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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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

23 / 24 November 2024

READINGS

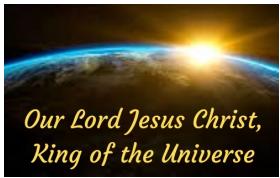
Daniel 7:13-14 *His sovereignty is eternal.*

Revelation 1:5-8 *The ruler of the kings of the earth...made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37 *You say that I am a king.*

Whatever term might have more contemporary appeal than "king", there's a more fundamental issue to grapple with today. The choice of a more agreeable title for Christ the King can't disguise the fact that Christ does not appear to be in charge of the world at all.



*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe*

Yet by naming Christ as King, we want to claim that it's his defining qualities (his unconditional love, mercy, freedom of heart, peace, selflessness, truth, faith...) that have the last say. Today's festival invites us to cast off the blinkers that lock our attention onto the dark powers rampant in the world. Today we pray to see Christ at play everywhere in the world, even in (and perhaps especially in) its grimmest places.

Today's **First Reading** tells us the last part of a vision/dream (it is worthwhile reading the whole chapter). Before our reading starts, the author tells of a dream where they see four great beasts emerge. Then the "one of great age" or "Ancient One" sits on the throne and strips the beasts of their power. God is in control.

Finally, we have today's passage. "One like a son of man" comes before the "Ancient One" and is given all authority, glory and power. This passage is traditionally applied to Christ, but the text itself contains interpretation in the paragraphs that follow today's reading. In this interpretation the "one like a son of man" is a representation of the saints of the Most High, therefore of believers/the people of Israel. Either way, the passage contains the hope that the powers that seem to overwhelm God's people will not last. Ultimately God will strip away all other powers and authorities.

In the **Second Reading** we move to the New Testament apocalyptic text—the book of the Apocalypse or Revelation. This letter draws on the biblical apocalyptic tradition to speak to the early Church, oppressed by the power of the Roman empire. Through imagery and allusions from the Old Testament it assures the Church of the triumph of Christ, who is the beginning and the end of all human history.

Finally, in the **Gospel**, Pilate asks the question of Jesus "are you a king"? But Pilate is thinking in a similar way to the way we've seen the apostles thinking. They all expect a military, warrior king like King David. Jesus, however, sees his kingship differently. Through the Gospels we see Jesus representing authority and leadership as truly being service of others, of not focusing on self but on the needs of the world, of dying to self for the good of others. Pilate and the Jewish leaders only hear the challenge to both political power and religious messianic expectations.

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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Claire McCotter (wife of John), Jennifer Jones, Michael Robertson, Patricia Barlow, John Walsh, Helen Armbruster who died recently. Also Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Priyadharshani Bandara, Graham Lawton, Brian Lawton, Paul Tan, Bernadette Cheong, Jen Cecil Genosa, Ann-Maree Cavanagh, Lilian Muriel Perera, Isido Perera, Agatha Wangasekara, Rose Coglan, Rose & Norm James, Tony & Therese Wharton, Pearl McAllister, Michael Hehir, Duncan Russell-Hall, Des Murphy, Lyn Predl, Trevor Smith whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 25 November

FUNERAL

11am, Michael Robertson, St Catherine's Church.

TUESDAY 26 November

FUNERAL

11am, Jennifer Jones, Mt Thompson East Chapel.

CRAFT GROUP

10am to 2pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST BERNARD'S

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

In the Catholic tradition, as part of living out our faith, November is dedicated to prayer for those who have died. Our traditions remind us that in times of great sadness we are never alone.

In Parish churches from this weekend you will notice the 'Tree of Life'. Please come and write your deceased loved ones' names on the paper leaves and place them on the tree. Together we watch the tree come to life as we remember our community includes those who have 'gone in faith before us'.



ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 27 November 2024

Coach departs St Catherine's

Bus Stop at 8.00am.



St Catherine's Seniors will be celebrating the end of the 2024 Year Coach Trips with an outing on 27th November to a Mystery Destination.

Perhaps minimise your morning tea food to allow for our Christmas themed Lunch later at a mystery Destination.

