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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 whose members care for one another and are welcoming and inclusive.

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

24 / 25 August 2024

READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18 *We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.*

Ephesians 5:21-32 *This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

GOSPEL

John: 6:60-69 *Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*

On this Social Justice Sunday, the readings put before us ask the question: What makes sense and what doesn't? This implies the question: Does a Christian commitment to social justice make sense?

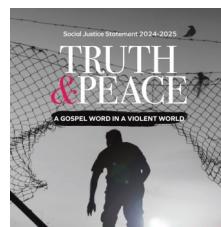
In the **First Reading**, the Chosen People face a big decision as they leave the desert and enter the Promised Land. Their God was a desert God who had met them in the desert and led them through the desert for forty years. In a world where gods were tied to place, it made sense to leave this God in the desert as they entered an agricultural land where other gods held sway, the gods the Bible knows as the Baals. But Joshua puts before them another logic which doesn't seem to make sense – that they remain faithful to their desert God, that they trust their God to be their protector not only in the desert but also in the Promised Land. This is a major theological shift, implying that the deity is not tied to place: the God of Israel is God in every place.

In the **Gospel**, some of those who have heard the words of Jesus – that he is the Bread of Life and that his Body must be eaten, and his Blood must be drunk – decide that this makes no sense, and they take their leave. In response to the Lord's question, Peter (like the Israelites in the First Reading) takes a leap of faith and says that Jesus makes ultimate sense as the one who has the words of eternal life in a way that no-one else has; and he has these words because he alone is "the Holy One of God". Whatever Peter & the disciples don't know, they have come to know that.

In the **Second Reading**, Paul puts before his community a vision which doesn't make sense in a world where a wife was regarded as part of a man's goods and chattels and where it was seriously counter-cultural to speak of the dignity of every human being and the rights attaching to this. But Paul offers a vision of radical mutuality in marriage which is based upon a sense of the equal dignity and rights of husband and wife; and he links this to the radical mutuality of love which unites Christ and the Church. Paul's vision is born of the encounter with the Risen Christ, the Bridegroom who has taken a Bride to himself. It is this encounter which overturns all the seemingly non-negotiable hierarchies of the world, the kind of hierarchies which reject mutuality and see some human beings as having a dignity, and rights denied to others.

This year's Social Justice Statement has as its theme, **TRUTH AND PEACE: A Gospel Word in a Violent World**. At a time when violence is everywhere we look, words of truth don't seem to make sense. It looks like weakness in a world where it seems only the strong can thrive. This is the upside-down logic of the Cross which never seems to make sense. On this Social Justice Sunday, we are God's People who speak that truth upon which peace depends.

Adapted from the liturgy notes released with the ACBC 2024-25 Social Justice Statement.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Errol Baxter, Dennis Hannan (husband of Jan), Maureen Hauser, Carlo Cogliati, Judith Kenyon, Mary Hodge, who died recently. Also Bill Geldart, Maureen Collier, Neil O'Neill, George Merli, Tirso Espino, Laura Sim, Gus Sim, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Priyadharshani Bandara, Virginia Samson David, Pauline Wilson, Dorothea Zapata, Vicente Zapata, Ilgo & Fulvia Antonangeli, Tammy & Rod Rushton, Alec Snashall, Cathie Sammon, George Davidson, Alec Tosh, Gert Gordon, Joe O'Sullivan whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 27 August

FUNERAL

12.30pm, Maureen Hauser, St Catherine's Church.

CRAFT GROUP

CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 28 August

FUNERAL

10.00am, Dennis Hannan, St Martin's Church.

Thursday 29 August

AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, Arcare, Eight Mile Plains

FUNERAL

2.00pm, Carlo Cogliati, GHM Chapel, Newnham Rd.

ST CATHERINE'S FETE

THIS Sunday 25 August

9.30am - 3.00pm



Join us for lots of fun!

Rides, Sweet/cake Stall, Live Entertainment, Yummy Food, Raffle Prizes, Sideshow Alley, Reptile Display, Craft Stall and much more!



ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 28 August 2024

Coach departs St Catherine's



Bus Stop at 8.00am.

St Catherine's Seniors are going to Kooroomba Vineyard and Lavender Farm at Mt Alford near Boonah, hopefully to see the lavender in flower. We will be leaving St Catherine's Bus Stop at 8.00 am.

