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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.*

## 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.*

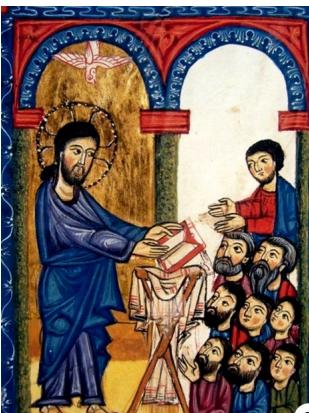
**1 Corinthians 12:12-30**

*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.*



The Scripture readings for today focus our attention on the importance and liberating power of the Word of God as "sacramental", making God present in our midst. The readings challenge us to listen to the Word, accept it into our hearts, then put it into practice as we live out our lives, thus liberating ourselves and others from all types of bondages.

Today, we begin reading from the Gospel written by Saint Luke, the companion of Saint Paul. Saint Luke the evangelist was a doctor, and he endeavoured to make his Gospel an abundant and sure source for all who believe in Christ and who love God. Luke is the only

Gospel that begins with a prologue. It sets forth the motivation for composing the story of Jesus. Luke accepts that he is not the first one to write but he wants to be accurate, based on the earliest of traditions, and clearly organized. He writes to Theophilus who may have been a recent convert or a benefactor of the author. He wishes to give him that certain account of Jesus to the certainty of the teaching already received and convince him of his faith. Theophilus means lover of God, or the beloved of God and it means each one of us. Luke clearly acknowledges that he himself never saw Jesus. His gospel was written at least 50 years after Jesus' death and resurrection.

*Today's Gospel, presenting Jesus' "inaugural address" in the synagogue of Nazareth in which he outlines a theology of total liberation, marks a great moment in Jesus' ministry.*

Jesus claims that he is One sent "to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberation to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed" - language that reflects the Biblical year of Jubilee. To the great amazement and disbelief of his own townsmen, Jesus declares that Isaiah's prophecy is being fulfilled at that very moment "in your hearing", because the prophecy foretells and describes Jesus' own mission and ministry. Jesus' mission is still to give liberation to everyone who will listen to his "Good News", accept it and put it into practice.

This is also the mission of the Church and of every person baptised in the Church. Being a Christian is the same thing as being a missionary. Proclaiming the Gospel with one's word and even before, with one's life, is the primary aim of the Christian community and of each of its members.

*Fr Rony Chacko*

*Adapted from <https://frtonyshomilies.com/>*

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Richard Thomas (father of Jo Sherry), Bryden Cameron, Hazel Moore, Emilia Milanovic, Bernadette Plumridge, Jim Buckman, Jack O'Sullivan and Tommy O'Sullivan, Pierina Valle, Wai Yee Wong, Anka (Anna) Reggi, Oong Hong Phek, who died recently.

Also Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Rita Galea, Tom Begg, Priyadharshani Bandara, Bill Ingham, Ron Scantlebury, Natalina Woods, Paul Morgan, David Young, Joyce Williams, Mary Hehir whom we remember.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Schools are resuming for Term 1 2025 throughout this week

**MONDAY 27 January**

**AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
Parish Office Closed

**TUESDAY 28 January**

### SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

**WEDNESDAY 29 January**

### FUNERALS

10.00am, Bryden Cameron, GHM Newnham Rd Chapel.

1.00pm, Valda Gaven, 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.

## ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

**Wednesday 26 February 2025**

Coach departs St Catherine's  
Bus Stop at 8.00am.

We will be visiting the **Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology**, which is east of Caboolture. Morning tea will be in the Abbey grounds. BYO food. Tea/coffee/sugar/milk provided.

Followed by a 1-1.5 hour tour of the Medieval Stained Glass Windows and Museum of Art and Archaeology.

We depart the Museum at approx. 11.45am and head to **Bribie Island Surf Club** for lunch.

Bookings with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218. Menu selection available. Dessert is an alternate drop.

The Raffle will be drawn after lunch and self-service tea and coffee.

There will be some free time for a stroll on the beach or a visit to the local environs.

Coach will depart at 3.00pm for St Catherine's.

