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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.

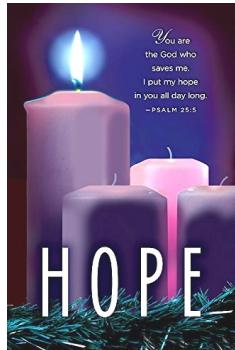
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

30 November / 1 December 2024

READINGS: Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE



Priest: Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Lord, our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ; He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples.

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

JESSE TREE SYMBOLS

Through the season of Advent, we will add two symbols each week to the Jesse Tree. They remind us of the faithfulness of God and of the men and women God used to prepare the world, down through Jewish history for the coming of Jesus.

 The **Star** is a symbol of the wonder of God's creation (Genesis 1:14-19). Stars were also often symbols of God's future promises to people like Abraham (Genesis 22:15-18) and Balaam (Numbers 24:15-19). The star announces the fulfilment of God's ultimate promise - Jesus' birth, God with us (Matthew 2:1-12).

Noah's Ark reminds us of Noah trusting God's promise and of the never ending covenant of love God made with his people (Genesis 6:1-8:22).

 The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year and is referred to as Year C and features the gospel of Luke.

Advent is thought of as preparation for the celebration of Christmas. But this week's readings (along with the next few weeks') remind us that the notion of preparation extends well beyond the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We are reminded that we are living in an 'in-between time'. We are reminded that the expectation of a Messiah was a long-standing hope for Israel. The earliest Christians began to see that the ancient prophecies could all be applied to Jesus, seeing in Jesus the promised Messiah. Jesus promised that he would return. However, the expectation of the early Church was that Jesus' return would be in their lifetime. In our second reading, we see the growing realisation that Jesus' return might not occur within the current generation and the dramatic effect on the life and faith of the community. Slowly, they realised that Jesus' words were not that specific and the time of return had not been identified. What Jesus had called for was a state of preparedness. This didn't mean he was coming immediately; what it meant was that there was need to get the house in order because he would be coming at some time. Advent is a time to remember that we still haven't really got the house in order.



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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Sam Haigh, Claire McCotter, Angela Dagook, Jennifer Jones, Michael Robertson who died recently. Also Angela Bazzo, Priyadharshani Bandara, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Paul Tan, Bernadette Cheong, Kathleen Margo (Vingoe) Read, Rose & Norm James, Tony & Therese Wharton, Jack Williams, Hilda Prindable, Fred Brandon, Tom Slattery, Des Dwyer, Tom Robertson, Coral Terrill, Peter Cook, Arthur Cowell, Ronnie Edwards whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 3 December

AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, Agay Street.

CRAFT GROUP

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

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

THURSDAY 5 December

BETHANY MEETING

10.00am, Parish Office.

LITURGY MEETING

Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS 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.**

PLEASE NOTE: Practice will be on Friday 20 December from 9.00am - 10.30am at St Catherine's Church.

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

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.

ST FRANCIS SOCIAL: TROPICAL SUMMER

Saturday 7 December 2024

St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, West End.

Young adults (18-39 years) are invited to a tropical summer-themed dance next Saturday 7 December, raising funds for St Francis Table Ministry!

Ticket sales close soon at
www.trybooking.com/CWKVR

Please see Church Notice Boards for further information.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Oliver & Chloe Matt, children of Mitchell & Evonne.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the SVdP Christmas Appeal.

Envelopes are still available in all churches and in the Piety Store (or use any envelope marked "St Vincent de Paul"). Please place in the collection baskets at Mass or at the Piety Store. Alternatively parishioners can donate online directly to either Conference:

SVDP St Bernard's

- BSB 064786
- Acct 100026560

SVDP St Catherine's

- BSB 064786
- Acct 100026611

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)

ST CATHERINE'S SVDP APPEAL

The St Catherine's St Vincent de Paul members have advised they will be collecting **non-perishable** food items over the next two weeks. They have asked that you please **DO NOT** donate Christmas type foods e.g. Custard, Christmas Puddings etc. Please leave items in the basket at the back of the Church.

Cash donations will be gratefully accepted.

No wrapped gifts please.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE NIGHT

Thursday 5 December, 7:00pm at Emmanuel City Mission, 10A Cordelia Street, South Brisbane.

Come and join us for a festive evening, build your own gingerbread house and support a great cause!

Cost \$55 each, or \$250 for 5 tickets.

All materials provided.

Register at www.ec.org.au.

Enquiries to events@ec.org.au.

All profits support the mission of Emmanuel Community.

"SPIRIT OF HOPE" PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 4 December 10.45 - 12.15pm

St Stephen's Chapel in the grounds of the Cathedral.

Please join us in thanksgiving, for the past year of Blessings. Also let's herald in the coming Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, as we **Pray, Praise and Worship Him!**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Enquiries Maureen 0403002199 or
Helena 0405321901.

ENTRANCE: *LORD I BELIEVE*

Refrain: Lord I believe and trust in you,
in you the world's true light.
Though long the struggle and dark the
night along the way of faith and love.
By your grace Lord I believe;
Help, then, my unbelief.

1. From age to age, across the years,
the life of faith keeps on;
the Spirit moves each heart and mind
the truth to search, the truth to find,
the truth that sets us free
the light that shines and lights our way. **Refrain**
2. For faith, the rock on which we stand,
seeks out your guiding hand.
Whatever darkness comes at night,
faith has the eyes to see the light,
and ears to hear your voice,
and moves with joy to Christ's embrace. **Refrain**

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 24

All: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Lord, show us your mercy;
Lord, show us your love,
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

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: *TAKE AND EAT*

Take and eat, this is my body.
Take and drink, this is my life-blood.
Whenever you share this meal with others
do so in memory of me.

Repeat

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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.

1. As our faithful God has promised:
Come to us, O Emmanuel.
Raising up a shoot of David:
Come to us, O Emmanuel.
Bringing justice, bringing peace. **Refrain**

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RECESSONAL: *OPEN THE HEAVENS*

Refrain: Open the heavens, Lord, come to our people,
hide not your face, O God.
Open the heavens, Lord, come to your people,
open the heavens and come.

1. Look on the sheep of your pasture, Lord.
Water your vineyard again.
Scattered and broken, return to our aid,
open the heavens and come. **Refrain**

2. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, today.
Listen to hear when he comes
know that salvation will break like the dawn,
open the heavens and come. **Refrain**

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**Safeguarding is
everyone's
responsibility.**

Respect & Protect.



Zero tolerance.
No excuse for abuse.

The Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish and the
Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the safety and
wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk.

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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Like us: <http://www.facebook.com/umgwp parish>

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: 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.

Lay volunteers providing pastoral care to the sick in hospitals are invaluable as part of holistic patient care. The foundation for this ministry lies in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Centacare provides accredited training for compassionate men and women who would like to explore if this ministry is where God is calling them to practical Christian action in their lives. The next training course will start in February 2025. To express your interest or to find out more about the course and the volunteer role please email judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au or phone 3324 3193.



Christmas Gifts from Palms!

Are you looking to give something really special this year? Something that makes a tangible difference. Whether it be a GIFT directly supporting our overseas development program, or some unique Timorese GIFTS for your loved one's home, find that perfect GIFT at palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop

Happy shopping! And yes, your purchase assists the amazing communities overseas.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

8 December 2024

READINGS

Baruch 5:1-9 *Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.*

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 *Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.*

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6 *All people shall see the salvation of God.*

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



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