On the way, we'll stop at Peak Mountain View Park for morning tea. Please bring your own food for this. Tea/Coffee/sugar/milk are provided.

We'll visit the Dugandan Hotel for lunch before later visiting Kholo Botanic Gardens at the side of the Brisbane River before heading home.

Bookings are with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218 plus the lunch selection options that are available.

Please bring used any stamps to pass onto Bob and Maureen Hore for the Missions Office.

Cost approx. \$55, depending on the numbers.

Anniversary

Blessings



Congratulations to
Tony and Therese Wharton
who celebrated their
70th Wedding Anniversary
on 21st August 2024.

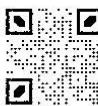
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The Annual
Catholic
Campaign

There is still
time to give

Thank you for your generous support of the **Annual Catholic Campaign**! Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for unwell priests, ensures children from families in hardship have access to Catholic education, and reaches out to our neighbours in vulnerable circumstances.



With your gift, you give those in need something to hope for. You are the answer to a prayer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST BERNARD'S

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

ENTRANCE: *CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

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

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

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 33

All: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

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: LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO

Refrain: Lord, to whom shall we go?
You are our bread, broken and shared.
Lord, to whom shall we go?
Yours are the words of life.

1. Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied.

Refrain

2. O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,
our pledge of eternal life.

Refrain

3. The bread you give is the living bread,
your flesh for the life of the world.

Refrain

4. Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps,
a light for my path of life.

Refrain

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SONG OF PRAISE: GOD OF DAY AND GOD OF DARKNESS

1. God of day and God of darkness, now we stand
before the night; As the shadows stretch and
deepen, come and make our darkness bright.
All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your
might, when the Sun of peace and justice fills the
earth with radiant light.

2. Still the nations curse the darkness, still the rich
oppress the poor; Still the earth is bruised and
broken by the ones who still want more.

Come and wake us from our sleeping so our hearts
cannot ignore, all your people lost and broken, all
your children at our door.

3. Show us Christ in one another, make us servants
strong and true; Give us all your love of justice, so
we do what you would do.
Let us call all people holy, let us pledge our lives
anew,

make us one with all the lowly, let us all be one in
you.

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RECESSONAL: SONG FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Sing a song for peace and justice,
speak for those who cannot speak!
Claim the world for peace and justice:
let the strong support the weak.

Refrain: Light a candle in the darkness;
hope and freedom must not die!
Hope and freedom must not die!

2. You who live in happy places,
who can laugh and speak and sing,
listen for the other voices
mute with fear and suffering.

Refrain

4. Thousands cry in nameless prisons,
plead with powers who hold the key:
plead that human rights be honoured
that the innocent go free.

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
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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 DO NOT LEAVE NEWSLETTERS IN THE PEWS.

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

Care for Our Common Home & its People

Sessions led by: Sr MARGARET ENDICOTT rsm.

During the Season of Creation, we will be conducting three sessions for people who want to explore more deeply our gratitude for God's world, honouring the pain of the world today, seeing the way ahead with new eyes and deciding on some best practices in moving forward. This is our opportunity to determine practical action for ourselves, our families, our parish and the wider society.

'Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God.' POPE FRANCIS LS119.

Dates: 28th August, 11th and 25th September **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30pm

Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank.

Register by 21 Aug: contact beache@bne.catholic.edu.au

Volunteer Opportunities - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliero Project is seeking volunteers to work in educational settings with young people in Salesian communities in Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and Solomon Islands. Volunteer placements run for 6-12 months departing January 2025. Applications close 31/10/2024.

Visit: <http://cagliero.org.au> or contact Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

CCR BARDON HEALING MASS – 6 SEPTEMBER

All are invited to a healing Mass at **St Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Rd, Bardon on Friday 6 September at 7.30pm**. Celebrant: Fr Tomi Alexander Vattukulathil of Jubilee Parish. The Sacrament of Healing will be administered together with a personal prayer. Prayer ministry will be offered after Mass. Supper provided. Contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or email lenpatairey@gmail.com

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

1 - 7 September 2024



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

31 August / 1 September 2024

READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 *You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.*

James 1:17-18, 21-22 *Be doers of the word.*

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 *You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.*

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.

View on our Website:
www.umgwparish.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 3849 7158 or email umgwparish@bne.catholic.net.au

