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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

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

9/10 December 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

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

All: Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in peace,
The peace 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 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 **Jar** reminds us of God's miracles. God regularly uses ordinary objects to show us extraordinary things. Gideon brings broth in a jar to the Angel of the Lord, only to see the Angel turn the offering into fire (Judges 6-8) and Elijah tells the widow the jar won't empty until after the end of the drought and it doesn't (1 Kings 17).

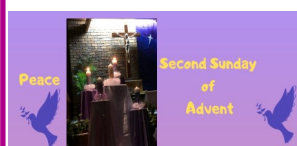
Joseph's coat reminds us of how God uses Joseph to rescue the Israelites from famine and shows God's faithfulness to the covenant made with Abraham and renewed with Jacob/Israel (Genesis 37-48).



Today's scriptures remind us that God has not held out in his love for us. By becoming one with us in our flesh, God has done everything he can to assure us of his saving love. He has shown us everything about how to live lives of sacrifice, justice and love and how to transform our world for better.

The scriptures tell us from the beginning of time to the preaching of John the Baptist, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and to the continuing work of the Holy Spirit among us today, that we have a God who risked everything so that we might know love and life in this world and in the next. We hold and proclaim, in season and out of season, a God who emptied himself of power and might and came to us as a baby.

That's not the profile of a deal-doer. It's the portrait of a lover.



So this Advent let's not ransom ourselves to a benevolent dictator. Let's ask for anything we need with confidence that God has heard our words and so sent love itself in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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

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

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 Gabriele Virgulti, Francisco Jimenez who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Elaine Anderson, Anthony Nhon, Anthony Ngo, Jack Jacobsen, Christie Fellowes, Jackie & Ted O'Sullivan, Mick Crocker, Mitchell Collins, Robert Parkes, Daniel James Dwyer, Daniel Joseph Dwyer, Craig Shepherd whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday 11 December

FUNERAL

10.30am, Gabriele Virgulti, St Bernards.

INFANCY NARRATIVES

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Tuesday 12 December

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

After 9.15am Mass, St Bernard's Church East Wing.

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 13 December

PENITENTIAL RITE

7.00pm, St Bernard's Church.



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)

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.

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 FACEBOOK PAGE

Have you checked out our Facebook Page?

If not go to

<https://www.facebook.com/umgwparish>

for prayer prompts, Catholic happenings etc.

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.

ENTRANCE: *PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD*

1. There was a man of God whose name was John.
He came to speak for the Light,
the voice of one in the wilderness:

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

2. Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground, the winding paths be straightened and all on earth shall see his face; **Refrain**
3. He is the Lamb of God and you must follow him who takes the sin of the world, for he has come to give you life. **Refrain**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 84

All: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Prepare the way 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: *CHRIST OUR PEACE*

Refrain: *Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that divide us;
Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you.*

1. Each time we eat this bread, each time we drink this cup,
We share Christ's death and rising until the reign of... **Refrain**
2. One is the bread we break, one is the cup we drink,
One is the body gathered here at the feast of... **Refrain**
3. All you with hungry hearts, who seek God's gracious reign,
All you who thirst for justice, come to the feast of... **Refrain**
4. And all are welcome here; here there is food for all,
Blessed meal of grace and mercy, gathered as one in... **Refrain**
5. As once he broke the bread and opened eyes and heart,
May we now see his presence as we remember... **Refrain**

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RECESSIONAL: *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**
2. Faithfulness and mercy have met:
Peace and justice have embraced here.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
And justice look down from the sky. **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 2021. There are four steps:

- Step 1:** Contact the Parish Sacramental Registrar, Hazel, on 3849 7158 or sec.umd@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.

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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THE
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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.

CONCERTS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

Christopher Trikilis (organ) | Sunday 10 December | 5.00pm

Susan Collins (violin) | Sunday 17 December | 5.00pm

Tickets through www.trybooking.com/CNGCC

The Bach Society of Queensland Inc. presents

Handel's MESSIAH

Saturday 16 December | 2.00pm

Dron Auditorium, St Peter's Lutheran College

Tickets available at www.bachsocietyqld.org.au or phone Tina
on 0438 971 951 (please leave a message).

The Queensland Choir presents

Sounds of the Season

Saturday 16 December | 7.30pm

Concert Hall, Qld Museum Building

Tickets available at www.oldmuseum>event or call 07 3257 4089.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17 / 18 December 2023

READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul
and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ.*

GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

There stands among you, unknown to you,
the one who is coming after me.

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
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Insurance companies are warning
campers if your tent is stolen during
the night you won't be covered

