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MASS TIMES

**Monday 13 November -
Sunday 19 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.

32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

11 / 12 November 2023

READINGS

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

In the **First Reading**, the author wants to encourage readers to seek wisdom but also to instruct them that the wisdom they seek is divine. It is a share in the wisdom of God. Note how the passage strikes a nice balance between human endeavour and divine initiative. The student is urged to seek wisdom but the one who finds her will discover in fact that she (wisdom) has actually found him or her. The text is also implying that God is so ready and willing to bestow the gift of wisdom that God will immediately come to the one who shows genuine interest. Israel's God is not a god of secret knowledge, concealing it from humanity; rather God is a mystery that is always unfolding its meaning (Wisdom is bright and never grows dim).

The parable in the **Gospel** draws on two familiar images for a first century audience. In the Old Testament, the reign of God is frequently likened to a wedding banquet with God as the bridegroom reaching out in love to Israel the bride.

On the day of the wedding, all those invited would gather and then the bride would process from her father's house to the house of her fiance. A last minute delay could occur if there was some disagreement over the marriage contract and bridal gifts. In the parable some of the bridesmaids have come prepared for a long wait, while others were not ready.

After the Resurrection, there was at first an enthusiastic expectation that God's final reign was about to dawn. Some members of that first community no doubt expected to be alive for Jesus' final coming in glory. By the time of Matthew's Gospel fifty years have passed and still people are waiting. Some are prepared for this and they have made an effort to have the necessary resources, while others find the waiting too long and their resources dry up. The Gospel asks us to consider our own resources and how do we ensure that these do not run out. What resources my faith? Daily personal quiet time with God, joining with others for reflective reading and prayer, being part of a local worshipping community, the works described in other places in Matthew as the markers of the life of a believer (caring for the poor, the sick, the imprisoned), reading spiritual books, taking time for a retreat day occasionally, taking a short course on some aspect of faith, and most of all, having a close friend I can talk with, about where God is in my life. These are ways I find that nourish my faith, that provide the 'oil for my lamp'. And yes, this takes some effort – the daily discipline of making time, the yearly determination to set aside some days, keeping an eye out for good reading or good seminars being offered. But without these resources, I suspect like some of the bride's companions I could soon lose sight of my purpose.

The **Second Reading**'s Thessalonians were an enthusiastic community who had received the Gospel with joy and anticipates that Jesus will be returning to them any day soon. But, as time passes some of the community die and this raises many questions for them. Paul argues that those joined to Christ share in his victory over death. He draws on elements from the apocalyptic tradition to describe the events that will take place at the end of time when all will be finally joined to Christ.

Both the Second Reading and the Gospel give us a sense of the strong expectation felt by these two early communities, twenty and fifty years after the Easter event. The challenge for us is have we lost that sense of urgency, longing, hope, and joyful preparation.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Angela Kearney, Florence Gray, Brian Richards who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Elizabeth Pulle, Derek Hartley, Grant Jenkins, Richard Heagney, Lance Gunner, Craig Shepherd, Jill Wysling, Doug Barbour, Noela Reedman, Evelyn & Bert Garbett, Tom Robertson whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 13 November

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS HUB

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Tuesday 14 November

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

JUNIOR MINISTER TRAINING

Children who have been Confirmed and received First Communion are invited to train as Junior Ministers on **Saturday 18 November at 5.00pm in St Catherine's Church** or on **Sunday 26 November at 4:00pm in St Bernard's Church**.

If you are interested in attending either of these sessions please contact Debbie at the Parish Office or email umg@bne.catholic.net.au to obtain registration forms.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST CATHERINE'S

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 8.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 22 November 2023

Coach departs St Catherine's

Bus Stop at 8.00am.



St Catherine's Seniors Wishart are off for a day's outing to celebrate our trips during the year as well the end of the year. There will be an informal competition for best dressed on the day to celebrate the Christmas Season, (this is voluntary on your part).

We stop for morning tea on the way (BYO food to eat, Tea/Coffee/Milk/Sugar supplied).

We will have a shopping opportunity in the morning, so come prepared to spend, before we head to our Mystery Lunch Venue.

The lunch will be a Christmas theme as well.

We'll have some fun with games after lunch before returning home. There is no raffle on this trip.

Cost likely to be \$50 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

Jerome & Atlas Orrock, sons of Emily & James.

Jed Moors, son of Erin & Zack.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS AND THE TREE OF LIFE

In the Catholic tradition of remembering those who have died, we are living out our faith. Ours is a community that invites us to know that in times of great sadness we are never alone.

In parish churches from this weekend you will notice the 'Tree of Life'.

Please come and write your loved ones' names on the paper leaves, and put them on the tree.



Watch the tree come to life. All will be prayed for in the month of November.

PARISH CRAFT GROUP

Our Parish Craft Group will be selling raffle tickets at St Bernard's this weekend. Tickets **\$2.00 each**.

1st prize - 18 piece Afternoon Tea Set
2nd prize - Handmade Christmas Mice Family.

SVDP PIETY STORE

The following items are now available at the Piety Store:

- * **Christmas Cards** (pkt 8 for \$3);
- * **2024 Sisters of St Joseph Calendars** (\$10);
- * **2024 Columban Calendars** (\$10)

ENTRANCE: CITY OF GOD

1. Awake from your slumber!
Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: *Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!*

2. We are sons of the morning;
we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

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 62

All: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when,
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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COMMUNION: IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Refrain: In the breaking of the bread
we have known him, we have been fed.
Jesus the stranger, Jesus the Lord,
be our companion; be our hope.

1. Bread for the journey, strength for our years,
manna of ages of struggle and tears.
Cup of salvation, fruit of the land,
bless and receive now, the work of our hands.

Refrain

2. Bread of the promise, people of hope,
wine of compassion, life for the world.
Gathered at table, joined as one body.
Sealed in the Spirit, sent by the Word.

Refrain

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SONG OF PRAISE: WE BELONG TO YOU

Refrain: We belong to you, O Lord of our longing,
we belong to you.
In our daily living, dying and rising
we belong to you.

2. Filled with gifts and filled with goodness,
Spirit breathing life into
all who seek to find their purpose:
We belong to you.

Refrain

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RECESSONAL: BLESSED BE THE LORD

Antiphon: Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,
the God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear, the dark of night
nor the arrow that flies by day.

1. He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
to find a dwelling place secure.

Antiphon

2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,
nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,
no evil settle in my soul.

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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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.

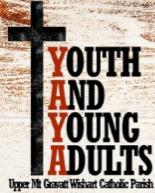
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End of year / Christmas Trivia Night

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.umg@bne.catholic.net.au so we have enough tables.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The November edition is now available at all Churches. Cost \$4.00.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

From 2024 the **Catholic Leader** is moving to a subscription-only model and will no longer be for sale in Churches and Mass centres.

This new streamlined distribution method means all readers will receive the newspaper to their door.

As a special bonus, if you subscribe before the 10 December, you will receive the rest of 2023 editions free and also go into the weekly prize draws. Subscription envelopes are available in each of our Churches.

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18 / 19 November 2023

READINGS

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31: Give her a share in what she has worked for.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6: The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30: Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

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

I WAS MUGGED!

