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From Monday 13 January 2025

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

21 / 22 December 2024

READINGS: Micah 5:1-4, Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-44



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Priest: Lord, our God,
we praise you for your Beloved Son,
Jesus Christ;
He came to show your love for all
peoples.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in love, the love
found in our coming saviour, Jesus.
Let us prepare then, the way of the
Lord.

JESSE TREE SYMBOLS

During Advent we add two symbols each week to the Jesse Tree, reminding us of the faithfulness of God and of the men and women God used to prepare the world for the coming of Jesus.



Jonah's **Big Fish** reminds us of the lengths to which God will go. Moses' burning bush, Balaam's donkey (Numbers 22), angels, dreams - when God has a message, God finds a way even when we think we can outrun or hide from it.

The **Flower** reminds us of the promise that the root of Jesse would see new life, new branches bearing fruit (Isaiah 11:1). Ultimately, this shoot would be fulfilled in Jesus. Flowers are also often used as reminders that even in harsh or difficult places, like deserts, God is still at work.



The visitation is one of the moving scenes in the Gospel. On a human level, here are two cousins, unexpectedly pregnant in the most extraordinary circumstances, meeting and offering each other greetings and support. We can see the scene and feel the bond.

In the Gospel of Luke this moment is pivotal. These women meet in the mountains where God has always been manifest to the Israelites. Elizabeth is the Old Covenant made to Israel and she carries John who will be the herald of the Messiah. Mary, literally, embodies the new, and final, covenant in Jesus.

Elizabeth recognises what is happening here and she embraces all that God is doing for the world. She has tasted the promise of God and now sees its fulfilment.

The story of the visitation keeps the rumour going that just when we think we can figure God out, predict how God will enter our lives and our world, he does something none of us can imagine. And the best thing about this rumour is - it's true.



As we wait for Christmas to come again into our lives, let's make room for Jesus Christ who turns our expectations upside down and always gives the gossips plenty to talk about.

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Christmas Masses



St Bernard's

Tuesday 24 December

4.00 pm Vigil Mass
6.00 pm Vigil Mass
12.00 am Mass of the Night

Wednesday 25 December

6.30 am Mass at Dawn
9.30 am Mass of the Day

St Catherine's

Tuesday 24 December

5.00 pm Vigil Mass
7.00 pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday 25 December

8.30 am Mass of the Day

St Martin's

Tuesday 24 December

9.00 pm Mass of the Night

Wednesday 25 December

7.30 am Mass of the Day

PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSURE DATES

The Parish Office will **CLOSE** at 12 noon on Tuesday 24 December and will re-open at 8.30am on Monday 13 January 2025.

For **EMERGENCIES ONLY**

please call 3849 7158 and **leave your name, number and a short message** on the answering machine.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially William Ingham (brother of Henry), Ron Whitby, Don Gardiner, Mariano Perez, Ellie Riikonen, Susan Suchester, Yolanda Albina who died recently. Also Rex Tully, Ted Paulsen, Hilman Willico, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Priyadharshani Bandara, Paul Tan, Bernadette Cheong, Maria Bac, Joseph Huang, Peter Quinn, Sladen, Thomas & Meyers families, Jeremiah, Edmonds families, Moses & Nelto families, Tony & Therese Wharton, Rose & Norm James, Kevin Cavanough, Jan & Joe deLange, Fr Patrick McHugh whom we remember.

*Anniversary
Blessings*



Congratulations to
Luigi & Willy Cornacchia
who celebrate their
60th Wedding Anniversary
on 26th December 2024.



Let's achieve excellence together
Enrolments Open Now!
For Prep-Year 6 2025 & beyond

Dedicated staff & families
with an inclusive community

Committed to providing
high-quality holistic education

Modern technologies & new
facilities to thrive in

Diverse range of
extra-curricular opportunities



Book a tour:

- Scan or visit: tinyurl.com/StBernardsUMG
- Call (07) 3849 4800
- or email: pupmtgravatt@bne.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming you!

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Sunday 22 December & Monday 23 December
6.30pm, St Bernard's Church East Wing.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS - CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children aged between 8 and 16 are
invited to be part of the children's choir for the
5.00pm Christmas Eve Mass
at St Catherine's Church, Wishart.

If your child is interested please contact the Parish
Office at umg@bne.catholic.net.au or
phone 3849 7158.



ST CATHERINE'S PRINCIPAL TOUR Thursday 13 February 2025, 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 2026

If your child is born 1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021 they
are eligible for Prep in 2026.

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

www.stcatherinescps.qld.edu.au/enrolment

Fr Pat's Farewell

We will be hosting a Sausage Sizzle after the
5pm Mass at St Bernard's on

Sunday 12 January (Fr Pat's last Mass).

If you are thinking of buying a gift can you
please email Debbie umg@bne.catholic.net.au

ENTRANCE: *HERE I AM LORD*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who make the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 79

All: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the servant, the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
I'm the servant of the Lord:

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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: *MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE LORD*

Refrain: *In the bread may we be broken.
In the cup may we be outpoured.
May we come to the know the healer,
may we come to know the Lord.*

1. Though many are we, we are one in the Lord.
We are all welcome to his table of new life. **Refrain**

2. We come to the table to remember the Lord,
who gave his life that we might live forevermore. **Refrain**

3. In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup,
may we be filled as we come to know the Lord. **Refrain**

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SONG OF PRAISE:

COME TO US, O EMMANUEL

Refrain: *Come to us, O Emmanuel.
Come to us, O Emmanuel.
Come to us, O Emmanuel.
Come to us, O Emmanuel.*

6. Out of Bethlehem a Savior:
Come to us, O Emmanuel.
To be ruler over Israel:
Come to us, O Emmanuel.
Faithful Shepherd of our God **Refrain**

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RECESSIONAL: *JOYFUL IN HOPE*

1. Joyful in hope, your people pray.
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
Though the road may not be clear,
we believe, Lord, you are near,
in the smile and open heart of a friend.
2. Joyful in hope, your people pray.
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
There's sunshine after rain;
there's laughter after pain;
and I am with you always, so rise again.
3. Mary, so open to the Lord,
when you answered, "Yes", our hope was restored.
Though you couldn't understand,
in trust you took his hand.
So joyful in hope, we live again.

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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 DO NOT LEAVE
NEWSLETTERS IN THE PEWS.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL JOURNEY: CICC

[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 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 usually run 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.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Advent Concert Series

Sunday 22nd December

Annual Carols Service

Our Annual Carol Service and Readings will be led by Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge. This is a very special event for your diaries. Enjoy the combined voices of the Cathedral Schola, Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Chorale, as they present carols for the season with integrated readings. This event will be led by our music Director Christopher Trikilis and Cathedral Organist Dominic Perissinotto.



5pm
Free Admission
Parking available
Everyone is welcome

JOIN THE GUIDES & WELCOMERS TEAM

An Information Day is being held at

St Stephen's Cathedral on
Thursday 6th February
for prospective Guides & Welcomers.

To find out more and register, please email
CathedralGandW@bne.catholic.net.au

or phone St Stephen's Cathedral office 3324 3030

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, YEAR C

28 / 29 December 2024

READINGS

1 Samuel 1:20-22;
24-28

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

He calls you his own children and that is what you are.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.

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.

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

Wishing you all a blessed

Christmas filled with love and joy
and

a New Year filled with hope and peace.

