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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 OF LENT, YEAR B

9 / 10 MARCH 2024

READINGS

2 Chronicles 36:14-16 The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed
19-23 in the exile and liberation of his people.

Ephesians 2:4-10 When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21 God sent his son into the world that we might be saved through him..

In Lent, our attention is often naturally turned to our sins. It's easy, in this context, to take on at least an unconscious image of God as one who is counting our sins to condemn us. But the Gospel today reminds us that the opposite is true. Rather than condemning us, God's love for us is so great that he would rather die himself to save us. All he asks in return, the Gospel suggests, is our faith—that we believe and receive what he has given us.



How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us. 'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light.



Perhaps our challenge for this week, then, is to notice not our sins, but the times we fall for the lie that pictures God as condemning us. We could use the words of today's Gospel to remind ourselves of what we truly know and believe, that: "God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved" (Jn 3:17).

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Rose Booth-Crane (mother of Terry Booth & Merle McMillan), James O'Brien, James Friel, Fr Ian Wren, Maria Brandso who died recently. Also Alexia Wilson, Pat Sullivan, Tom Begg, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Priyadharshani Bandara, Gwen Paull, Glenva Haigh, Alan Druery, Jack McLaughlin, Margaret Toth, Vince & Eileen Corbett, Jerry Stephens, Phyllis Condon, June McMahon, Bob Jones whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 12 March

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

after 9.15am Mass, St Bernard's Church.

CRAFT GROUP

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

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

COMBINED PARISH CHOIR

7.00pm, St Bernard's Church.

Thursday 14 March

SOCIAL JUSTICE

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Friday 15 March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7.00pm, St Bernard's Church.

YAYA

7.00pm - 9.00pm, Aspinall Centre.

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, 19 and 26 March at 7.00pm.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 27 March 2024

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



St Catherine's Seniors are visiting Bribie Island Butterfly House and to later have lunch at the Bribie Island Surf Club.

Morning Tea will be held before the visit to the Butterfly House.

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 \$55, 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. Lunch selections available.

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



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Allira Wright, daughter of Dominic & Andrina;
Daniel & Stella Cho, children of Sungmin & Angela Lee;

Alessia & Willow Pimpinella, children of Christopher & Melissa.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.



ST PATRICK'S DAY INVITATION TO MASS

As St Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year, the Mass of the Feast of St Patrick will be celebrated on Monday 18 March instead. The Mass on the 17th will be of that of the 5th Sunday of Lent and liturgically has precedence.

However, we, of the St Patrick's Day Parade Association who have organised the Mass on St Patrick's Day for some years now, nevertheless wish to acknowledge St Patrick's Day and so we invite you to the **10am Mass** this year in **St Stephen's Cathedral** on the 17th and join fellow members of the Irish Community in celebrating Ireland's National Day. While the Mass itself will not have the same "Irish" input as in previous years, it is still an opportunity to come together and pray for the well-being of all us in the Irish diaspora. And we will still give you the opportunity to meet up with new and old friends afterwards over the tea/coffee refreshments that we will provide.

Put also in your diary that the **Annual St Patrick's Day Parade** will take place in the **City on Saturday 16 March** starting at **10.30am**.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST CATHERINE'S

SUNDAY 17 MARCH 8.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.



PROJECT COMPASSION



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Caritas Australia

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. **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 your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

ENTRANCE: *TREE OF LIFE*

1. Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
in your death we are reborn,
though you die in all of hisot'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.

L4. Give us eyes to see you clearly,
make us children of your light;
give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright,
as your gospel shining bright.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 136

All: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget
you!

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Text Psalms verses, The Grail, England.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his
only Son, that all who believe in him might have
eternal life.

**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.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

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

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COMMUNION: *LORD WE COME TO YOUR TABLE/WHERE TWO OR THREE*

Lord we come to your table.
Lord we hear your Word.
Lord you are our Bread of Life
and we, the Body of Christ.

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Where two or three are gathered in my name,
Know I am with you, I am with you!
Where two or three are gathered in my name,
Know I am there to be with you.

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RECESSIONAL: *CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain: *Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

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

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

St Bernard's School
You're invited to our:
Open Morning
Wednesday 30 April 2024, 9.00am-10.30am

- Explore our new modern facilities & see classrooms in action
- Hear from student leaders on how we achieve excellence together
- Meet our dedicated Leadership Team & inclusive community

Call or visit
our website
to book

A Brisbane Catholic Education School

St Bernard's School – Come and get to know us!

You are warmly invited to attend our events to find out more about our school.

Join us in our *Harmony Day Celebration* on 21 March 8am to 9:30am

Our first *Open Morning* this year is on 30 April 9am to 10:30am

Please register your interest by emailing the school office



ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITY

"Being Sacramental" starts on Monday 15 April from 7pm - 9pm. Our Parish is hosting a hub at St Bernard's Community Centre. Cost \$150 for the 9 sessions or \$200 with a Certificate.

This module engages participants in the concepts of sacramentality, the sacraments and their context in liturgy in the Catholic tradition. The course explores the nature of God's presence in the sacraments, the nature of grace, how grace is received and experienced in and beyond the sacraments of the Church.

Please contact Pauline in the Parish Office if you require further information.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

16 / 17 MARCH 2024

READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

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

Skipped the gym today and put on a fitted sheet instead



NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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