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MASS TIMES

**Monday 27 November -
Sunday 3 December 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.

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

The Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Catholic Parish acknowledges the Jagera and Turrbal people, the traditional custodians on whose lands we live, work and worship.

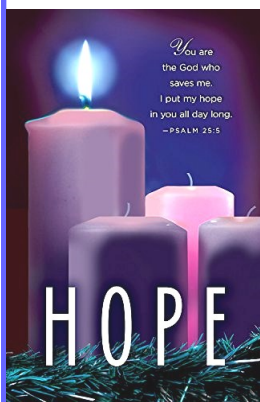
2/3 December 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

READINGS: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE



Priest: Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: Lord, our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ; He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in hope,
The hope of our coming saviour, Jesus.
Let us prepare then, the way of the Lord.

JESSE TREE SYMBOLS

Through the season of Advent, we will add two symbols each week to the Jesse Tree. They remind us of the faithfulness of God and of the men and women God used to prepare the world, down through Jewish history for the coming of Jesus.



The **Star** is a symbol of the wonder of God's creation (Genesis 1:14-19). Stars were also often symbols of God's future promises to people like Abraham (Genesis 22:15-18) and Balaam (Numbers 24:15-19). The star announces the fulfilment of God's ultimate promise - Jesus' birth, God with us (Matthew 2:1-12).

Noah's Ark reminds us of Noah trusting God's promise and of the never ending covenant of love God made with his people (Genesis 6:1-8:22).



The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year B and features the gospel of Mark.

The two great feasts of Christianity - the Nativity and Easter—are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation to fully enter into the great mysteries of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.

By the time the Church begins to celebrate Advent as a period of preparation towards Christmas, the stores have been filling with Christmas paraphernalia for weeks. It starts out small with a few decorations and wrapping paper and eventually takes over every retail outlet. In the midst of this excess of Christmas consumerism, it is often difficult to draw attention to the season of Advent and the need to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. It is important to stay awake, as we are cautioned in this week's gospel. Awake to what is happening around us in the world and awake to what is happening within us.





Christmas Masses



St Bernard's

Sunday 24 December

4.00 pm Vigil Mass
6.00 pm Vigil Mass
12.00 am Mass of the Night

Monday 25 December

6.30 am Mass at Dawn
9.30 am Mass of the Day

St Catherine's

Sunday 24 December

5.00 pm Vigil Mass
7.00 pm Vigil Mass

Monday 25 December

8.30 am Mass of the Day

St Martin's

Sunday 24 December

9.00 pm Mass of the Night

Monday 25 December

8.00 am Mass at of the Day

Please Note: Penitential Rite - Wednesday 13 December, 7.00pm at St Bernard's.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Brian Matthews, Ernesto Peralta, Francisco Jimenez who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Graham Lawnton, Sr Margaret Mary Birgan OLN, Kevin Burnett, Karen Burnett, Anthony Nhon, Anthony Ngo, Maria Hoa, Vera Flynn, Fred Brandon, Robert Tully, Gwen O'Shea whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 4 December

INFANCY NARRATIVES

12.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.
7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Tuesday 5 December

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

After 9.15am Mass, St Bernard's Church East Wing.
7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

AGED CARE MASS

Agay Street, Upper Mt Gravatt.

CRAFT GROUP

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

Thursday 7 December

BETHANY MEETING

10.00am, St Bernard's Office.

LITURGY MEETING

St Bernard's Office.



SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the SVdP Christmas Appeal.

Envelopes are still available in all churches and in the Piety Store (or use any envelope marked "St Vincent de Paul"). Please place in the collection baskets at Mass or at the Piety Store. Alternatively parishioners can donate online directly to either Conference:

SVDP St Bernard's

- BSB 064786
- Acct 100026560

SVDP St Catherine's

- BSB 064786
- Acct 100026611

SVDP ST BERNARD'S PIETY STORE

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST BERNARD'S

THIS SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

INVITATION TO FR STEPHEN'S FAREWELL

You are invited to a morning tea
on **Saturday 9 December at 10am**
in the **Aspinall Centre**
where we will say a sad farewell
to Fr Stephen
who has selflessly devoted his time
to our Parish
for the past 7 years.

RSVP: Wednesday 6 December.

Please phone or email the Parish Office

CHRISTMAS MASS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children aged between 8 and 16 are invited to be part of the children's choir for the

5.00pm Christmas Eve Mass
at St Catherine's Church, Wishart.

If your child is interested please contact the Parish Office at sec.umg@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3849 7158.

PARISH CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group Ladies would like to thank you for your generous support of their craft stall last weekend.

Raffle Winners

1st prize - David Stubbs (Tea set)

2nd prize - Peter Byrnes (Handmade Choir of Mice)

ENTRANCE: *OPEN THE HEAVENS*

Refrain: *Open the heavens, Lord,
come to our 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.

Bridge: Wake, awake O Israel
see your light has come.
Rise and clothe yourself in strength
know your Lord is near. **Refrain**
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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 79

All: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your
face and we shall be saved.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Lord, show us your mercy;
Lord, show us your love,
Lord show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

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

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

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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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RECESSIONAL: *CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

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

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
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SIGN ON ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Registered Volunteers are needed for the following
ministries at the Christmas Masses:

- * **Extraordinary Ministers of the Word;**
- * **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion;**
- * **Junior Ministers.**

Please indicate your preferred Mass on the **Sign On
Sheets out now in each church.**

If you have not completed the training or the required
Volunteer Registration, please email the Parish
Office at umg@bne.catholic.net.au or phone
3849 7158.

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

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

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER
WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE.
DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE HOLDER
OR LEAVE IT IN THE PEW.

The 'Spirit of Hope' Prayer Meeting St Stephen's Chapel



(In the grounds of the Cathedral in Brisbane City Centre)
(We Meet every 1st Wednesday of the Month)

Next Meeting Wednesday 6th December 2023

10.45am - 12.15pm

(after 10am Mass)

Join us for a Christmas Presentation, as we Journey Through Scripture & Song To
Herald in the Birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ!

Personal Prayer Ministry will be Available

EVERYONE WELCOME#

Contact: Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901



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 re-
ceive the rest of 2023 editions free and also go into the weekly prize draws.
Subscription envelopes are available in each of our Churches.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY: CICCA

[Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age]

Registrations are open for children aged 7 years or older who wish to
receive the Sacraments in 2021. There are four steps:

- Step 1:** Contact the Parish Sacramental Registrar, Hazel, on **3849 7158** or
sec.umg@bne.catholic.net.au and **register** your child who will
receive a Mass card.
- Step 2:** Come along to Mass as often as possible to enable your child to learn
the ropes, feel confident in the church, **participate in the liturgy** as
he/she is ready and begins to feel at home.
- Step 3:** As Fr Pat gets to know you and your child he will **invite** you to take the
next step.
- Step 4:** Children are **enrolled** in the Sacrament Program and will attend family
centred activity sessions to **prepare** for the celebration of **Penance**,
Confirmation and **First Communion**.

*If children are not yet Baptised, please contact the parish office. Fr Pat or
Pauline are happy to talk to you about the process and assist you in any way.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9 / 10 December 2023

READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

2 Peter 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

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

WHEN YOUR MOM



CALLS YOU BY YOUR FULL NAME