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MASS TIMES

**Monday 6 November -
Sunday 12 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.

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.

The book of Malachi aims to respond to the apparent delay in the earlier prophets' vision of a great restoration of Israel and Judah's fortunes. It does so initially by reminding its readers that God's love is as present in the current circumstances as it was in the past and as it will be in the future – have faith! In today's **First Reading**, the temple priests are called out for not living up to their covenantal responsibilities, for letting down God and the people of Israel. We see a group in a position of privilege being reminded that privileged positions within the community carry serious responsibilities, that those in positions of power and authority should care for the vulnerable and failure to fulfil these responsibilities will meet with profound consequences.

In today's **Gospel** evidence of the Jewish background of Matthew's community. The chair was a symbol of a teacher's authority. He sat while disciples gathered at his feet. We continue that symbolism today when a Bishop is consecrated and seated in his 'chair', or in Greek, 'kathedros' (root of Cathedral) and Universities have 'the chair of philosophy, or English'. Jesus speaks of the authority of the Pharisees to teach the Law of Moses. But he then cautions that they do not live out what they teach.

Jesus criticises the Pharisees for seeking after honour and power as depicted in various titles such as Rabbi, Master, Father, Teacher. There is no doubt that the Christian community had teachers and missionaries and apostles. What matters though is that these are roles of service for the good of the community and are not roles of honour giving a person a higher status than another. In the Christian community 'you are all brothers and sisters'. It is possible that Matthew's community were in danger of forgetting this and returning to older attitudes of hierarchies and honour systems.

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians provides a filled-out vision of Christian leadership. In the section of the letter that is today's **Second Reading** Paul describes his leadership style. Without denying his apostolic authority, his image of leadership is that of a nursing mother, leading with gentleness, affection, self-giving – and paying his own way through his work. In verse 11, which is not in the lectionary, Paul likens his ministry to that of a father, exhorting and encouraging his children. These two parental images express Paul's self-understanding of how he is to be within the community, based on the biblical image of God's leadership of Israel. In the Old Testament God is frequently described as a parent, as a father or mother who guides, teaches, reprimands, forgives, nurtures. This is a marked contrast to the leadership of the scribes and the Pharisees described in today's Gospel. Paul no longer teaches as he might once have, as a Pharisee; instead he teaches the essentials of Christian faith by his own example.



The words of Jesus and Paul challenge all of us, whether we have an official leadership role or not. All who profess to be a Christian should be able to say – look at me! This is what Christianity is about. We may never have the learned words to offer others, but the example of our lives ought to speak our Christian belief.

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Angela Kearney, Brian Richards (cousin of Alice Tunstall), Maria Yong, Barbara Baker, Janeene Gourlay, Anthony Roe who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Miles Vass, Zilphia Bayliss, Art & Ken Bayliss, Angelo Vasta, Gioan Buaotiyita, Ron Duell, Mary Daly, Bob Beard, Narelle Quinn, Barry Hildebrand, Wally Grout, Ron Lusty, Chas Williams whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 6 November

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS HUB

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Tuesday 7 November

FUNERAL

10.30am, Angela Kearney, Mt Thompson Crematorium.

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Thursday 9 November

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

5.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

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)

PARISH CRAFT GROUP

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

1st prize - 18 piece Afternoon Tea Set

2nd prize - Handmade Christmas Mice Family.

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

Alexa Reddy, daughter of Peter & Koryn.

She 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.



YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS
Type 10 Gothic Black Catholic Patch

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.

ENTRANCE: ALL ARE WELCOME

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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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 130

All: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ,
the Lord Jesus Christ!

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: 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: THERE IS ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
there is one God who is Father of all.

Repeat

Text: Ephesians 4. Taize Community. Tune Jacques Bethier © 1984
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RECESSONAL: GO NOW, YOU ARE SENT FORTH

1. Go now, you are sent forth to live what you proclaim;
to show the world you follow Christ
in fact, not just in name.
2. Go now, you are sent forth to walk this troubled
earth, to share your faith with ev'ryone
and prove your real worth.
3. Go now, you are sent forth as God's ambassador;
by serving him in those we meet,
we love him more and more.

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: CICCA

(Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age)



Registration is open for children aged 7 years and older to receive the Sacraments in 2024. There are four steps:

1. **Register:** Contact Hazel at the Parish Office on 3849 7158 or email sec.umb@bne.catholic.net.au and register your child who will receive a Mass card.
2. **Participation in Liturgy:** Regularly attend Saturday or Sunday Mass in the Parish to help your child become familiar with the liturgy of the Mass and participate as much as possible.
3. **Invitation:** As Fr Pat gets to know you and your child he will invite you into the formal program.
4. **Enrol / Prepare / Celebrate:** Children are formally enrolled in the Sacramental Program and attend family centred activity sessions to prepare for the celebration of Penance, Confirmation and First Communion.

If your child is not yet Baptised, please contact the parish office. Fr Pat and I are happy to talk to you about the process and assist you in any way.

Pauline Thomas, Pastoral Associate

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

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DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE HOLDER OR LEAVE IT IN THE PEW.

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 from 2pm to 4pm

Church of the Twelve Apostles, 111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee

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



JUNIOR MINISTER TRAINING

Children who have been Confirmed and received First Communion are invited to train as Junior Ministers on **Saturday 15 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.

SAFEGUARDING

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services.

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.

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.umgwcatholic.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

