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## MASS TIMES

### Monday 23 - Sunday 29 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.*

### 29<sup>th</sup> 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.*

The First Reading, comes from the middle section of Isaiah (sometimes called “second Isaiah”), seemingly written during/towards the end of the Babylonian exile. God choosing Cyrus is significant for a number of reasons. First, it testifies to the sovereign freedom of God; being the chosen people does not mean God always works through Israelites. Second, this choice of Cyrus claims that Israel's God is Lord of history. The prophets present this in two ways. When Israel sins grievously they will announce that God is summoning a nation to come and punish them, by conquest or exile or both. When Israel is oppressed, they will announce that God is summoning a nation or a person to deliver them, as is the case in our reading. Both pronouncements make the faith claim – it cannot be proved – that there is meaning and purpose in the seemingly chaotic and often violent world of the Ancient Near East. God is in charge and advancing his purpose even though from a human perspective it is difficult to see it or accept it. A final point to make about this text, but an important one, is that this deliverance of Israel by a foreigner who does not know Israel's God is nevertheless part of God's universal purpose – that all may know that there is only one God on which all else depends (apart from me, all is nothing).

The relationship of the Jews to a foreign ruler also prompts the drama of the **Gospel** passage this week. An unlikely alliance forms to trap Jesus, posing a question that (they think) will make him unpopular either with his own people or with the Roman authorities. Jesus' response not only frees him from the dilemma but actually goes onto the offensive against his adversaries. By calling for *them* to produce a coin with Caesar's image on it he shows them up as people who carry around the offensive coinage, something he does not himself do. In this sense they are revealed as already collaborating whereas his own position is not disclosed.

Jesus then turns the tables on his opponents with his response. Since the image and inscription are about Caesar then the coin belongs to Caesar. But then Jesus adds, ‘and to God what belongs to God’. This challenges both the Herodians and the Pharisees to consider what belongs to God. There may even be a call to recognise that people are made ‘in the image of God’ and that all people therefore belong to God. Jesus' response to his questioners makes me wonder ‘what belongs to God’ in my life. Does God truly get what rightfully belongs to God, or just the leftovers in my busy schedule? If only giving God what belongs to God was a simple as paying taxes. My God asks more of me than that.

The **Second Reading** features the opening words of what is generally held to be the earliest document in the New Testament. Note the triad – faith, love and hope – in Paul's commendation of the community and remember its later use in 1 Corinthians. Paul also praises the Thessalonians for responding to the Gospel by being open to the power of the Holy Spirit and allowing it to transform their lives.



## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Maria Yong, Dorrie Chee, Kevin O'Grady, Anthony Ngo who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, John Wilson, Harry Mole, Matt Sauer, Aussie Vaughan, Ken Warden, Norm Girvan, Jack Brinkley whom we remember.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Monday 23 October

#### FUNERAL

10.00am, Dorrie Chee, St Bernard's Church.

#### CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS HUB

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

### Tuesday 24 October

#### COMMUNION TO AGED CARE

10.30am, Tricare, Agay Street.

#### CRAFT GROUP

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

BYO food and cup.

#### SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

### Wednesday 25 October

#### FUNERAL

12.30pm, Kevin O'Grady, St Bernard's Church.

### Thursday 26 October

#### FUNERAL

10.30am, Maria Yong, St Catherine's Church.

## LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION -

The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Send us an enquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

## 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

**Finlay McErlain**, son of Benjamin & Mallory,

**Nina Mamic**, son of Anthony & Belinda.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

## NEWS FROM THE BETHANY TEAM

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.

## 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 27 October.

## CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL - THIS WEEKEND

Appeal envelopes are available in each Church or you can donate online. Please see back page for further information.

Please place the appeal envelope on the collection plate.

Thank you for supporting this life-giving program.

## ENTRANCE: GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

**Antiphon:** *Glory and praise to our God,  
who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings he bears  
to those who trust in his ways.*

1. We the daughters and sons of him  
who built the valleys and plains,  
praise the wonders our God has done  
in ev'ry heart that sings. **Antiphon**
3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day  
our God is waiting to save,  
always, ready to seek the lost,  
to answer those who pray. **Antiphon**

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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 95

**All:** Give the Lord glory and honour.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Shine on the world like bright stars.

**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: *BREAD BROKEN, WINE SHARED*

**Chorus:** *Bread broken, wine shared; Jesus here,  
Taking our lives, opening our hearts,  
Making us whole, setting our loving free.*

1. Take all our dreams, all that we are, all we could ever be.

Lord of all life we want to be Yours, we take bread and eat. **Chorus**

2. Open our minds, open our hearts, let love set us free within.

Lord of all life, we want to be Yours, we pour wine and drink. **Chorus**

3. Make us alive, filled with Your hope, living what's really true.

Lord of all life, we want to be Yours, we know this is You. **Chorus**

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## SONG OF PRAISE: *BLESS THE LORD*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

**Repeat**

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## RECESSONAL: *SING A NEW SONG*

**Antiphon:** *Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing  
alleluia.*

1. Shout with gladness, dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines  
and let your trumpet sound. **Antiphon**

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
your Savior now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song. **Antiphon**

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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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## CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

This week Catholic Mission will offer opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor) or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



## A MORNING'S PRAYER RETREAT

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER

9:00am to 12:00pm

SANTA TERESA  
SPIRITUALITY CENTRE  
ORMISTON

\$25 per person



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REGISTER

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

28 / 29 October 2023

#### READINGS

**Exodus 22:20-26** *If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

**1 Thessalonians 1:5-10** *You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

#### GOSPEL

**Matthew 22:34-40** *You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

#### 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)

My arms asleep, but I don't want to move...

