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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

10 / 11 FEBRUARY 2024

READINGS

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45 The leprosy left him and he was cured.

The First Reading sets up the Gospel for this week by giving us the first and last verses on a long section on skin diseases (not just our modern leprosy). Taken by itself, the reading could give the wrong impression about attitudes to such diseases in biblical times. The verses in between show great care was taken to try and get the diagnosis right before the 'quarantine' was imposed. The community needed to strike a balance between care for the afflicted and the health of the whole community. Modern medicine has isolation wards in hospitals if needed, but for the Biblical world the only effective way of "isolating" was to be outside the campsite or village. The law was established to protect the health and well-being of all, but it could be abused. The "isolated" person could be regarded as sinful and being punished for that sin, leading to the afflicted person being ostracised and becoming a beggar.

Awareness of this biblical background enhances the miracle story told in the Gospel. The leper, who, of course, is not supposed to approach anyone, feels emboldened to approach Jesus and his plea is a strong act of faith in the power and the status of Jesus. With leprosy considered a living death, curing it was tantamount to raising the dead. Approaching Jesus, the man believes, gives access to the life-giving power of God.



By stretching out his hand and touching the leper Jesus reaches right across the clean/unclean barrier in all its physical, social and moral dimensions. The gesture and declaration, 'I do so choose', expresses the divine compassion reaching out to afflicted humanity. In the conventional understanding of the time this would have exposed Jesus to contracting 'uncleanness' from the afflicted person. But for Jesus the clean/unclean process works the opposite way. True 'cleanness' or 'holiness' is something human beings catch by coming close to God, which is precisely what this man has achieved by having the faith, in his condition, to approach Jesus.

So often I (Mary Coloe) come to prayer feeling like this leper in need of Jesus' healing touch. I hear the desperation in his voice as he pleads, 'If you want to you can cure me.' But deep down he wonders who would want to have anything to do with a leper. Would Jesus really want me? This Gospel reminds us "yes, he does".



Another view of this Gospel causes reflection on social and cultural leprosy. Who are the alienated from society today? Who do we put barriers up to because they are different? Are we willing to follow Jesus' lead and reach out to those on the outside—not just with words, but with real presence and personal touch.

The Second Reading concludes the long answer to issue of eating meat offered to idols that was broached in Chapter 8 (which the lectionary leaves out). Paul concludes with positive principals—do all for the glory of God, adapt as you can to avoid offence and draw others to God. Paul points to his own life as an example, as he follows the example of Christ. In the TV series *Kath and Kim*, there was the great line spoken by Kath: 'Look at moi, look at moi.' Would we dare take this as our motto and dare to be living witnesses to our faith values? Jesus did. Paul did.

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Olga Iocco, Patricia King, Colin Chant, Rosario Russo, Masatori Masuoka, Baldomera Guillaran who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadarshani Bandara, Cam Nguyen, Dionisia Tutor, Clyde Drury, Susan Toohey, Gordon Wilkie, Von Johns, Clinton & Ben Bolger whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 13 February

FUNERAL

10.30am, Olga Iocco, St Bernard's Church.

CRAFT GROUP

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

LENTEN REFLECTIONS GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 14 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.00am Mass, St Catherine's Church.
9.30am Mass, St Martin's Church.
7.00pm Mass, St Bernard's Church.

Thursday 15 February

FUNERAL

10.30am, Patricia King, St Bernard's Church.

Friday 16 February

FUNERAL

10.30am, Colin Chant, St Joachim's Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7.00pm, St Bernard's Church.

YAYA

7.00pm, Aspinall Centre.

Saturday 17 February

FUNERAL

10.00am, Rosaria Russo, St Catherine's Church.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 28 February 2024

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



St Catherine's Seniors are planning a visit to 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.

Cost for the Trip will be in the range of \$57/58, the cost does depend on the numbers booking in.

The usual raffles will be held during the trip.

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

Please bring any used Stamps for the Missions Office (pass onto Bob and Maureen Hore).



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Harper Gormley, daughter of Louise & Steven;
Archie O'Grady, son of Brooke & Andrew.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

14 FEBRUARY 2024

7.00am - St Catherine's Church
9.30am - St Martin's Church
7.00pm - St Bernard's Church



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available in our Churches, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you for your support.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

SYNODALITY –

Change in the Catholic Church

COME AND HEAR Bishop Tim Norton tell us what we need to know about synodality – the structure 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 –
Tuesday 20th February, 7 p.m. St Bernard's.

SEE YOU THERE.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST CATHERINE'S SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 8.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

ENTRANCE: *BLEST BE THE LORD*

Antiphon: *Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,
the God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear, the dark of night
nor the arrow that flies by day.*

1. He will release me from the nets of all my foes.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
to find a dwelling place secure. **Antiphon**
2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,
nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me
down, no evil settle in my soul. **Antiphon**

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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 31

All: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people. 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:

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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SONG OF PRAISE: COME AS YOU ARE

1. Come as you are, that's how I want you.

Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;
come as you are, why stand alone?

2. No need to fear, love sets no limits.

No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away shamed and dishearten'd.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

3. I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.

I came to bring peace, not to condemn.
Each time you fail to live by my promise,
why do you think I'd love you the less?

4. Come as you are, that's how I love you.

Come as you are, trust me again.
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.
All will be well, just come as you are.

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RECESSIONAL: GOD SENDS US FORTH

1. God sends us forth to love and serve,
make known God's name, and live God's word,
mirror God's love, reflect God's grace
till all have seen the Saviour's face.

3. Called to the ones the world ignores
hungry and thirsty, weak and poor
let us bear Christ, who heals all pain
and comforts those with guilt or shame.

4. So with the cross to lead the way,
let us go forth in peace today
till ev'ry end of earth has known
the saving love of God alone.

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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
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St Catherine's School
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Clairvaux MacKillop College
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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 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.

Clairvaux MacKillop College

2024 College Tours

Please join us for a College Tour on either date

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH 2024

FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024

9.00am TO 10.30am



These events will provide you with a comprehensive insight into the life of Clairvaux MacKillop College and will allow you to take a tour with our Student Mentors; meet our Principal, Mr Wayne Chapman, and senior members of staff. We look forward to welcoming you to the College.

Please register online www.cvwmck.edu.au

via the Enrolments tab or telephone 3347 9275

Great learning. Great teaching. Great people.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

17 / 18 FEBRUARY 2024

READINGS

Genesis 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

1 Peter 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

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.

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