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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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

1 / 2 March 2025

READINGS

Sirach 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Friends this Sunday, Jesus describes the nature of discipleship in a Christian, namely, that it is manifested in very tangible ways. Those who follow Christ are able to produce good fruit in themselves. They can "see", they do not lead double lives, they add value to the world around them.

The capacity to "see" the world wisely, to "lead the blind" and to add value to the world around us are the fruit of becoming intentional disciples – willing students - of Jesus Christ. At a deeper level, it is an active effort to *get to know* the God whom we worship, understand how this God wishes to relate to us, and how this God's vision for how we relate to and celebrate each other and our common home. Deepening our faith, outside mass, is like wanting to know our best friends or our beloved outside of necessary times. Those are the moments we get to experience surprise and awe at their quirks, gifts, contradictions, their surprising capacities for things we wrote them off on, and so on.

Conversely, relationships can at times die out or worse, become lukewarm, so that they are not urgent enough to address, but not lifegiving either – they can become... duty.

Our relationship with God is always at risk of becoming duty. Some of us may not have had opportunities to deepen our faith since we were children. Others may have been to busy or simply not have had access to resources. If you would like to keep deepening your faith – your knowledge of the God whom you worship and who loves you – and of the family he has drawn you into, join as many of the programs listed below. I do ask that if you wish to join, registration will be essential. I will printing or purchasing resources accordingly. They are usually about \$22.

Upcoming Programs:

LENT - Weekly 30 mins series on styles of prayer in the Catholic Tradition. Free.

HOLY WEEK – Two Day Screening of Bach's St. Matthew's Passion (total 195 mins). Attendance capped at 24 attendees.

Easter Season – Group reading and discussion on book on prayer – 5-6 weeks.

Ordinary Time – Fortnightly/ Monthly Catechesis or another group reading with discussion.

See you in the week.

God bless,
Francis

Avenues for Deepening Faith in
UMGW

Please register via
the QR Code or
contact the
Parish Office on
3849 7158.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Brian Prove, Elizabeth Arthy (sister of Rita Ford), Alan Ninness (brother of Margaret Harrington), Patricia (Patti) Scott, Hazel Mary Hore, Denise Morris, James Munro, Brian Buckley, Terence Cridland who died recently. Also Rose Booth-Crane, Pat Sullivan, Danny Coglan, Shirly Dhampala, Tom Begg whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 4 March

FUNERAL MASS

10.00am, Brian Prove, St Lukes, Buranda.

CRAFT GROUP

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

SHROVE TUESDAY ECUMENICAL PRAYER

6.30pm, St Martin's Church.

WEDNESDAY 5 March

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.00am Mass, St Catherine's Church.

9.30am Mass, St Martin's Church.

10.30am Mass, St Bernard's Church.

6.30pm Mass, St Bernard's Church.

THURSDAY 6 March

BETHANY GROUP

10.00am, Parish Office.

LITURGY MEETING

Parish Office.

FRIDAY 7 March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7.00pm, St Bernard's Church.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

If you are interested in joining a small group reflection on the Sunday readings during Lent, the Parish is offering two opportunities on Tuesdays beginning 11 March:

1. immediately after Mass on Tuesday morning (approx. 9:45am), meeting in the East Wing (chapel) of St Bernard's Church.
2. at 6:30pm in the St Bernard's Community Centre.

TEAM MEMBERS REQUIRED FOR SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We are looking to create a team to help support families as they prepare their children for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion.

To start, we are going to gather any interested parishioners in the Aspinall Centre on **Wednesday 12 March at 6:30pm**. This gathering will lay out our plans going forward and give a brief overview of how the CICCA program currently operates. Interested persons will also need to register as volunteers and complete Archdiocesan requirements for working with children.

If you are interested can you please let Pauline know at the Parish Office or pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au so we can ensure we have enough resources on the evening.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Rex Sullivan, son of Trent & Tameika.

He will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box or an envelope for the four weeks of Lenten available in our Churches. *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

You can also donate by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413 or via the QR Code on the notice in the Church. Thank you for your support.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Everyone is invited to join Christians in our area for prayer (particularly focus this year is the Cook Islands) and for morning tea together afterward.

Where: Broadwater Rd Uniting Church,
481 Broadwater Rd, Mansfield,
opposite Mansfield High School

When: Friday 7 March, 2025

Time: 10:30am

News from Parish Reconciliation Action Group (RAP)

As part of our education strategy for members of our Parish, we are organising a number of **Film/Bookclub** events this year focussing on the plight of the First Nations people. Our first one will be held on **Sunday 23 March at 11am at St Bernard's Community Centre** with the viewing of the film "Fantome Island" which tells the story of a seven year old Aboriginal boy who has leprosy and has been sent to the island, 1000 kms from his family. The film will be followed by a group discussion. At the conclusion, we will go across to Southern Cross for lunch (about 12.45pm). Please join us for this event. A link to more information about the film is here:

<https://www.roninfilms.com.au/feature/6911/fantome-island.html>

ENTRANCE: *GATHER US IN*

1. Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well and teach us to fashion,
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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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 91

All: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Shine on the world like bright stars.

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: OUR SUPPER INVITATION

1. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.
2. Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
just what the journey means; walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.
3. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.
4. Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

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SONG OF PRAISE: IN THE LORD

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,

in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid,

lift up your voices the Lord is near;

lift up your voices the Lord is near.

Repeat

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RECESSONAL: COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Refrain: We are companions on the journey,
breaking bread and sharing life;
and in the love we bear is the hope we share
for we believe in the love of our God,
we believe in the love of our God.

1. No longer strangers to each other,
no longer strangers in God's House;
we are fed and we are nourished
by the strength of those who care,
by the strength of those who care..
2. We have been gifted with each other,
and we are called by the Word of the Lord;
to act with justice, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with our God,
to walk humbly with our God.

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



"SPIRIT OF HOPE" PRAYER MEETING



Wednesday 5 March 10.45 - 12.15pm after the 10am Mass in the Cathedral.

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

Please note it is Ash Wednesday, so the Mass will take a little longer. What a great opportunity for us to commence Lent by Praising and Worshiping the Lord in Prayer and Song. Please invite family and friends, everyone is welcome!! We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Enquiries Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901.



St Bernard's SCHOOL

UPPER MOUNT GRAVATT

You're invited to our:

Principal's Tour

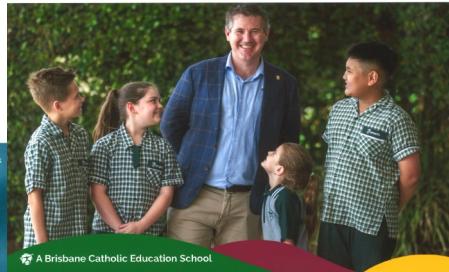
Thursday 20 March 2025

9.30am - 10.30am

OR

Sunday 23 March 2025

10.30am - 12.00pm



A Brisbane Catholic Education School

ST CATHERINE'S PRINCIPAL TOUR - Thursday 27 February 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



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

8 / 9 March 2025

READINGS

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 *The confession of faith of the elect.*

Romans 10:8-13 *The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

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

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

28 March *Reco Rally Brisbane.*
An Archdiocesan Youth & Young Adults Event
Live Music, Praise & Worship, Inspirational Speakers, Reconciliation.

4-6 April *A Living Hope - Guided Retreat.*
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre.

Please see noticeboards for further information.