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From Monday 13 January 2025

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Welfare: 1800 846 643

## MASS TIMES

<b>Monday</b>	9.15am St Catherine's
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15am St Bernard's
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.00am St Catherine's
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00am St Bernard's
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am St Bernard's 9.30am St Martin's
<b>Saturday</b>	5.00pm St Bernard's 6.15pm St Catherine's
<b>Sunday</b>	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.*

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

7 / 8 December 2024

**READINGS:** Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

**GOSPEL:** Luke 3:1-6

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE



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

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

## JESSE TREE SYMBOLS

During Advent we will 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.



The **Jar** reminds us of God's miracles. God regularly uses ordinary objects to show us extraordinary things. Gideon brings broth in a jar to the Angel of the Lord, only to see the Angel turn the offering into fire (Judges 6-8) and Elijah tells the widow the jar won't empty until after the end of the drought and it doesn't (1 Kings 17).



**Joseph's coat** reminds us of how God uses Joseph to rescue the Israelites from famine and shows God's faithfulness to the covenant made with Abraham and renewed with Jacob/Israel (Genesis 37-48).

The second and third weeks of Advent this year focus particularly on the role of John the Baptist as the one who prepared the way for Jesus and announced his coming. It continues the theme of preparation that began last week, but still, rather than preparing for the birth of Jesus, we are exploring the wider theme of preparation. This gospel emphasises that John was preaching 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. Throughout the gospel of Luke, the recognition of sinfulness and the desire to repent and seek forgiveness is the prelude to receiving God's favour.

It makes it clear that one way in which we can prepare a way for the Lord is to recognise our faults and failings and to seek forgiveness. It is only through such repentance that we can make ourselves receptive to the love of God. We are absolutely assured of God's love. The problem is that we often feel that we are undeserving of that love or are unable to receive it.

When we are called to 'Prepare a way for the Lord' it is a call to prepare a way in our own hearts – to break down the barriers that we have put up; to clear the obstacles we place between us and God. God's love will find a way! We simply make the way easier for ourselves to recognise God's love if we 'Prepare a way'. Adapted from © Greg Sunter: LiturgyHelp.com



## 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

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Eileen Edmonds (nee Arndt), Guiseppina Ezzi, Kath Read, Sam Haigh, Angela Dagook who died recently. Also Rose Coglan, Priyadharshani Bandara, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Anthony Ngo, Nhon Ngo, Kevin Burnett, Karen Burnett, Bernadette Cheong, Tony & Therese Wharton, Rose & Norm James, Fred Brandon, Robert Tully, Pat Gordon, Gwen O'Shea, Christie Fellowes, Jackie & Ted O'Sullivan whom we remember.



### 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

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**TUESDAY 9 December**

#### CRAFT GROUP

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

#### ADVENT REFLECTIONS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

### 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.**



#### 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](mailto:umg@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 3849 7158.

### DATE CLAIMER

#### Fr Pat's Farewell

After much consultation Fr Pat has agreed to have a get-together after the 5pm Mass at St Bernard's on Sunday 12 January (his last day).

Please stay tuned for further information.

### 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)

### SIGN ON ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Registered Volunteers are needed for the following ministries at the Christmas Masses:

- \* **Extraordinary Ministers of the Word;**
- \* **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion;**
- \* **Junior Ministers.**

Please indicate your preferred Mass on the **Sign On Sheets** out now in each church.

If you have not completed the training or the required **Volunteer Registration**, please email the Parish Office at [umg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:umg@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 3849 7158.

### 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.



## ENTRANCE: *PREPARE THE WAY*

1. There was a man of God  
whose name was John.  
He came to speak for the Light,  
the voice of one in the wilderness:

**Refrain:** *Prepare the way of the Lord.*  
*Prepare the way of the Lord.*

2. Mountains and hills  
shall be brought to the ground,  
the winding paths be straightened  
and all on earth shall see his face;

3. He is the Lamb of God  
and you must follow him  
who takes the sin of the world,  
for he has come to give you life.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *PSALM 125*

**All:** The Lord has done great things for us; we  
are filled with joy.

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Responses, English Translation of Psalm Responses from  
Lectionary for Masses © 1969, 1981, 1997 ICEL; Text  
Psalms verses, The Grail, England.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight  
his paths: all people shall see the salvation  
of God. Prepare the way of the Lord.

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

Text: Excerpts from the English Translation of The Roman  
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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: *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.*

1. Each time we eat this bread, each time we drink this  
cup, we share Christ's death and rising until the reign  
of... **Refrain**

2. One is the bread we break, one is the cup we drink,  
one is the body gathered here at the feast of... **Refrain**

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

4. And all are welcome here; here there is food for all,  
blessed meal of grace and mercy, gathered as one  
in... **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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## 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.*

2. Now throw off the robes of mourning:  
Come to us, O Emmanuel.  
Wear the splendor of God's glory:  
Come to us, O Emmanuel.  
Wrapped in justice from our God. **Refrain**

3. O Jerusalem, look up now:  
Come to us, O Emmanuel.  
See your scattered children gathered:  
Come to us, O Emmanuel.  
God will lead them home in joy. **Refrain**

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## RECESSONAL: *A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS*

**Refrain:** *A voice in the wilderness calls to prepare,*  
*for we are standing on the edge of changes.*  
*Across the desert sand and mountain high*  
*the Lord is coming. Make your way!*

1. I will hear what the Lord will say;  
a voice of peace for all his people.  
His voice is never far for those who know  
his glory dwelling in our land. **Refrain**

2. Faithfulness and mercy have met:  
peace and justice have embraced here.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from the sky. **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  
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](mailto: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.*



**How our Church is changing, 1964 – 2024:  
from Vatican II  
to the Synod**

St Ignatius Church  
30 Kensington Terrace  
Toowong

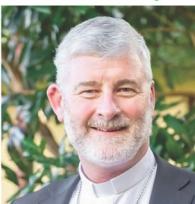


**Tuesday, 10 Dec. 2024, 7.30pm – 9.00pm**

See Notice Board for more information

**All welcome! Also online.**

**Australian theologian/bishop  
at Vatican Synod**



The key speaker:  
**Bishop Shane Mackinlay**  
member of both sessions of the Roman Synod on Synodality

Joined by:  
**Leading Ecumenist, Margaret Naylor**  
• Archdiocesan Executive Officer of Council for Ecumenism & Inter-religious Relations.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

**14/15 December 2024**

### READINGS

**Zephaniah 3:14-18** *With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*

**Philippians 4:4-7** *The Lord is near.*

### GOSPEL

**Luke 3:10-18** *What, then, must we do?*

### 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.

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