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**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.*

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

18 / 19 January 2024

**READINGS:** Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**GOSPEL:** John 2:1-11

Dear Friends,

My name is Rony and I am truly humbled and honoured to serve as your new parish priest here at Upper Mount Gravatt Wishart Parish.

I come from one of the beautiful states of India - from Kerala which is South of India. I come to you with a deep sense of gratitude and joy, as I begin this new chapter of my priestly ministry among you.

I am from a big family. I am the 6th of nine children of my lovely parents, Chacko and Rosamma. I carry the strong faith of my parents as the cornerstone of my own spiritual life. I joined the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (MCBS) in 2003 at the age of 16, and after 12 years of formation I was ordained a priest on January 3, 2015. My first appointment was in the Communication Office of our Order in Kochi, Kerala.

In 2020, January 13, I came to the Archdiocese of Brisbane and was appointed associate pastor in Jubilee Catholic Parish. From January 8, 2022 to January 13, 2025 I served as the Parish Priest of Star of the Sea Catholic Parish, Cleveland.

Beyond my pastoral work, I enjoy listening to music, following sports, and love bottle art. I look forward to getting to know all of you better and to supporting you in your faith journey. I am excited and eager to walk with you in faith, to listen to your stories, and to share in the mission of our Church.

Please know that I am here to serve you, and I ask for your prayers as we embark on this journey together. May God bless every one of you, and may our time together be fruitful in His grace.

Fr Rony Kalapurackal Chacko





Hello!

My name is Fr Francis Fernandes. I will be Fr Rony's associate here at Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish going forward.

I am originally from India, but also lived in New Zealand, before my family immigrated to Brisbane nearly two decades ago.

After high school I briefly studied engineering at QUT during which time I began discerning a vocation to the priesthood. I spent a year formally discerning at *Canali House* (as it was known then). I also briefly studied Arts at UQ before entering the seminary in 2015. I was ordained a deacon in 2020 and served at Gatton-Laidley Parish. I was then ordained a priest in 2021 within two hours of a COVID lockdown! Since then I have ministered at the Cathedral and then at Caloundra before landing here last Sunday. I have gone from country, to city, to coast, to now inner-city, so I welcome to experience and have no doubt that I will enjoy my time here.

I have a wide range of interests and am curious about most things. I love the Church's theology, spirituality and liturgy and hope to share that love with you all during my time here.

I also enjoy discovering "foodie" places so I welcome your suggestions on places worth visiting – and if you wish to join then all the better! Beyond food, if there are points of interest around the parish, I welcome your recommendations.

If any of you do enjoy wood-working, please let me know as I have a project or two in mind.

My top priority at present is to get familiar with as many of you as possible. To this end, I will bring a diary with me to masses and jot down your name and contact if you would like to meet up, host me, or be hosted over the coming months.

God bless,  
Fr Francis

#### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**TUESDAY 21 January**

##### **SCRIPTURE GROUP**

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

**THURSDAY 23 January**

##### **FUNERALS**

10.00am, Wai Yee Wong, St Catherine's Church  
10.00am, Anaa (Anna) Reggi, St Bernard's Church

#### **PARISH CRAFT GROUP**

The Parish Craft Group returns for 2025 on Tuesday 4 February, 10.00am to 2.00pm in St Bernard's Community Centre.

#### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Especially Bryden Cameron (husband of Jan), Bernadette Plumridge, Jack O'Sullivan and Tommy O'Sullivan (brothers of Maura Handley), Pierina Valle, Wai Yee Wong, Anaa (Anna) Reggi, Oong Hong Phek, who died recently.

Also Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Priyadharshani Bandara, Neal Rooney, Paul Tan, Bernadette Cheong, Phanxico Xavie, Anna Yen, Joseph Yen, Nhon Ngo, Anthony Ngo, Patricia Margot Lee, Pam Visser, Beryl Moore, Margaret Krautz, John Dwyer, Kathleen Dwyer, Eva Simpson, Paul Davies, Bryan Rodney Langfelt, Ronald Noffke whom we remember.

#### **LENTEN PROGRAM 2025**

If you would like to order a **Lenten book** from Wollongong (\$8 per book) or Brisbane (\$5 per book), please contact the Parish Office before Monday 3 February so the books can be available as soon as possible.

The Wollongong program will be used for the Tuesday evening Reflections Group. If you are in a weekday morning group, please contact Pauline at [pa.umb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pa.umb@bne.catholic.net.au).

#### **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE?**

##### **Sunday 19 January**

**Brisbane Sinulog (Feast of the Holy Child Jesus)**  
**Cathedral of St Stephen, 1.30pm - 5.30pm.**

Celebrate the vibrant faith and culture of the Filipino community in honour of Santo Niño, known as the Feast of The Holy Child Jesus.

##### **Saturday 25 January**

**Awaken - Worship, Prayer & Healing**  
**Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish,**  
**58 Opperman Drive, Springfield Lakes**  
**6.30pm - 10.30pm**

A night of worship, prayer and fellowship, an unforgettable encounter with God and a night of Miracles.

Please see Church Notice Boards for further information.

#### **ENTRANCE: SING A NEW SONG**

**Antiphon:** Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.

1. Shout with gladness, dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines  
and let your trumpet sound. **Antiphon**
3. Glad my soul for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised,  
I know my Savior lives. **Antiphon**

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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 95

**All:** Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

God has called us, called us with the gospel;  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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 ARE MANY PARTS

**Refrain:** We are many parts, we are all one body,  
and the gifts we have we are given to share,  
may the Spirit of Love make us One indeed,  
One, the Love that we share,  
One, our Hope in despair,  
One, the Cross that we bear.

1. God of all, we look to you,  
we would be your servants true,  
let us be your love to all the world.

**Refrain**

3. All you seekers great and small,  
seek the greatest gift of all,  
if you love, then you will know the Lord.

**Refrain**

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## SONG OF PRAISE: O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.

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## RECESSONAL: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us,  
Make us your living voice.

**Refrain:** Christ be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

**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

**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 email [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 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.*

 **St Bernard's**  
SCHOOL UPPER MOUNT GRAVATT

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**  
25 / 26 January 2025

**READINGS**  
**Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10** *They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.*  
**1 Corinthians 12:12-30** *Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

**GOSPEL**  
**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21** *The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

**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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