Please bring used stamps to pass onto Bob and Maureen Hore for Missions Office.

Passenger cost to be advised later.

## 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.umg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au).

## ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

Ever wondered why we say and do the things we do at Mass? If you would like to further understand the Mass you are welcome to join **Break Open the Mass on Sunday 2 February at 3.30pm in St Bernard's Community Centre**. Further information please contact Pauline at the Parish Office.



MODULE 1

## CATHOLIC THEOLOGY IN CONTEXT

Presenter:



DCN. PETER PELLICANO PhD  
Executive Director  
Archdiocesan Ministries



ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE  
Archbishop of Brisbane



VANESSA COMMINIS  
Project Officer - Adult Formation  
Archdiocesan Ministries

Are you looking to deepen both your understanding of Catholic theology and your experience of faith? The experience of the Catholic Foundations core modules are designed to engage both the head and the heart, to encourage participants to grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith.

**When:** Beginning Monday 3 February 2025 at 7pm

**Where:** St Bernard's Community Centre

**Cost:** \$150

To find out more and register your attendance, please contact Pauline at the Parish Office on 3849 7158 or [pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au)

## ENTRANCE: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

**Refrain:** *Gather your people, O Lord.  
Gather your people, O Lord.  
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.  
Gather your people, O Lord.*

1. Draw us forth to the table of life:  
brothers and sisters, each of us called  
to walk in your light. **Refrain**
2. We are parts of the body of Christ,  
needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit  
provides. **Refrain**

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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 18

**All:** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to pris'ners. Alle, 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.

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## 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: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

**Refrain:** One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

**Refrain**

2. Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

**Refrain**

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

**Refrain**

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## SONG OF PRAISE: GOD OF PEACE

1. Lord of life and Lord of nations,  
Giving peace, you make us one,  
Heart of flesh for heart of stone,  
Break the walls of all divisions.  
Your Kingdom come, with this its sign:  
Our song, this prayer: let peace now reign!

3. Visions new and ancient dreaming,  
See the love beyond all death;  
New the heavens, new the earth,  
Promise of the Kingdom coming.  
Through Christ, the wounds of all this world,  
In God's own peace will then be healed.

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## RECESSATIONAL: A BLESSING HYMN FOR AUSTRALIA

1. Ancient land of wide and sunburnt plains,  
where feet have long since trod,  
you have known the stories of our search  
to find the face of God.  
God, you hovered over darkness  
when the void was silent still;  
then your voice rang out in splendor;  
creation knew your will,  
and your eyes of love beheld in light  
this land of sweeping plains.  
Now our voices too rejoin again  
creation's song of praise.

3. Holy Spirit, breathe your life in us,  
your truth to guide our way.  
Now with open hearts we hear your call  
to follow you each day.  
Bring us all as one together,  
under southern stars above,  
so the cross will lead us onward,  
Great Southland of your love.  
Give us joyful hearts in days to come,  
all fear and dark cast out.  
Help us build in Christ a world reborn in justice  
and in love.

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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.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE?

### Position Vacant - All Saints Parish Albany Creek

Parish Administration Officer, part-time 16 hours/week.  
Contact Brent Hunter (HR Recruitment / Vol Coordinator):  
[hunterb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hunterb@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Applications close 7 February 2025.



JOIN THE GUIDES & WELCOMERS TEAM

Could you be the face of St Stephen's Cathedral that greets and welcomes our many visitors? If you have an interest in history and like being a part of a good team - this could be for you!

We are holding an Information Day at the Cathedral on Thursday February 6th for prospective Guides & Welcomers.

To find out more and register, please email [CathedralGandW@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:CathedralGandW@bne.catholic.net.au) or contact the office on 3324 3030



### A Morning's Prayer Retreat

Saturday 8 February, 9.00am - 12.00pm

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

Cost \$25

To find out more and register your attendance, please visit [tinyurl.com/amp-feb2025](http://tinyurl.com/amp-feb2025)

## PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, YEAR C

1 / 2 February 2025

### READINGS

**Malachi 3:1-4**

*The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.*

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

*He had to be made like us in all things.*

### GOSPEL

**Luke 2:22-40**

*My eyes have seen your saving power.*

### 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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