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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

24 / 25 FEBRUARY 2024

READINGS

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Romans 8:31-34 God did not spare his own Son.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10 This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Like so many other important events in the Bible, the events of this week's First Reading and Gospel occur on a high mountaintop. Mountaintops were places of special and dramatic encounter with God.



But life is not lived on the mountaintop but back down in the valley. Although the mountaintop experience may have provided some new insight and new energy, it is back down in the valley that the world waits; that the real work needs to be done; that the sick and the poor are crying out for God's love and mercy.

'We too are called to climb up the mountain,' says Pope Francis. But, as he points out, we are also called to bring our experience back down the mountain.

In our own lives, one way of understanding this is to contemplate our personal spiritual behaviours. The Pope takes the opportunity of this Gospel to remind us to beware of the risk of 'spiritual laziness'. Are we tempted to 'remain on the mountain and enjoy the bliss of this encounter on our own'? Do we risk taking too much private and possessive comfort from 'our prayers and liturgies'?



As the Pope points out, we cannot stay on the mountain. 'Jesus himself brings us back to the valley, among our brothers and sisters and into daily life.' There is work to be done. It is not enough to come to Mass and pray in a way that is cut off from life. The Church should never

become a means of escaping reality or responsibility.

'We', the Pope proclaims, 'are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere.' Called up the mountain, we are sent down the mountain to go forth and take the mystery of the Transfigured One with us wherever we may go. We cannot do that if we keep our heads stuck in tents of our own making.

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Jack Parker, Dan Kime, Margaret Herbert, Giovanni Ficca, Maria Brandso, Fr Ian Wren, Sr Annette Brown OSC who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadarshani Bandara, Ros Lean, Kevin Burnett, Karen Burnett, Danny Coglan, Miles Vass, Beverley Doyle, Dr John Herron, Keith Bradford whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 27 February

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

after 9.15am Mass, St Bernard's Church.

AGED CARE COMMUNION

10.00am, Agay Street.

CRAFT GROUP

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

FUNERAL

2.00pm, Margaret Herbert, Mt Gravatt Chapel.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Thursday 29 February

AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, ARCAR, Eight Mile Plains.

Friday 1 March

FUNERAL

10.30am, Jack Parker, St Catherine's Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7.00pm, St Bernard's Church.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

Friday 1 March at 10.15am

St Joachim's Catholic Church,
41 Yuletide Street, Holland Park.

The service has been prepared this year by the W.D.P. Committee of Palestine, with the theme "I beg you, bear with one another in love".

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

**Mia, Ozuna & Rosalia Blanco, children of
Oscar & Alana**

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

2 Months into becoming a One Priest Parish

After consultation with the Archdiocese we can now advise Fr John Lai CSsR has graciously offered to assist with two Masses each weekend. We are also hopeful to have some assistance with weekday Masses.

The annual Archdiocese of Brisbane Mass Count in May will provide us with a clear picture of the needs of our Parish going forward eg Mass times and locations.

COMBINED PARISH CHOIR

HOLY THURSDAY & EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES

Choir Practice for the Masses will be held at
St Bernard's Church on
Tuesday 12 March at 7.00pm
Tuesday 19 March at 7.00pm
Tuesday 26 March at 7.00pm

PARISH CRAFT GROUP

Tea towels and toys, beautifully made by our gifted craft ladies, are now available for purchase from the St Bernard's Piety Stall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST BERNARD'S SUNDAY 3 MARCH 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.



PROJECT COMPASSION



After the birth of her children, 22 year old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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 from the parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

ENTRANCE: *TRANSFORM US*

1. Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.
2. Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done, live in this world as your Body, chosen daughters, chosen sons.
3. Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation - time and truth we quickly bind, lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 115

All: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: *Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
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Antiphon: *Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

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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

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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COMMUNION: *DRAWN TO YOU*

Refrain: Drawn to you, Lord we are drawn to you, to the beauty of your presence in this place. Here for you, God we are here for you as the gifts we bring become a feast of grace. We are drawn to you.

1. Drawn by the love that you have poured on us we bring these gifts work of our hands. You gather all we offer to yourself, receive our prayer.
2. Drawn by the faith that you accept our gifts, and sanctify what we have shared. To make us holy by this bread and wine, receive our prayer.
3. Drawn by the table you have laid for us, the welcome feast your heart prepares, the words now spoken that will make us one, receive our prayer.

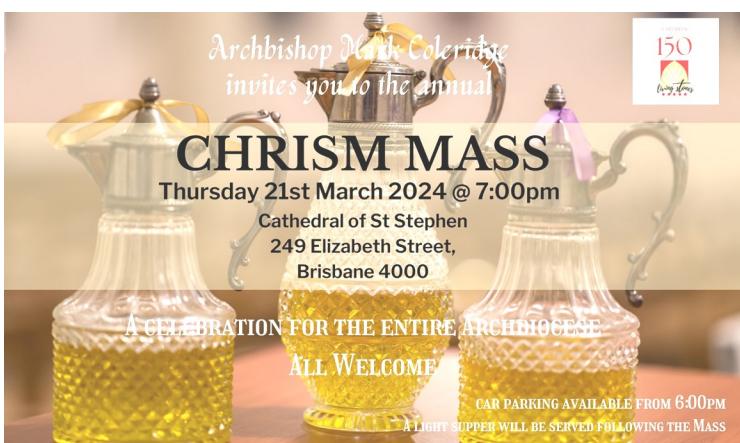
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RECESSSIONAL: *O RAISE YOUR EYES ON HIGH AND SEE*

1. O raise your eyes on high and see, there stands our sov'reign Lord; his glory is this day revealed, his word a two-edged sword.
4. The prophets stand and with great joy give witness as they gaze; the Father with a sign has sealed our trust, our hope, our praise.
5. This glory that today our eyes have glimpsed of God's own Son will help us ever sing with love of Three who are but One.

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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

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE.
DO NOT RETURN IT TO THE HOLDER OR LEAVE IT IN THE PEW.



**You're invited to:
Peek into Prep!
Wednesday 6 March 2024
9.00am—10.00am**

To register - Call (07) 3849 4800 or
Email: pupmtgravatt@bne.catholic.net.au



ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL TOUR - Thursday 29 February 9:30am

Come along to a friendly tour, led by our Principal. Find answers to your questions about education at St Catherine's. Please register your interest by emailing the school office pwishart@bne.catholic.edu.au. www.stcatherinescps.qld.edu.au

ST CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - ENROL ONLINE NOW FOR PREP 2025. If your child is born 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020 they are eligible for Prep in 2025

**Children must be 5 years old by 30 June in the year they start Prep.*

www.stcatherinescps.qld.edu.au/enrolment

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.cvxmck.edu.au

via the Enrolments tab or telephone 3347 9200

Great learning. Great teaching. Great people.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

2 / 3 MARCH 2024

READINGS

Exodus 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God..

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up.

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

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.umgwparish.org.au



**I'M OLD ENOUGH TO
REMEMBER WHEN PAPER
BAGS WERE BEING BLAMED
FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF
TREES – AND PLASTIC BAGS
WERE THE SOLUTION!**