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MASS TIMES

Monday 16 - Sunday 22 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.

28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

14 / 15 October 2023

READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Whomever you find invite to the wedding.

Like the vineyard from the last couple of weeks, the banquet or feast is another prevalent image in Scripture and would also have been a familiar cultural norm that draws the hearer to the familiar. Finally, like with the vineyard, perhaps we should stop and consider the chosen image before going further. Banquets and feasts do not happen easily or quickly. They take planning, time and effort. So as we hear today's readings, we hear behind the story a God of planning, time and effort.

The **First Reading**, speaks of God's designs for humanity under the image of a splendid banquet to which they are invited. As God hosted the leaders of Israel at a banquet on Mt Sinai when the covenant was concluded and that symbolised the union between God and people (Exodus 24), so this banquet symbolises the realisation of universal salvation – all the nations confessing 'this is our God'. This banquet is an invitation not an imposition. In a touching reference to God as immanent and present to each one, God will personally wipe away tears and shame to show that all are welcome in God's presence.



The parable of the Wedding Banquet that makes up the **Gospel**, is the Matthean version of a parable that appears in rather different forms in the early tradition (cf. Luke 14:15-24). Luke version is likely closer to the original, but Matthew is writing this for his community, predominately Jewish, who have witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem. They must have been asking themselves if God really was faithful. And so, this parable's first invitation is the invitation of God from the Prophets, the second is likely the invitation from the early Christians. Israel (as a people) has rejected both invitations, so the invitation has now gone out to the Gentiles, those "at the cross-roads". However, Matthew adds one final new element, the person not dressed properly. Matthew's community are the ones who have received and responded to the Gospel's invitation, but even in this group there is the need for the invitation to transform. While the invitation is offered generously to all, if you take it up then there are responsibilities.

It is important to realise that Matthew's interpretation of the destruction of Jerusalem as God's punishment on the Jewish people, was also the way many of the Jewish Rabbis at this time interpreted this event. Where the Rabbis spoke of Israel's infidelity to the covenant as the cause, Matthew sees the cause as the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus. Both Jews and Christians are trying to make sense of an event that was as significant and unexpected in their time as the event of 9/11 was in our time.

The **Second Reading**, shares the 'banquet' theme at least in its expression of Paul's confidence in the 'lavishness' with which God will reward the generosity of the Philippians. The letter was thanks for the gift of provisions for his ministry, but Paul normally made a habit of not accepting such gifts. Today's reading has Paul showing the Philippian Church that he does not think of himself in need, he trusts to God what he really needs. Paul's contentment contrasts with our modern age of aspiration and entitlement.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Tom Lyons, Iona Maris Golledge, Monica Guivarra who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Patricia Ford, Pauline Margaret Naylor, Bernard Michael Naylor, Helen Gilbert, Carmel Dwyer, Bryan Langefelt, Grant Jenkins, Paul Davies, Warren Gould, Peter Cook, Leslie Richard Heagney, Martin Casey, Bridie & Doug Gear, Jack & Joy Toohey whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 16 October

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS HUB

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Tuesday 17 October

CRAFT GROUP

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

BYO food and cup.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES

You are invited to record the names of deceased family members and friends for whom you wish to have Masses offered throughout November.

Envelopes to make an offering are available at all churches. Folders in each church will display the requested names and they will be remembered during the month of November. Please place your envelope on the collection plate or return to the parish office by **Friday 20 October**.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Vinnies Centre of Charity at 1480 Logan Rd, Mt Gravatt is in need of volunteers 6 days per week.

Email Annette annette.smith@sudpqld.org.au
Or phone 0492 412 640

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 25 October 2023

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



St Catherine's Seniors are off on a Country Coach Trip. We stop at Fernvale Memorial Park to view some large murals then have morning tea at Lake Wivenhoe Centre, (BYO food, Tea/Coffee/Milk/Sugar supplied).

We'll visit Toogoolawah for The Condensery-Somerset Regional Art Gallery.

Our lunch stop is to Woongooroo Estate Winery, (purchases welcome) where we can attend a wine tasting of 3 different wines plus listen to Bush Poetry and eat lunch.

On the way home we should have time to visit the Somerset Dam Lookout also.

Cost likely to be \$60 or less depending on numbers. Bookings with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218.

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



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

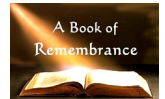
Phoenix Bactol, son of Frhristian & Ruby

Kai Folau, son of Tevita Jnr & Kelli.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

NEWS FROM THE BETHANY TEAM

Each year our **Books of Remembrance** are updated to record the names of deceased loved ones of our Parish. These books are on display in St Bernard's church and the page is turned daily so that names are displayed on their anniversary each year.



Those whose funerals were held in our churches are automatically entered in the Books of Remembrance.

If you wish to have relatives or friends who died elsewhere remembered in this way, please provide the following details on the **forms available at each church and place in the box provided by 16 October**:

- Name of the deceased;
- Date of death in day/month/year format eg 4/8/1998



The Bethany Mass will be held at **St Bernard's Church on Saturday 4 November at 9.00am**. It is a beautiful way to remember those whom we loved who have died, and a blessing of the Columbarium is a fitting way to conclude this celebration.

After Mass all are warmly welcome to stay for light refreshments. Please mark your diaries for this very beautiful event.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Envelopes will be available **next weekend**.

Please support Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste in providing life-saving programs to those in need.

ENTRANCE: *SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS*

1. Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom,
Come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,
Faithful to the end of days.

Refrain: *Come, then all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
Worship him and bless his name.*

3. Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendor of the living God.

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 22

All: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope that
belongs, belongs to our call.

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

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

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COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain: *Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.*

1. O, come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

Refrain

2. O, come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.

Refrain

3. My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe,
my wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.

Refrain

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SONG OF PRAISE: IN THE LORD

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid,
lift up your voices the Lord is near;
lift up your voices the Lord is near.

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RECESSIONAL: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Refrain: *Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

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.

SCHOOLS

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St Catherine's School

Principal: Paul Mitchell
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Clairvaux MacKillop College

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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:

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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

29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

21 / 22 October 2023

READINGS

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 *I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 *We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21 *Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

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



We were told you were taking creatures that came to you in pears.