Optional for you to dress up in a Christmas themed outfit and accessories, best dressed judging will take place at morning tea time.



Cost per passenger likely to be near \$76, but this could vary, depending on our costs and the number of passengers on the day.

Any stamps handed in will be passed to Bob and Maureen Hore for the Missions Office.

Bookings are with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218.

BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Kaylee Witan, daughter of Devin & Nathania;

Rory Webster, daughter of James & Rebecca.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The SVDP Parish Christmas Appeal will be conducted **THIS WEEKEND Nov 23/24**, with all funds raised being used by the Parish Conferences to help brighten Christmas for needy families in our local area.

Appeal envelopes will be available in all churches or from the Piety Store. Envelopes can be placed in any of the collection baskets over the next few weekends or left at the Piety Store. Donations can also be made in any envelope marked "St Vincent de Paul".

Parishioners may also donate directly online into either local conference accounts as follows:

SVDP St Bernard's Conference Upper Mt Gravatt BSB 064786 Acct 100026560; OR

SVDP St Catherine's Conference Wishart BSB 064786 Acct 100026611.

Again this year St Bernard's Conference will not be organising and distributing Christmas hampers. Instead the Conference will purchase and distribute Gift Vouchers to 50/60 needy families in our local area. Donated funds will go towards covering the cost of the Gift Vouchers.

SVDP PIETY STORE

The following items are available at St Bernard's/St Martin's Piety Store

- * **Christmas Cards** (pkt 8 for \$3);
- * **2025 Sisters of St Joseph Calendars** (\$10);
- * **2025 Columban Calendars** (\$10)

ENTRANCE: *ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING*

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam
and silver moon with softer gleam;
O sing praises, O sing praises,
alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
O sing praises, O sing praises,
alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

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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 92

All: The Lord is king; he his robed in majesty.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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

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

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COMMUNION: TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain: Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

1. O, come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

Refrain

2. O, come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.

Refrain

3. My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe,
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.

Refrain

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SONG OF PRAISE: CHRIST OUR PEACE

Refrain: Christ, our peace,
you break down the walls that divide us;
Christ, our peace,
come, make us one body in you.

3. All you with hungry hearts, who seek God's gracious reign, all you who thirst for justice, come to the feast of...

Refrain

5. As once he broke the bread and opened eyes and heart, may we now see his presence as we remember...

Refrain

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RECESSONAL: HAIL, REDEEMER, KING DIVINE!

1. Hail, Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

Refrain: Angels, saints and nations, sing;
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."

2. King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
till in peace each nation rings
with they praises, King of kings.

Refrain

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ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to learn more about how the Bible tells the story of Jesus' birth and infancy?

A small group is meeting on November 26th and December 3rd at 10am in the Aspinall Centre Meeting Room to watch video presentations from Little Rock Scripture studies and then discuss. Please RSVP to Pauline at the Parish Office or pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au

If you are interested, but can't make a daytime meeting, please let Pauline know and we will investigate the feasibility of an evening option.

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 DO NOT LEAVE NEWSLETTERS IN THE PEWS.

PARISH CRAFT GROUP

Date Claimer - Craft Stall



The Parish Craft Group will be holding a Christmas stall on the weekend of **30 November & 1 December at all Masses at St Bernard's.**

Proceeds will go towards Mental Health.

Please note: Purchases are cash only. No credit card facility available.

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 Round 1 2025. 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 feel confident in the church, **participate in the liturgy** and begins to feel at home.

Step 3: As the Priests get to know you and your child you will be **invited** to take the next step. Please note we run usually two groups per year.

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.

Our Priests or Pauline will be happy to talk to you about the process and assist you in any way.

INVITATION TO A HEALING MASS

Are you in need of healing prayer for you or your family? You are invited to attend a healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 6th December, 2024 at 7.30pm. Fr. Neville Yun, PP Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, Springfield, will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Healing will be administered during Mass together with a short personal prayer. Prayer ministry will also be offered after Mass for anyone who would like further prayer. Supper will be provided. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30 November / 1 December 2024

READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16 *I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 *When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28,34-36 *Your redemption is near at hand.*

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 had one job to do!



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