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MASS TIMES

Mon 18 September -
Sun 24 September 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.

24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

16 / 17 September 2023

READINGS

Sirach 27:30-28:7 *Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Romans 14:7-9 *Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35 *I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*



Sept 1—October 4 is celebrated as the Season of Creation, which we remember liturgically in our prayers and in our hymns. This year's theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow". If you'd like to know more about the Season of Creation have a look at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>. Also keep an eye on our Parish Facebook page over the month as we offer prayer and other opportunities to help celebrate this Season.

Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian life. At the same time, we know that it is not something to speak of lightly. For people deeply wronged or hurt, finding the capacity to forgive may be the task of a lifetime. Such a capacity is a grace, the gift of God. It cannot simply be willed. Believers at least have strong scriptural resources commanding forgiveness – as in the total offering of readings for today.



The **First Reading** sets the tone, linking divine and human forgiveness. The text almost gives the impression that human readiness to forgive determines whether one receives forgiveness from God, as if God waits to see how things are on the human side before moving to forgive. This would be contrary to the overall biblical sense that the initiative always remains with God and the concluding instruction, 'Remember the covenant of the Most High', restores and safeguards the true perspective. Although interest in one's self and one's destiny is important, and one's relationship with neighbour even more important, the primary reason for doing good should be one's devotion to God. From this all other relationships flow and find their meaning and purpose.



In the **Gospel**, Peter obviously considers seven a most generous number (seven usually signifying perfection or completeness in the Jewish Scriptures). Jesus replies with the extraordinary number 'seventy times seven'. Forgiveness, like love, has no limits.

The parable sets up the measuring stick for Christian love of the generous, forgiving master. From the experience of God's extraordinary generosity we ought to be generous in our turn. The servant in the parable forgot his experience of being forgiven, focussed only on his being wronged. Christians need to be people with long memories, able to recall the times they have failed and been forgiven, and from this place reach out in forgiveness of others.



In the **Second Reading**, Paul maintains that Christ, by virtue of his death and resurrection, exercises power over life and death, the total lordship of the risen Christ. He insists that in every aspect of life and even in death, Christians are under the lordship of Christ, belonging and accountable to Christ. So their lives and their deaths must demonstrate this. This understanding is the bedrock of Paul's ethics. For Paul, there is no radical individualism or self-fulfilment independent of Christ.

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Anthony Ngo, Valda Austen who died recently. Also Jimmy Kelly, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Graham Lawton, Joan Hall, Lois Murphy, Magdalene McNamara, Terry O'Reilly, Elaine Haigh, James Joseph Dwyer, Thomas Dwyer, Daniel Dwyer, Mitchell Collins, Robert Parkes, Ronald Noffke, Warren Gould, Minas Mina whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 18 September

FUNERAL

12.30pm, Anthony Ngo, St Bernard's Church.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS HUB

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Tuesday 19 September

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 21 September

AGED CARE MASS

9.30am, Somerfield Street.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

When: 2.30pm, Sunday 24th September 2023
Where: Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street
RSVP: app.tickets.org.au/eb/MCM23

Mass will be followed by cultural performances and refreshments in the cathedral grounds.

2023 Theme - "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay".

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 27 September 2023

Coach departs St Catherine's Bus Stop at 8.00am.



St Catherine's Seniors are off to visit Toowoomba's local Parks garden displays and hopefully some prize-winning gardens.

Morning tea at Gatton's Apex Park. BYO food. Tea/coffee/milk/sugar supplied.

We hope to visit The Japanese Gardens, Laurel Bank Park, and The Queensland State Rose Garden before lunch at Blue Mountain Hotel.

Queens Park could be visited after lunch.

Once the individual winning gardens are known we may have to drop some park visiting to allow some local gardens to be visited instead.

Cost estimate approx. \$60.00 or less, but this depends on the numbers booking for the trip.

Booking and lunch selections with Ros on Ph 3349 9218.

Please bring used stamps for the Missions, to give to Bob and Maureen Hore.

BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Remy Scahill, daughter of Jock & Laura.

James Gallagher, son of Billy & Amy.

Valentina Milzewski, daughter of Peter & Michelle.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.



In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites couples together with family and friends

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, 30th September 2023

Mass at 11:30am

followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.



To register to attend the Mass
and for catering purposes please
RSVP: Friday 22nd September 2023
cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
3324 3030

If you have photos or stories to share
of your wedding at the Cathedral,
please contact David Todd.
email: toddd@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
by 1st September 2023

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.

ENTRANCE: CANTICLE OF THE SUN

Refrain: The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy,
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,
and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

1. Sing to the sun, the bringer of day,
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays,
the moon and the stars, who light up the way
unto your throne. **Refrain**
3. Praise to the rain, that waters our fields,
and blesses our crops, so all the earth yields,
from death unto life her myst'ry concealed,
springs forth in joy. **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 102

All: The Lord is kind and merciful,
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you;
I give you a new commandment.

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

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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COMMUNION: *EAT THIS BREAD*

Refrain: *Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

1. I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father. **Refrain**
2. Your ancestors ate manna in the desert
but this is the bread come down from heaven. **Refrain**
4. Anyone who eats this bread, will live for ever. **Refrain**

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SONG OF PRAISE: *GOD OF MERCY CHANT*

Eternal is your love,
Faithful is your Word,
Holy is your name,
God of mercy.

Repeat

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RECESSONAL: *LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS*

Refrain: *Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
praise God's gracious mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord,
whose love is enduring.*

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Praise the name above all names!
Say to God, "How wondrous your works,
how glorious your name!" **Refrain**
2. Let the earth worship, singing your praise.
Praise the glory of your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,
bless God's holy name! **Refrain**
3. God's right hand made a path through the night,
split the waters of the sea.
All creation, lift up your voice:
Our God set us free. **Refrain**

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MASS CENTRES



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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

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Principal: Daniel Hodge
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St Catherine's School
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388 Newnham Rd, Wishart
Phone: 3349 7188

Clairvaux MacKillop College
Principal: Wayne Chapman
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Phone: 3347 9200

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OR LEAVE IT IN THE PEW.**

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR! TIME TO ORDER FOR 2024

Please cut out this Order Form, tick the box of the resource you would like and place in an envelope. You may place the envelope in the collection or hand into the Parish Office.

Orders close by Monday 16 October, 4.00 pm.

- Sacred Space: The Prayer Book
2024 \$28**
- Daily Prayer Book 2024 \$30**
- Break Open the Word 2024 \$22
Highly recommended for all Readers**
- Daily Mass Book 2024 \$26**
- Wollongong ADVENT Reflections \$5**
- Brisbane ADVENT Reflections \$6**
- LENT 2024 Reflections (expression
of interest only) approx. \$8-\$10**

By ordering in bulk we are able to get the books at cheaper prices and limit shipping costs.

If you don't return this form before orders close we will need to charge the single purchase price and also shipping costs.

Name:

Ph No:

Amt enclosed:

Pick up: [Please]

- Parish Office
- St Bernard's Church
- St Catherine's Church
- St Martin's Church

POSITION VACANT

Sacramental Coordinator (casual) - Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish

Further information can be found at:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=775648>

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READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9 *My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Philippians 1:20-24,27 *For me to live is Christ.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16 *Why are you jealous because I am generous.*

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

Without coffee, I'm always walking into rooms and forgetting why I went in there. With coffee, I still don't remember, but at least I have something to sip while I try to figure it out.

-Nancy Hoffman-

