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MASS TIMES

Monday 25 September - Sunday 1 October 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.

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

23 / 24 September 2023

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.



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.

In the **First Reading**, we hear Isaiah call the people back to God, assuring them of God's compassion. Isaiah tries to calm fears of God's anger by saying that God doesn't think or act like we do, God is "rich in forgiving".

This reminder that God's ways and thoughts are not like ours is the link to today's **Gospel**. Jesus is again trying to give his disciples a vision of what God's kingdom might look like.

The parable is unique to Matthew and its place in the Gospel narrative is important. At the start of chapter 19, Matthew records that Jesus left Galilee and crossed into the Southern region of Judea, heading towards Jerusalem. Heading to Jerusalem though, is a journey into the centre of Jewish religious authority. It will be, for Jesus, the centre of conflict. Across chapters 18 and 19 Jesus teaches the rigorous demands of following him. The ethics of the reign of God ask more than the ethics of Moses. The model for Christian behaviour is to be based not on Moses, but on the model of God. And the God Jesus describes does not measure things as we do and does not act as we might expect. In placing the parable here, in the narrative context of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and death, it may be that Mathew understands Jesus' death coming from that same source of utterly ridiculous love. The parable might then be read as a commentary on Jesus' own life, given to both the first comers and the late arrivals.



The parable suggests that God will not be limited within a strict 'law of deserts'. God is just, but, beyond justice, reserves the right to be overwhelmingly generous as well – not on a comparative basis but on the basis of the divine relationship with each individual, something often wrapped in mystery. So much trouble comes from the human propensity to 'look sideways', to be envious. We are all equally and totally recipients of God's boundless generosity. Aligning ourselves with this view of God has much to do with allowing the Kingdom to transform our lives and our world.

In the **Second Reading**, we've moved away from the letter to the Romans and begin the letter to the Philippians. Paul writes from imprisonment and debates with himself whether life or death would be more advantageous. He believes that neither life nor death can separate him from Christ (see Rom 8:39 and last week's Rom 14:7-9). Still, there are advantages in both living and dying. Continued life will give him opportunities for strengthening the churches he has helped establish, and death will allow him to become fully united with Christ even though it will probably be disadvantageous for others.

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Pat Shepardson, Gordon Armstrong, Eddie Dunn, Anthony Ngo, Valda Austen who died recently. Also Coralie Purcell, Frank Buckley, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Norm James, Graham Lawton, Col Webb, Ken Blanch, Shirley Weiss, Tony English, Trevor Bell whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 26 September

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.

Thursday 28 September

AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, Arcare.

MULTICULTURAL MASS

Mass will be presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests ministering to cultural communities throughout the Archdiocese.

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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

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

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.

RE REFERENDUM

FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

The date for the referendum is almost upon us and is perhaps the most important decision we will make this decade. In a bid to help us all to make an informed decision, the social justice group is organizing two "kitchen table conversations" – a wonderful way to bring our parish community together to listen, learn and reflect on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament Referendum. Designed by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council these conversations will be held at

St. Bernard's Community Centre on Sunday October 1st after Morning Tea following the 9.30 Mass and at

St Catherine's Hall on Sunday October 8th after the 8.30 a.m. Mass.

Mark your calendar for this most important discussion.



journey



Journey is a monthly gathering for single women (18–40 years) discerning life's big decisions.



Scan the QR code to find out more and to register for the next gathering on Saturday 7 October from 8:30am at Marian Valley.

ENTRANCE: WITH YOUR GRACE

1. God of mercy, God of grace,
come among us, fill this place,
heal our hurting, mend our wounds,
come among us with your grace.
2. Pour your love upon us now,
Touch our Spirits, make us new,
See our longing, hear our prayer,
Come among us with your grace.
3. Bless this moment, take our hearts,
use our hands to honour you,
with our voices, we will sing,
come among us with your grace.

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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 144

All: The Lord is near to all who call Him.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Open, O Lord, open our hearts,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Open our hearts, O Lord.

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: *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: *OPEN MY EYES, LORD*

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, lord. Help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.

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RECESSIONAL: *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**
5. Sing to the earth, who makes life to grow,
the creatures you made to let your life show,
the flowers and trees that help us to know the Heart
of Love. **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



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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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Clairvaux MacKillop College
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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.

Name:
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Ph No:

Amt enclosed:

Pick up: [Please ✓]

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

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

26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

30 September / 1 October 2023

READINGS

Ezekiel 18:25-28 *The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

Philippians 2:1-11 *In you minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32 *He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF