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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.

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.*

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE

25 / 26 November 2023

READINGS

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17: You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28: He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL

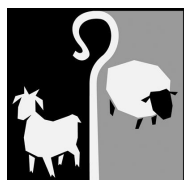
Matthew 25:31-46: He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

The Feast of Christ the King was introduced to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925, in a world that had suffered through the First World War and was unknowingly heading towards the Second World War. In this setting, the world was experiencing a dramatic growth in secularism and seeing many dictators rising to power in various states. The introduction of the feast was a call back from the secular and a call to remember Christ as having authority above and beyond any earthly leader, a reminder that there is a power for peace within the world that will not fail. The reign of Christ has been established, and the values of peace and justice are possible for those who seek this reign of God.

In this weekend's **First Reading**, Ezekiel is commissioned to announce a new order in which God will personally do what the shepherds of Israel (the former leadership) failed to do. As with much of the prophecy of Ezekiel this passage is highly rhetorical and full of grand imagery. It is designed to fuel faith that God is the only one who can give the people a meaningful future. No one will miss out; God the good shepherd is able to keep all the sheep in view no matter where they have been scattered in exile and will personally care for each one, bringing back the stray, bandaging the wounded and making the weak strong.

In the **Second Reading**, several of Paul's most treasured theological themes are brought together. As the first fruits of the dead, the Risen Christ is the most forceful expression of life after death, and his resurrection contains the promise of resurrection for all who are joined to him. Having conquered death, Christ will bring the fruits of his victory to God so that at the final consummation, God will be all in all.

This week's **Gospel** is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.



This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God. For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.



SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND 25 / 26 November

The SVDP Christmas Appeal is being conducted this weekend. All funds raised will be used by the Parish Conferences to help brighten Christmas for needy families in our local area.

Appeal envelopes will be available in all churches or from the Piety Store. Envelopes can be placed in any of the collection baskets over the next few weekends or left at the Piety Store. Donations can also be made in any envelope marked "St Vincent de Paul".

SVDP St Bernard's Conference, Upper Mt Gravatt

- BSB 064786
- Acct 100026560

SVDP St Catherine's Conference, Wishart

- BSB 064786
- Acct 100026611

St Bernard's Conference will not be organising and distributing Christmas hampers. Instead the Conference will purchase and distribute Gift Vouchers to 50/60 needy families in our local area. Donated funds will go towards covering the cost of the Gift Vouchers.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Brian Matthews, Ernesto Peralta, Chung Hin Henry Lee, Sr Margaret Mary Birgan OLN, Bernard Pulle, Thomas Duncan who died recently. Also Rod Hogan, Rose Cogan, Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Matthew Ahn, Rose James, Philip Edwards, Carmel Dwyer, John Dwyer, Mary Campbell, Richard Campbell, Peter Connor, Rick Randall, Lyn Predl, Trevor Smith, Tom Slattery, Des Dwyer, Hilda Prindable, Jack Williams whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 27 November

FUNERAL

10am, Chung Hin Henry Lee, GHM Chapel, Newnham Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt.

Tuesday 28 November

CRAFT GROUP

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

ADVENT ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

Delve a little deeper into the **Infancy Narratives** in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Join us in the St Bernard's Community Centre on **Monday 27 November**, 4 December and 11 December at 12:30pm (BYO lunch if required) or 7:00pm.

Advent Reflections will be shared on **Tuesdays 28 November**, 5 December, 12 December and 19 December after the 9:15am Mass in the Chapel at St Bernard's or at 7:00pm in the St Bernard's Community Centre (replacing Tuesday Scripture group).

SVDP ST BERNARD'S PIETY STORE

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

PARISH CRAFT GROUP

Craft Stall This Weekend

this weekend at all Masses at St Bernard's.

Browse the beautifully hand-made crafts and gifts for sale and do some early Christmas shopping.

Please note purchases are cash only.

No credit card facility available.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Raffaele Lucchi, son of Gianni & Marissa.

Allyrah Ragusa, daughter of Daniel & Chantel.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

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.

Please write your loved ones' names on the paper leaves, and place them on the 'Tree of Life'.



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

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.umd@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 3849 7158.

ENTRANCE:

HAIL, REDEEMER, KING DIVINE!

1. Hail, Redeemer, King divine!

Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain: *Angels, saints and nations, sing;
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."*

2. King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
till in peace each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.

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 23

All: The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

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: *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

2. Drawn by the faith that you accept our gifts,
and sanctify what we have shared.
To make us holy by this bread and wine,
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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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 3 Times

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RECESSIONAL: *GLORY IN THE CROSS*

1. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ,
our salvation and our hope.
Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life,
who was broken to make us whole.
There is no greater love, as blessed as this:
to lay down one's life for a friend.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.
2. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
who is risen from the grave.
He will come in glory to receive our hearts
at the dawn of the lasting day.
For the trumpet will sound, the dead shall be raised,
and death shall defeat us no more.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.
3. Let us raise our voices to the cross of Christ
where the earth and heaven unite.
God has wed creation on the tree of hope
where the darkness becomes our light.
Let us join in the dance of heaven and earth,
give thanks for the goodness of God.
Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ
and the triumph of God's great love.

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RI COORDINATOR NEEDED

A volunteer coordinator is needed for State School Religious Instruction in the local area. The person will work with the local Christian ministers and it is envisaged that much of this work could be done by email and phone using forms provided. If you are interested please contact Rev. Matthew Thomas (Lutheran) at 3349 9512 or matthew.thomas@lca.org.au

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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Clairvaux MacKillop College

Principal: Wayne Chapman
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SERVICE OF SOLIDARITY WITH GAZA AND THE HOLY LAND

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.'

Please join us: **Monday 27 November 4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT.**

Everyone is welcome. Please register in advance for this webinar:

https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg



After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



ADVENT VESPERS

First Solemn Vespers for Advent with readings and music

Come Lord Do Not Delay: Isaiah 40:4

Sung by: Cathedral Schola

Director of Music: Christopher Trikili

2ND DECEMBER 2023 | 5.00PM | THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

FREE ADMISSION | ALL WELCOME

CENTACARE PASTORAL MINISTRIES—VOLUNTEER

"Expressions of interest are welcomed for those willing to provide pastoral and spiritual care for people living with mental health challenges @ Centacare's Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley.

If you would like to put your hand up for this ministry work (providing morning tea, companionship, prayer and mass support) alongside an existing team of pastoral carers and have Wednesday morning availability (each week), please contact Judy Norris (Director – Pastoral Ministries) on Phone 3324 3193 for more information."

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 / 3 December 2023

READINGS

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

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

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

