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MASS TIMES

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

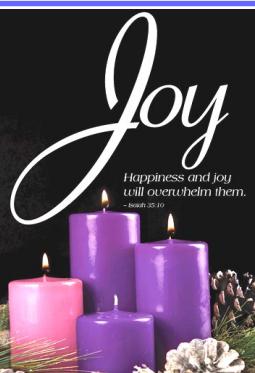
Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, faith-filled parish whose members care for one another and are welcoming and inclusive.

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

16/17 December 2023 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B**

READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Priest: Lord, our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ;
His coming is news of great joy for all
peoples.

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

JESSE TREE SYMBOLS

Through the season of Advent, we will add two symbols a 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 **Burning Bush** reminds us of God's call to Moses (Exodus 3-4:17). It reminds us that God works through people, often the unexpected, and often those who would see themselves as unqualified (Moses didn't speak well). It also reminds us of God's self-description as "I am who I am." God is ever present and active.



The **Tambourine** reminds us of the praise and worship of God. Miriam leads the Israelites with dancing and rejoicing (Exodus 15). Deborah and Barak sing God's praises (Judges 5). The Psalmist regularly reminds listeners to sing songs of praise with many musical instruments to God. David dances before the Lord (1 Chronicles 15-16).

This week's gospel is St John's particular slant of Mark story we heard last week. Along with greater focus on the conversational interaction, it presents John as a 'witness'. This is perhaps more typical of the John gospel emphasis on personal encounter with Jesus. Rather than acting as something of a herald, as in last week's account, here John the Baptist is witnessing 'to speak for the light'. He makes a very clear distinction between himself and the Christ, his mission is simply to point towards the light; the Christ.

Our common understanding of the word 'witness' tends to be related to legal situations: providing a witness statement or acting as a witness to a fact in court. The use of witness in this gospel carries a different connotation: to provide witness through action and lifestyle that draws others to wonder about and perhaps come to accept the motivating belief. It is this understanding of witness that all Christians are called to provide. We are called to witness to our beliefs in the way that we live our lives, engage with others and hold to certain truths. Whether we choose to witness through our words or through our actions it is essential that both words and actions have integrity; that there is no clash between what we proclaim and the way we live.



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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

REMINDER

Please remember the Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses are on the evening of Saturday 23 and the morning of Sunday 24. We will be celebrating the Christmas solemnity on Sunday evening.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Patrick Collins, Gabriele Virgulti who died recently. Also Fr Aspinall, Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Shirley Dhanapala, Anna Mary Jayakody, Lilian Jayakody, Matthew Arnold, Rachel McCrow, Peter Quinn, Ronald Charles Noffke, Harold Meecham, Min Cole, Marie Goudling, Carol Robertson, Margaret Fowke whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 18 December

EVENING PRAYER

6.30pm, St Bernard's Church East Wing.

Tuesday 19 December

EVENING PRAYER

6.30pm, St Bernard's Church East Wing.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

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

Wednesday 20 December

EVENING PRAYER

6.30pm, St Bernard's Church East Wing.

Thursday 21 December

AGED CARE MASS

Tricare, Somerfield St, Upper Mt Gravatt.

EVENING PRAYER

6.30pm, St Bernard's Church East Wing.

Friday 22 December

EVENING PRAYER

6.30pm, St Bernard's Church East Wing.

PARISH CHOIR

ST BERNARD'S 6PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

Are you interested in a one off opportunity to sing with the Parish Choir? You are invited to join them at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Bernard's.

Choir Practice for the Christmas Eve Mass will be held at St Bernard's Church on Tuesday 19 December at 7pm after Evening Prayer.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Agustin Vitacion, son of Vincent & Jena.

Grace Anukam, daughter of Chinedu & Dorothy.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

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

PRACTICE -

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Practice for the Children's Choir is on Friday 22 December at 9.30am at St Catherine's Church.



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

ENTRANCE: *PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST*

Refrain: Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

1. You are the Word who calls us out of
darkness;
You are the Word who leads us into light;
You are the Word who brings us through the
desert:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **Refrain**

2. You are the one whom prophets hoped and
longed for;
You are the one who speaks to us today;
You are the one who leads us to our future:
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **Refrain**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: LUKE 1, ISA 60:10

All: My soul rejoices in my God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit is upon me;
He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
The Spirit of the Lord is upon 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.

EUCARISTIC ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we
proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come
again.

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COMMUNION: *BREAD OF LIFE*

Refrain: Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life, lead us to one
another.

1. Be with your people, Lord, send us your saving Word
Jesus Christ, light of gladness, come among us now.
Refrain

2. Bring to our world of fear the truth we long to hear:
Jesus Christ, hope of ages, come to save us now.
Refrain

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RECESSINAL: *A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS*

Refrain: A voice in the wilderness calls to prepare,
for we are standing on the edge of changes.
Across the desert sand and mountain high
The Lord is coming. Make your way!

1. I will hear what the Lord will say;
a voice of peace for all his people.
His voice is never far for those who know
his glory dwelling in our land. **Refrain**

3. The Lord, our God, will make us grow
and earth will bring its fruit in all its splendor.
Justice marches on before; he comes
and peace will follow in his way. **Refrain**

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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 2024. 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.

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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SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the SVdP Christmas Appeal.

Thank You.

St Bernard's and St Catherine's SVDP Conferences wish to thank parishioners most sincerely for your generous support of the Christmas Appeal. Your generosity has enabled the Conference Members to deliver Gift Vouchers/hampers to approximately 100 families in the local area during this last week.

ST MARTIN'S CHANGE OF MASS TIME

PLEASE NOTE

From Sunday 7 January 2024
St Martin's Sunday morning Mass time
will be 7.30am (NOT 8.00am).



SAFEGUARDING

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.



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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

23 / 24 December 2023

READINGS

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Romans 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

You will conceive and bear a son.

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.umgwatholic.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



Q: Where do snowmen go dancing?

A: A snowball!



Q: What do you get if you cross an apple with a Christmas Tree?

A: A pineapple!



Q: What do road crews use at the North Pole?

A: Snow cones!

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