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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

7.30am 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

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

27 / 28 JANUARY 2024

READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

In the First Reading, Moses affirms the promise of God's continued presence with the people – not just in the Tabernacle/Tent of Meeting which would eventually become the Temple, but in the prophets God would send to guide the people. The prophets would be leaders like Moses, and the people were to listen and to follow them. The prophets are warned of the seriousness of this responsibility. If they lead people astray (said anything God has not directed), they would be dealt with directly by God. This passage would later take on a messianic overtone – the Messiah would be prophet like the great Moses. This parallel is particularly strong through Matthew's Gospel.

Mark's Gospel picks up the image of Jesus as "a prophet like Moses" in the authority of Jesus' teaching. The normal pattern of teaching in those days would have been to quote the teaching of a former great rabbi – 'According to Rabbi Hillel . . .' or, 'As Rabbi Nathan said . . .'. But Jesus teaches from his own experience and knowledge of God. This gives his words an astounding authority – no wonder his reputation spread.



The authority of the teaching is then seen in action in the expulsion of the demon. This episode suggests that there is a very close link in Mark's view between the liberation involved in genuine teaching and the liberation involved in expelling demons. It enacted, albeit more physically, a liberation that was going on within all present as they listened to Jesus and drank in his words. 'Captivities' of prejudice, fears, scruples, guilts, ignorance about God, were dragged out of all present. Rather than being mere spectators of what is being described, the Gospel invites those who hear it to identify with Jesus' audience in the synagogue and to consider all the ways in which their own lives need to be set free through the power and teaching of Jesus.

The Second Reading continues Paul's long response to the questions from the Corinthian Church that prompted the letter to be written.

Taken out of context, this reading can be misinterpreted as suggesting he is against marriage. This is not the case. Within Judaism marriage and children are a great blessing and it would be very odd for Paul to advise against marrying – except that he is anticipating the return of Jesus very soon. His main concern is 'that you give your undivided attention to the Lord'. And notice the closing words of this reading – Paul is giving an opinion based on what he understands at the time, not an injunction to be imposed on believers.

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Armando Escalante, Nancy Eade, Neal Rooney, Charlie DeGaura, Shaleen Wharton, Jamie Birgan who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Kevin Burnett, Processa Villones, Desmond Coglan, Joyce Williams, Tina and John McAllister, John Spurway, Margaret Krautz, Mary Hehir, Bid Quinn, Marjorie Affleck, Mia Birch whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 30 January

FUNERAL

11.00am, Neal Rooney, St Bernard's Church.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Thursday 1 February

BETHANY MEETING

10.00am, St Bernard's Office.

LITURGY MEETING

St Bernard's Office.

Friday 2 February

FUNERAL

11.00am, Armando Escalante, St Bernard's Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST BERNARD'S

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.



PARISH CRAFT GROUP

Parish Craft Group returns for 2024 on Tuesday 6th February 10.00am to 2.00pm.

There will be a meeting to discuss the future of the craft group at 10.30am.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 28 February 2023

Coach departs St Catherine's Bus Stop at 8.00am.



St Catherine's Seniors are planning a trip to visit Landsborough Museum and to have lunch at Glasshouse Mountains RSL Sub-Branch afterwards.

Morning Tea will be held as usual on the way before the visit to the Museum.

Please bring your own food for morning tea, the tea/coffee/sugar/milk will be provided for you.

We do have some details to resolve, and the cost is still unknown.

The usual raffles will be held during the trip.

If you wish to book in for the trip now, please contact Ros on Ph. 3349 9218.

More details will be given in the next weeks Newsletters.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Skipper Mattsson, son of Isaac & Lyndsey.

He will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

SYNODALITY – COMBATTING CHANGE

COME AND HEAR Bishop Tim Norton tell us what we need to know about synodality – the new structure that Pope Francis is promoting for parishes everywhere.

A most important event given the changes we are facing at Upper Mount Gravatt Wishart Parish.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

20TH February, 7 p.m. St Bernard's.

SEE YOU THERE.

LENT 2024 REFLECTIONS

If you expressed an interest last year on the Order Form (October 2023 Newsletter) to purchase a Reflections book the cost is \$8.00.

Please place \$8.00 in an envelope with your name and weekend Mass time and either place on the collection plate or hand into the Parish Office.

Books will be distributed to Sacristies as soon as they are received.

Thank you.

AUSTRALIA DAY MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

Please see Church Notice Boards for Archbishop Mark's message.

ENTRANCE: *GATHER YOUR PEOPLE*

Refrain: *Gather your people, O Lord.*

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one spirit of love.

Gather your people, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the table of life: brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light. **Refrain**
2. We are parts of the body of Christ, Needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides. **Refrain**

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 94

All: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light;
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alle, Alleluia!

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 BROKEN, WINE SHARED

Chorus: Bread broken, wine shared; Jesus here,
taking our lives, opening our hearts,
making us whole, setting our loving free.

1. Take all our dreams, all that we are, all we could ever be.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours, we take bread and eat. **Chorus**
2. Open our minds, open our hearts, let love set us free within.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours, we pour wine and drink. **Chorus**
3. Make us alive, filled with Your hope, living what's really true.
Lord of all life, we want to be Yours, we know this is You. **Chorus**

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SONG OF PRAISE: OPEN MY EYES

1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

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RECESSONAL: SING OUT, EARTH AND SKIES

1. Come, O God of all the earth:
Come to us, O righteous One;
Come, and bring our love to birth:
In the glory of your Son.

Refrain: Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!

5. Come, O Justice, Come, O Peace:
Come and shape our hearts anew;
Come and make oppression cease:
Bring us all to life in you. **Refrain**

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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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OR LEAVE IT IN THE PEW.

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 Office 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. Please be aware we run two groups per year (Semester 1 and Semester 2).

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.

"Spirit of Hope" Monthly Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 31 January 10.45 - 12.15pm after 10am Mass.



St Stephen's Chapel in the grounds of the Cathedral.



Morning of Prayer, Praise and Worship.

Enquiries Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901.

(Please note change of date due to the unavailability of the Chapel on the 1st Wednesday of February.)

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

We know many parishioners are loyal Catholic Leader newspaper readers. Just a reminder that The Catholic Leader is still available in print, and you can have it conveniently delivered to your house. To arrange for delivery of your paper please call The Catholic Leader team on (07) 3324 3555 and they will set you up for a home delivery over the phone or you can go to the internet and type in <https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe/>

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

3 / 4 FEBRUARY 2024

READINGS

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19,
22-23**

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

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

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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