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MASS TIMES

Monday 9 - Sunday 15 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.

27th 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.

Congratulations

to the children
(and their families)

who were confirmed on Friday night
at St Catherine's

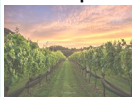
and will receive their First Communion
at Masses over this and coming weekends.



Isaiah (**First Reading**) and the psalmist depict God as one who creates a loving and fruitful vineyard. The vineyard is Israel, the people of God. It also speaks of a harvest that should be the product of this finely and intentionally curated garden. Instead of the expected sweet fruit that the vineyard is entirely set up to produce, it brings forth sour grapes. The lack of responding to what God has done for Israel will leave it vulnerable as the walls are taken down and weeds allowed to enter. The fruit of justice and integrity that should be the product of the people of God is, instead, one of bloodshed and torment.

Israel was often imaged as God's vineyard in the Hebrew Scriptures and so the central image of the **Gospel's** parable was immediately recognisable by Jesus' listeners. It is worth considering how precious the vineyard is to its owner. To cultivate a vineyard in fertile land takes time and effort; to cultivate a vineyard in the harsh, relatively dry and infertile soil of Israel takes enormous work and constant vigilance. The vineyard is an image of God's long term commitment.

Since this parable is found in Mark as well as Matthew and Luke it is likely to be a real saying of the historical Jesus. In all the Synoptics it is placed on the lips of Jesus at the end of his ministry as he faces the hostility of the religious leaders in Jerusalem. Jesus, in the final weeks of his life, uses this story to hold up to the leaders a picture of his own ministry and their rejection of it.



We can also consider how Matthew has used the parable, or why he has used it for his community. The parable's vineyard has been taken from the original tenants and been given over to others. This parable not only interprets the meaning of Jesus' death at the hands of the religious leaders, but also offers an explanation to Matthew's community about the spread of the Gospel and the destruction of Jerusalem. Finally, we ask what the parable can say to us today. In our time we are the new stewards of the vineyard (God's kingdom on earth). The parable cautions us that we will be held accountable for our stewardship. Will our tenancy go the same way as Israel's when God calls us to account? Who are prophets in our midst calling us to greater fidelity and how are we treating them?

In the **Second Reading**, Paul admonishes the Philippians to turn to God in prayer, though he does not suggest that prayer is a magical exercise that will right every wrong. It is an openness to God, which itself can help bear trying circumstances, surrendering anxiety, to know God's peace. Paul then provides directives for judging the worthiness of things, interpreting the moral philosophy of the day from the perspective of his own Christian worldview and offering his own life as the example after which they are to model their lives.

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Tom Lyons, Iona Maris Golledge, Monica Guivarra, Beryl Alley who died recently. Also Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Graham Lawton, Kevin Lee, Rose Lee, Clifford Lee, Mick Nash, Ted & Coral Harris, Stan Rashkowski, Ruth Garbett, Doreen & Sid Johnson, Wanda Molony whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 9 October

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS HUB

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Tuesday 10 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 12 October

FUNERAL

10.30am, Iona Maris Golledge, St Bernard's Church.

FUNERAL

1.30pm, Monica Guivarra, St Bernard's Church.

JUSTICE MEETING

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

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

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

Harrison Miles, son of Jon & Stephanie.

Riley & Bodhi Smith, sons of Kelvin & Michelle.

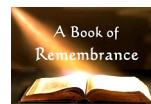
Ronan McCormick, son of Joshua & Jennifer.

Freddie Torrisi, son of Julianna.

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.

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**.

ENTRANCE: OPEN THE HEAVENS

Refrain: *Open the heavens, Lord,
come to your people,
hide not your face, O God.
Open the heavens, Lord,
come to your people,
open the heavens and come.*

1. Look on the sheep of your pasture, Lord.
Water your vineyard again.
Scattered and broken, return to our aid,
open the heavens and come.

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 79

All: The Vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

I call you my friends, my friends, says the Lord,
for I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.

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: LORD WE COME TO YOUR TABLE / WHERE TWO OR THREE

Lord we come to your table.
Lord we hear your Word.
Lord you are our Bread of Life
and we, the Body of Christ.

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Where two or three are gathered in my name,
Know I am with you, I am with you!
Where two or three are gathered in my name,
Know I am there to be with you.

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SONG OF PRAISE: DRAWN TO YOU

Refrain: *Drawn to you, Lord we are drawn to you,
to the beauty of your presence in this place.
Here for you, God we are here for you
as the gifts we bring become a feast of grace.
We are drawn to you.*

1. Drawn by the love that you have poured on us
we bring these gifts work of our hands.
You gather all we offer to yourself,
receive our prayer.

Refrain

3. Drawn by the table you have laid for us,
the welcome feast your heart prepares,
the words now spoken that will make us one,
receive our prayer.

Refrain

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RECESSIONAL: 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.

SCHOOLS

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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

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER
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.

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

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.

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.umgw catholic.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
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