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## MASS TIMES

### Monday 2 - Sunday 8 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.*

### 26<sup>th</sup> 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 your 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.*



**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.

What today's readings have in common is the theme of personal responsibility. While salvation is from beginning to end the product of divine grace, we are free to say 'Yes' and 'No' to God's invitation.

In the **First Reading**, Ezekiel is in debate with opponents about a traditional proverbial saying or jibe that is quoted at the beginning of the chapter: *'the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge'*. The people are using this to abdicate responsibility for their current situation in two ways. Firstly, God has dealt unjustly with the people because of their ancestors and, secondly, their current suffering is the fault of their ancestors. Notice there is no personal responsibility here. Of course, life isn't straight forward. We know bad things happen to good people. In this passage Ezekiel is calling the people to own their choices and seek God's ways above all else.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul uses an early hymn to paint the picture of Christ's choices. Christ's choices are proposed as the model for the behaviour of the early Christian community (and us), so much so that we should "in [our] minds be the same as Christ Jesus", putting the good of others before ourselves, all to the glory of God.

In the **Gospel**, the sons have two choices. The first is their response to their father, the second is the action they take. The parable powerfully makes the point that what God looks to – and can wait with infinite patience for – is the final outcome in people's lives. God can put up with an initial 'No', and a lot of other 'No's' besides, on the way to a final and lasting 'Yes'. On the other hand, a "Yes" can be simply superficial and never reach the deep conversion of heart that gives the capacity to say 'Yes' with an abundance of freedom that overflows into a pattern of life truly reflective of God's grace.

What will ultimately determine fitness for eternal life is conformity of the human heart to the heart of God. None of us could ever amass sufficient good works to merit even a second of life with God. This life will be God's gift in abundance if only we have grown – sometimes in the course of a very winding and to-and-fro life journey – into the capacity to receive it. But if our faith does not lead us to action then we find ourselves in the position of the second son, who sounds good but his words are hollow.



## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Beryl Alley, Pat Shepardson, Gordon Armstrong, Eddie Dunn who died recently. Also Maryann Jovellanos Larcher, Coralie Purcell, Yvonne (Jauch) Andrews, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Graham Lawton, Rita Barber, Dawn Watterson, Rose Webb and relatives and friends of the Sladen, Meyers, Thomas, Jeremiah, Moses and Netto families whom we remember.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Monday 2 October

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Public Holiday - King's Birthday.

### Tuesday 3 October

#### CRAFT GROUP

10am to 2pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

BYO food and cup.

#### SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

### Thursday 5 October

#### BETHANY MEETING

10.00am, St Bernard's Office.

#### LITURGY MEETING

St Bernard's Office.

### Friday 6 October

#### CONFIRMATION

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup>** after Morning Tea following the 9.30 Mass and at

**St Catherine's Hall on Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>** after the 8.30 a.m. Mass.

Mark your calendar for this most important discussion.

#### SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

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

#### 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](mailto:pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au) or at the Parish office.



## BAPTISMS

We congratulate

**Mia Bailey**, daughter of Timothy & Caroline.

**Joe Potter**, son of Matthew & Elizabeth.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

## YAYA UNDER 18s SOCIAL EVENING

**Friday 13 October** 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Aspinall Centre.

Everyone under 18 years old must be signed in and out by a parent or designated adult.

This month is a Halloween Theme. Please come along in fancy dress. We will have games as well as a short explanation of Halloween and its traditions from the Christian context. Supper provided.

We are also on the look out for new leaders. If you are in Year 10 - 12 and would like to become part of leading this ministry, please contact Pauline at [yaya.umg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:yaya.umg@bne.catholic.net.au) You will work with our current leaders to plan and carry out monthly social nights. Musicians/singers, we would also like to restart adding a youth chosen hymn or two to youth led Masses so we would love you to consider getting involved too.

## The 'Spirit of Hope' Prayer Meeting

### St Stephen's Chapel

(In the grounds of the Cathedral in Brisbane City Centre)  
(We Meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month)

Next Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

10.45am – 12.15pm  
(after 10am Mass)



Join us for a Morning of Prayer, Praise and Worship

Calling on the Holy Spirit to lead us in praying for Renewal!!

Guests Audrey Chan Seow & Fr. Hilary Flynn

Personal Prayer Ministry will be Available

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Contact: Maureen 040302199 or Helena 0405321901

THE CATHOLIC  
LEADER

**The October edition is now  
available at all churches.  
Cost \$4.00.**

## ENTRANCE: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

**Refrain:** Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one spirit of love.

Gather your people, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the table of life:  
brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light. **Refrain**
2. We are parts of the body of Christ,  
Needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides. **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 24

**All:** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I know them and they follow me; my sheep hear my voice, says the 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: *CHRIST OUR PEACE*

**Refrain:** *Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that divide us;  
Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you.*

1. Each time we eat this bread, each time we drink this cup, we share Christ's death and rising until the reign of... **Refrain**
2. One is the bread we break, one is the cup we drink, One is the body gathered here at the feast of... **Refrain**
3. All you with hungry hearts, who seek God's gracious reign, all you who thirst for justice, come to the feast of... **Refrain**
4. And all are welcome here; here there is food for all, Blessed meal of grace and mercy, gathered as one in... **Refrain**
5. As once he broke the bread and opened eyes and heart, may we now see his presence as we remember... **Refrain**

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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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## RECESSIONAL: *GLORY IN THE CROSS*

1. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ,  
our salvation and our hope.  
Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life,  
who was broken to make us whole.  
There is no greater love, as blessed as this:  
to lay down one's life for a friend.  
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ  
and the triumph of God's great love.
2. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ  
who is risen from the grave.  
He will come in glory to receive our hearts  
at the dawn of the lasting day.  
For the trumpet will sound, the dead shall be raised,  
and death shall defeat us no more.  
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ  
and the triumph of God's great love.
3. Let us raise our voices to the cross of Christ  
where the earth and heaven unite.  
God has wed creation on the tree of hope  
where the darkness becomes our light.  
Let us join in the dance of heaven and earth,  
give thanks for the goodness of God.  
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ  
and the triumph of God's great love.

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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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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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WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE.  
DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE HOLDER  
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.

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.

## 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

7 / 8 October 2023

### READINGS

Isaiah 5:1-7

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

Philippians 4:6-9

*Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

### GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

*He leased his vineyards to other farmers.*

### 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.umgwcatholic.org.au](http://www.umgwcatholic.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](mailto:umg@bne.catholic.net.au)

*Aging  
Gracefully*

If you ever see me talking to myself, just move along.  
I am self-employed and we are having a staff meeting.