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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 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

7 / 8 September 2024

READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit kingdom?

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Sept 1–Oct 4 is celebrated as the Season of Creation. This year's theme is "To hope and act with creation." If you'd like to know more about the Season of Creation have a look at <https://seasonofcreation.org/> or have a look at Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* (2015, <https://bit.ly/3Xc8syC>) and apostolic exhortation *Laudato Deum* (2023, <https://bit.ly/3X1K9na>). Our Parish Facebook page will offer prayer and other opportunities to celebrate this Season.



Today, the Catholic Church in Australia also marks Safeguarding Sunday at the conclusion of National Child Protection week. It seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risks by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts and it reiterates the commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all peoples that have been put in place by the Church. We are invited to pray for those harmed by abuse, directly and indirectly.

The **First Reading**, proclaims a hope filled image of God's intervention on behalf of faithful Israel exiled in Babylon. In this passage, the vengeance and retribution spoken of is against Israel's enemies and is therefore part of Israel's liberation, not punishment.

This passage is explicitly referenced in today's **Gospel**, where Mark has the people paraphrase the words of Isaiah. In publicly speaking about the miracle and linking it with this text, the crowd are pointing to Jesus as this long-awaited saviour. No wonder Jesus asks for secrecy.

This is, of course, the episode when the *Ephphatha* ritual is included in the liturgy of Christian Baptism. The celebrant touches the ears and mouth of the person being baptised and prays, 'May (the Lord Jesus) soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith, to the praise and glory of God the Father.' In a symbolic sense, then, the man represents all believers. Apart from the grace of God we are 'deaf' to the Word spoken to us. In the sacrament Jesus gives us the capacity to hear the life-giving Word. Having heard that Word in the context of our own lives, we then can turn to praise God and share what we have found with others. Our ears are opened and our tongues are 'loosened' for full participation in the community of faith.

In the **Second Reading**, James condemns class distinctions within the Christian community, echoing the prophetic tradition and also Jesus' Beatitudes sermon. While generally Australia sees itself as fairly egalitarian, there are groups within our community that are stigmatised for circumstances out of their control. How do we respond to our own biases?

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Tony Wharton, Mark Gahan, Millet Lopez-Casares, Denis Hannan who died recently. Also Ricardo Manalac Sr, Laura Sim, Gus Sim, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Priyadharshani Bandara, Cam Nguyen, Anthony Ngo, Anthony Nhon, Nell Paulsen, Terry Coglan, James Dwyer, Thomas Dwyer, John Dwyer, Daniel Dwyer, Phil Johnson, Myra Pasterfield, Mikayla Tunstall, Chris Gilbert whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 10 September

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Thursday 12 September

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Friday 13 September

WEEK DAY MASS

(CHANGE OF LOCATION)

8.00am, St Catherine's Church.

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

The next meeting will be held on **Sunday, 8 September** at 11am in St Bernard's Community Centre.

All interested parishioners are invited to come along and help devise actions for our parish. We encourage First Nations people to join us.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 25 September 2024

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

St Catherine's Seniors are off to visit Montville. We will be leaving St Catherine's Bus Stop at 8.00 am. Please bring your own food for Morning Tea. Tea, Coffee, sugar, milk are provided.

We'll be visiting various Montville's Main street shops including dress shops and souvenirs, clock shop! Then we are off to Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve near Maleny for lunch at the Mountain View Café.

We are planning a photo stop at Gerrards Lookout on the way if we have time. Raffles will be drawn after lunch at the Reserve.

There should be time for either a walk along one of the Reserve Trails or else a visit to the Discovery Centre before heading for home.

Cost approx. \$64, depending on numbers.

Please bring used stamps to pass onto Bob and Maureen Hore.

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

EXCITING NEWS

A new Roof for St Bernard's Church.

Works will start on **Thursday 12 September** at **8am** with the installation of Edge Protection around the Church and it will take 2 days.

Commencing **Monday 16 September**, the removal of the old roof and installation of the new will take approximately 2 weeks.

There will be **NO CHANGE** to the **WEEKEND MASSES** at St Bernard's Church.

PLEASE NOTE: All St Bernard's Weekday Masses from Friday 13 September will be held at St Catherine's.

Please check the Newsletter for Weekday Mass times and locations listed under "**This Week in the Parish**".



FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

The Season of Creation began on 1st September – The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

This year's theme is *To Hope and Act with Creation*. In the letter of Paul to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8.22). The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

To celebrate the season of Creation in our parish, we are issuing an invitation to all to take part in a meditative walk on Sunday 29th September. We will leave the grounds of St. Bernard's after the 9.30am Mass for a guided walk through the Roly Chapman Bushland Reserve, stopping at 3 "stations" for a brief time of reflection. Parishioners who worship at St. Martin's and St. Catherine's are especially welcome.

More information next week.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 8 SEP 2024

"Every conversation matters"

ENTRANCE: *CITY OF GOD*

1. Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: *Let us build the city of God.*

*May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!*

2. We are sons of the morning;
we are daughters of day.
The one who has loved us
has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be
a light for his people to set their hearts free.

Refrain

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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 145

All: Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord my soul!

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed those who were sick.

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: WE REMEMBER

Refrain: We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you when you come, in your glory, Lord,
we remember, we celebrate, we believe.

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed; gather all your people, and hold them to your heart; **Refrain**
2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal; sign of grace and mercy, the Presence of the Lord; **Refrain**
3. Christ, the Father's great "Amen" to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart; peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear; **Refrain**
4. See the Face of Christ revealed in ev'ry person standing by your side; gift to one another, and temples of your love; **Refrain**

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SONG OF PRAISE: OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.

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RECESSONAL: CANTICLE OF THE SUN

Refrain: The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy,
come, dance in the forest, come,
play in the field,
and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.

3. Praise to the rain, that waters our fields,
and blesses our crops, so all the earth yields,
from death unto life her myst'ry concealed,
springs forth in joy; **Refrain**
4. Praise to the fire, who gives us his light,
the warmth of the sun to brighten our night,
he dances with joy, his spirit so bring,
his sings of 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

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St Catherine's School
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Clairvaux MacKillop College
Principal: Wayne Chapman
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Phone: 3347 9200

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE NEWSLETTERS IN THE PEWS.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR! TIME TO ORDER FOR 2025

Please cut out this Order Form, tick the box of the resource you would like and place in an envelope with the money to pay for it. You may place the envelope in the collection or hand into the Parish Office.

ORDERS CLOSE MONDAY 14 OCTOBER, 4.00 PM.

- Sacred Space: The Prayer Book 2025 \$28**
- Daily Prayer Book 2025 \$30**
- Break Open the Word 2025 \$22**
Highly recommended for all Readers
- Daily Mass Book 2023 \$26**
- ADVENT Reflections Wollongong \$5**
- ADVENT Reflections Brisbane \$5**

By ordering in bulk we are able to get the books at cheaper prices and limit shipping costs. If you don't return this form before orders close we will need to charge the single purchase price and also shipping costs.

Name:

Ph No:

Amt enclosed: \$.....

Pick up: [Please ✓]

- Parish Office**
- St Bernard's Church**
- St Catherine's Church**
- St Martin's Church**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

14 / 15 September 2024

READINGS

Isaiah 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

James 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

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.umgwatholic.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
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