least against the restrictive attitude he is displaying) and Jesus accedes to her request and heals her daughter. In effect, Jesus changes his understanding of his mission to include Gentiles.



When this Gospel was being written this story would have been very important, for some disciples were taking the Gospel to the Gentiles, while others still thought of a mission primarily within Judaism. This episode would have helped the community to reach out beyond the narrow confines of Judaism as Jesus did on this occasion. We know from the Acts of the Apostles, that when Gentiles joined with Jewish disciples they had problems about eating together. Matthew's Gospel in these episodes addresses this pastoral situation by indicating that real Eucharist is only possible when all are welcome to the Lord's Table.

How do we respond to this vigorous model of prayer, the outsider who argues with Jesus as Abraham, Moses and Job argued with God? How do we respond to these images of the inclusivity of God? How do we live this inclusivity?

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Christine Beattie, Edward Hill, John McDonnell, Ann Richardson, Cy Buckley, Pedro Arroyo-Parodi, Colin Hobson who died recently. Also Tirson Espino, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Ilgo & Fulvia Antonangeli, Graham Lawton, McAnalen Family, Lawton Family, Iris Hunter, Rocco Ciancio, Peter Ciancio, Elizabeth O'Brien, Carmel Bartels, Thelma Mottram, Kevin Bunce, Tammy & Rod Rushton, Harry Stewart, Cathie Sammon whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 21 August

FUNERALS

10.00am, John McDonnell, Mt Gravatt Cemetery.

11.00am, Edward Hill, Mt Gravatt Chapel.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS HUB

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Tuesday 22 August

COMMUNION TO AGED CARE

10.30am, 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.

THIS WEEKEND - ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Envelopes are available in each Church.

You can either pop the envelope in the mail or place it on the collection plate.

Funds raised support training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS BUS TRIP

Wednesday 23 August 2023



We are off to North Stradbroke Island.

EARLY DEPARTURE TIME of 7.30am from St Catherine's bus stop, need to be at the Cleveland Ferry Terminal ½ hour before 9am Ferry departure.

BYO food for morning tea at Amity Point or buy it from the Ferry Café while sailing to Stradbroke.

We will head to Point Lookout where you can either visit the shops or walk the North Gorge Walk.

Lunch at the Point Lookout Bowls Club. Followed by a sightseeing coach drive at Point Lookout before returning for the Ferry return trip to the mainland.

Possible cost of the trip will be \$65 or less, depending on numbers.

Booking and meal selection with Ros on Ph 3349 9218.

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

BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Alex Corey, son of Anthony & Gemma.

He will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT FROM THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS 2023-2024 LAUNCH

"Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples".

Date: Wednesday, 23rd August.

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Venue: St James' Parish Hall, 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo

Cost: Gold coin donation

RSVP: URL: bit.ly/456IErz

Fun Fashion Parade

Join us for a fun filled day full of fashion, fun and music to support Domestic Violence and St Vincent de Paul.

Sponsored by St Bernard's ladies craft group, Upper Mt Gravatt.

When: Saturday 9th September

Where: Carinity Wishart Gardens
14 Glasford St, Wishart

Time: 1.15pm

Entry fee: \$10.00 at door

RSVP: 26th August - Phyllis Parker - 0481 373 692

Afternoon tea will be served. Raffle tickets available.

Craft table with gifts to buy - **cash only**.

ENTRANCE: ALL ARE WELCOME

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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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 66

All: O God, let all the nations praise you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom,
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed those who were sick.

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: *OUR SUPPER INVITATION*

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.
2. Take up your burden now, walk 'till you find just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.
3. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.
4. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

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SONG OF PRAISE: *O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER*

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

Repeat

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RECESSONAL: *ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH*

Refrain: *All the ends of the earth,
all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea, has come with justice for the world.*

1. Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders he has done in ev'ry age.
2. Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;
Ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord.

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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.

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

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Phone: 3349 7188

Clairvaux MacKillop College

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

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Communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training.

To find out more about potential assignments for you or someone you know please phone: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or visit our website at www.palms.org.au

Register for our webinar and learn more about the opportunities available abroad at [global development opportunities](#) which is taking place on the 14th of September 2023 at 6pm.



Aid to the
Church in Need
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This month **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** is raising money to support Sisters in Paraguay. These Sisters not only care for the young people in Paraguay but they also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support disadvantaged with practical help and advice. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Clairvaux MacKillop College - Upper Mt Gravatt, Years 7 to 12



LAST COLLEGE TOUR FOR 2023

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023

9.00am TO 10.30am

This event will provide you with a comprehensive insight into the life of Clairvaux MacKillop College. Enjoy a tour with our Student Mentors, meet our Principal, Mr Wayne Chapman, and senior members of staff, discover our extensive curriculum and brilliant co-curriculum opportunities, and complete your tour with a morning tea in our beautiful College courtyard.

We look forward to welcoming you!



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www.cvxmck.edu.au

"Find your greatness"

21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

26 / 27 August 2023

READINGS

Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him and in him are all things.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

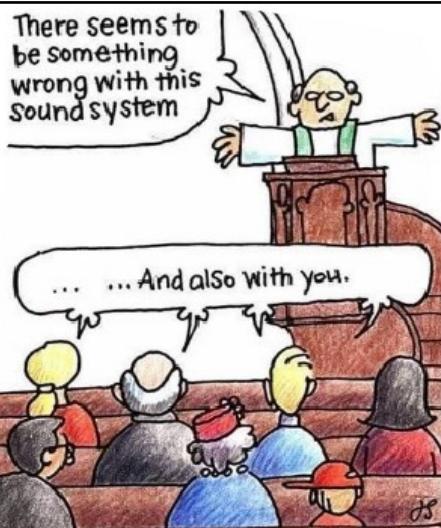
You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

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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 3849 7158 or email umg@bne.catholic.net.au