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MASS TIMES

Monday 30 October -

Sunday 5 November 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.

30th 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.*

The theme in today's readings, the unity between the love of God and love of neighbour, goes to the very heart of the Christian tradition. It seems that the two commandments, existing separately in the Old Testament (see Deut 6:4-5 and Lev 19:18), were brought together by Jesus. But in uniting them he drew upon the tradition of his people where all the commandments were enclosed within the overall covenant commitment to God.

Today's **First Reading** comes from what commentators call 'the Covenant Code', a commentary/interpretation/application of the brief commands in the Decalogue or Ten Commandments (Exod 20:1-17) as part of the covenant made at Mt Sinai. Today's reading can be understood as commentary on the command 'thou shalt not steal', expanding it to cover taking unfair advantage over others, especially those who are at a disadvantage. However, we should not compartmentalise the ten commandments; they are interrelated and this commentary may also include bearing false witness against another and coveting another's goods. We also see what we now call God's "preferential option" for the poor. The foreigner, the widow and the orphan were the most visibly vulnerable, and a regular refrain through the Hebrew Scriptures identifies this trio for particular care by the people of Israel. A modernisation might include the refugee, the elderly, the unemployed, the sick, the homeless... The Scriptures call us to care for those who are vulnerable.

Before reading today's **Gospel**, it is helpful to place this passage in its Gospel context. In last Sunday's Gospel we read about the Herodians and Pharisees trying to trap Jesus with a trick question about taxes. Then follows a further trick question, this time asked by the Sadducees about the resurrection, since they do not believe in resurrection. Then today's Gospel picks up with a return to the Pharisees.

The question the Pharisees put to Jesus lies at the very heart of the Torah – the Law. Jesus' response is the great prayer of Israel, the Shema. *'This then is the commandment... that the Lord your God has commanded, "Hear Oh Israel! The Lord your God, the Lord is One. And you shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength."* Jesus ties to this the command from Leviticus, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'. Love of God and love of neighbour is the essence of the Law. And essentially an answer to last week's "give to God what is God's", 100% of who we are—our heart, soul, mind and strength. And while that might seem a big call, think of what God has first offered us—100% of God's self.

As important as teaching may be, today's **Second Reading** remind us that the gospel is principally handed down by the example of life. The lifestyle of Paul and his missionary companions converted the Thessalonians. It made such an extraordinary effect on their lives that they in turn made a comparable impact on the lives of others. Each of us are commissioned in our Baptism, Confirmation and at the end of every Mass, to take the Good News to the world with our lives. How are you sharing God's Good News this week?



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Maria Yong, Barbara Baker, Dorrie Chee, Kevin O'Grady, Janeene Gourlay, Anthony Roe (husband of Julie) who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Anthony Ngo, Robertus Hendarto, Peter Tsiamis, Albino Lenarduzzi, Joaquina Abivas, John Dwyer, Kathleen Dwyer, Ronald Noffke, Glen Noffke, Mitchell Craig Collins, Val Norvill, Joyce Kilburn, Allan McGowan, Lucy Doniger, Nita Harrington, Mary Tuite, June Robertson whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 30 October

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS HUB

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Tuesday 31 October

FUNERAL

10.30am, Tony Roe, St Bernard's Church.

CRAFT GROUP

10am to 2pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.
BYO food and cup.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Thursday 2 November

BETHANY MEETING

10.00am, St Bernard's Office.

LITURGY MEETING

St Bernard's Office.

Friday 3 November

FUNERAL

10.00am, Florence Gray, St Bernard's Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST BERNARD'S

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

**YOUTH
AND
YOUNG
ADULTS**
Upper North Coast Western Catholic Parish

End of year / Christmas Trivia Night

A trivia night for everyone.

Help us fundraise for next year and build some
connections with other YAYA families.

Friday 17 November, 7:00-9:00pm Aspinall Centre

\$10 per table (8 people) or \$2 per person, BYO snacks, we'll provide drinks
Let Pauline know at pa.utm@bne.catholic.net.au so we have enough
tables.

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.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Appeal envelopes are still available
in the Churches.

If you missed out on supporting the Salesian Sisters and the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic last weekend there is still time. The need is great with the increased demand for treatment and care and our donations are gratefully appreciated.

Please place the appeal envelope on the collection plate.

Thank you for your support.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

All Saints Day Mass - Wednesday 1 November
7.00am St Catherine's

All Souls Day Mass - Thursday 2 November
7.00am St Bernard's

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BETHANY MASS MUSIC

Calling all singers, musicians and interested people to sing in our Bethany Mass Choir Group.

Saturday 4 November at 9.00am at St Bernard's.

Please note: Rehearsal 1/2 hour prior to start of Mass at 8.30am.

Dress Code: White and Black.

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.

2. We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit
provides. **Refrain**

4. Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy, waters of hope that flow from
your side. **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 17

All: I love you, Lord, my strength.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.
Alle, Alleluia!

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: *MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE LORD*

Refrain: *In the bread may we be broken.
In the cup may we be outpoured.
May we come to the know the healer,
May we come to know the Lord.*

1. Though many are we, we are one in the Lord.
We are all welcome to his table of new life. **Refrain**
2. We come to the table to remember the Lord,
who gave his life that we might live forevermore. **Refrain**
3. In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup,
may we be filled as we come to know the Lord. **Refrain**

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SONG OF PRAISE: *A NEW COMMANDMENT*

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

By this shall others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

Text: John 13:34,35; Tune: *NEW COMMANDMENT* irregular.
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RECESSONAL: *GOD SENDS US FORTH*

1. God sends us forth to love and serve,
make known God's name, and live God's word,
mirror God's love, reflect God's grace
till all have seen the Saviour's face.
2. Nourished by Christ with word and bread,
burning with love and Spirit-led,
sent to embrace a world in need,
to make God known in word and deed.
3. Called to the ones the world ignores
hungry and thirsty, weak and poor
let us bear Christ, who heals all pain
and comforts those with guilt or shame.
4. So with the cross to lead the way,
let us go forth in peace today
till ev'ry end of earth has known
the saving love of God alone.

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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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Dear Friends in Mission

We would love you to join us for our
**2023 End of Year Supporter
Appreciation Musical event
and afternoon tea**
on 18th November.

We are truly grateful for your ongoing support as we continue to reach out to those most in need around the world.

Please **RSVP** by Saturday 11th November 2023.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

There are a few ways to register for the event.

Go online here -
<https://www.trybooking.com/CKZIE>

Email us with your details -
Brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au



**CATHOLIC MISSION
2023
APPRECIATION
OF THANKS**

You are invited to a celebration of music from Brisbane Catholic schools, parishes and communities.

**2 PM TO 4 PM
SATURDAY 18 NOV 2023
CHURCH OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES -
111 YALLAMBEE ROAD, JINDALEE**

Get tickets at trybooking below here:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CKZIE>



"Spirit of Hope" Monthly Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 1 November 10.45 - 12.15pm after 10am Mass.



St Stephen's Chapel in the grounds of the Cathedral.



Morning of Prayer, Praise and Worship.

Enquiries Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901.

31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

4 / 5 November 2023

READINGS

Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

GOSPEL

Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

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

An old sheet and washing line was all we needed

