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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.

23/24 December 2023 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B**

READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Priest: Lord, our God,
we praise you for your Beloved Son,
Jesus Christ;

He came to show your love for all peoples.

All: **Prepare the way of the Lord.**

**We light this candle in love, the love
found in 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 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.



Jonah's **Big Fish** reminds us of the lengths to which God will go. Moses' burning bush, Balaam's donkey (Numbers 22), angels, dreams - when God has a message, God finds a way even when we think we can outrun or hide from it.

The **Flower** reminds us of the promise that the root of Jesse would see new life, new branches bearing fruit (Isaiah 11:1) Ultimately, this shoot would be fulfilled in Jesus. Flowers are also often used as reminders that even in harsh or difficult places, like deserts, God is still at work.



We have reached the final Sunday of Advent – a time of preparing ourselves to recognise and celebrate Christ's presence in the world, both historically and in an ongoing, timeless way. This week's gospel account of the Annunciation is an ideal culmination to this season as we recall Mary's emphatic 'Yes' to all that was being asked of her. At the end of an Advent of reflection and preparation to recognise Christ's presence in the world and in our lives, what better response could there be than to simply say, 'Yes'?

In a world that is driven by selfishness, Mary's selfless act stands as a challenge. Mary's decision must have been an enormously difficult one – one that had the potential to bring great shame on herself and Joseph. Yet, she trusts God absolutely and gives her life over into God's hands. That is perhaps the supreme act of faith; to say 'Yes' to God so completely that you are prepared to hand over direction and control of your own life.

Few of us tend to be visited by angels who lay out God's plan for us as clearly as Gabriel did for Mary. For most of us, it is a challenge to discern God's desire for us; to realise what it is that we are called to do and then give ourselves fully to that call. Perhaps the example of Mary's 'Yes' is a reminder to be still enough to hear the question in the first place!

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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.

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURE DATES

The Parish Office is **CLOSED** and will
re-open at 8.30am on Monday 15 January 2024.

For EMERGENCIES ONLY

please call 3849 7158 and **leave your name, number and a short message** on the answering machine.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Patrick Collins who died recently. Also Ted Paulsen, Graham Lawton, Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Anthony Ngo, Anthony Nhon, Leo Feeney, Peter Quinn, Jan and Joe de Lange, Nudge Noonan, Kathleen Dwyer, Daniel Dwyer, Carmel Dwyer, John Dwyer, Thomas Dwyer, James Dwyer, John Baker, Maria Baker whom we remember.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas filled with
love and joy and
a New Year filled with hope and peace.



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.

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.**



DATE CLAIMER

Bishop Tim Norton is coming to the Aspinall Centre on Tuesday, 20th February, at 7.00pm.

He will give us important information to guide us in the process of adopting *synodality* – the process that Pope Francis is asking of us.

Please mark your calendar and keep the date in mind.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (QLD)

is offering a marriage enrichment seminar for all couples, married, engaged or thinking about commitment. What: Witness talks based on Gary Chapman's book "The 5 Love Languages."

When: 13th January 2024 from 9-12.

RSVP (very important) 10th January 2024 – formbyd@iprimus.com.au

Where: Our Lady of Mount Carmel community room.
312 Cavendish Road Coorparoo.

ENTRANCE: *O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe. **Refrain**

5. O come, thou key of David come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path of misery. **Refrain**

Text: Latin, 9th Cent; translated by John M Neal, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: Chant, Mode I: adapted by Thomas Helmore 1811-1890.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 88

All: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

I am the servant, the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
I'm the servant of the Lord:

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

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

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COMMUNION: *MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE LORD*

Refrain: *In the bread may we be broken.*

In the cup may we be outpoured.

*May we come to the know the healer,
may we come to know the Lord.*

1. Though many are we, we are one in the Lord.
We are all welcome to his table of new life. **Refrain**

2. We come to the table to remember the Lord,
who gave his life that we might live forevermore. **Refrain**

3. In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup,
may we be filled as we come to know the Lord. **Refrain**

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RECESSIONAL: *JOYFUL IN HOPE*

1. Joyful in hope, your people pray.
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
Though the road may not be clear,
we believe, Lord, you are near,
in the smile and open heart of a friend.

2. Joyful in hope, your people pray.
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
There's sunshine after rain;
there's laughter after pain;
and I am with you always, so rise again.

3. Mary, so open to the Lord,
when you answered, "Yes", our hope was restored.
Though you couldn't understand,
in trust you took his hand.
So joyful in hope, we live again.

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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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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).

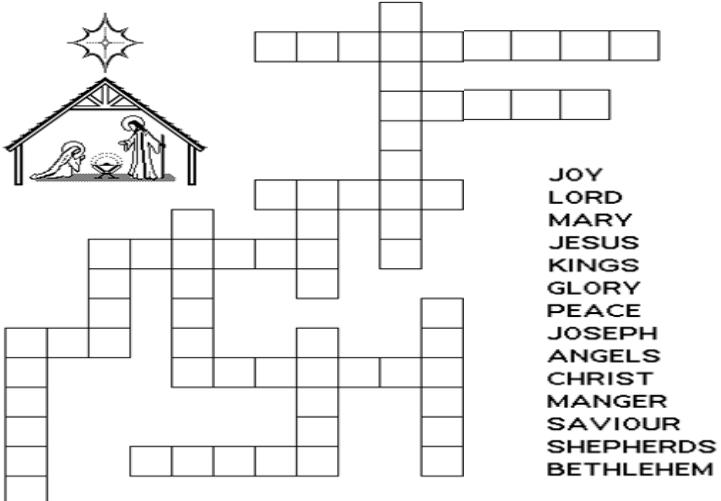
THE CATHOLIC LEADER

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.

Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 30 / 31 December 2023

READINGS

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Your own son shall be your heir.
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 The faith of Abraham, Sara and Isaac.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

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: What does an elf study in school?



A: The elfabets!

Q: What goes oh, oh, oh?



A: Santa Claus walking backwards!

Q: Where does a snowman keep his money?



A: In a snowbank!

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