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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.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

15 / 16 March 2025

READINGS: Gensis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

This Sunday's gospel tells the story of Jesus transfiguration before his disciples. He goes from looking ordinary to looking extraordinary – his face changes and his clothes "became as brilliant as lightning".

The transfiguration has been the focus of many works of art in Christianity. It makes sense at a basic level that Christianity would depict some of the highlights or moments of wow in its artwork, so as to remind its faithful of God's glory. On the other hand, the rationale for why the Church would paint anything is something that seems to have fallen out of our collective consciousness.

I wrote my final Master's project on art for churches and will be presenting elements of it on the 20th in the parish centre to a gathering of young adults followed by a paint n sip social gathering. If you or a young adult you know would like to learn about the Christian approach to art and meet like minded Catholics, the QR code for RSVPing is given below.

Whether it is this presentation on art, or the faith formation series I have given you all chance to sign up for, my guiding principle is not dissimilar to the principle undergirding the transfiguration – *that Jesus' true nature may be revealed*. In moments of intellectual discovery, or in moments of rich prayer, God's nature gets revealed to us; the Church as place of encountering the mystery of God is also revealed.

Now and then, both the Church and God's mystery risk being watered down by simple answers, answers that claim, wrongly, that God and the Church are merely ends to an ethical life or to achieving justice. As a result, mystery falls into the background, and then people go looking elsewhere for experiences of spirituality and other places to sit with the mysteries of life and faith. I have noticed that typing "monk" into the google images now returns images of Buddhist monks. That says a fair bit to me about what parts of its life and its story, the Church can communicate better.

In this regard I offer a suggestion: on a Sunday like today can you jot down words and *images* of what the Church is to you? Some of us may have more functional answers; others may have more the spiritual. There should be no dichotomy, but what pattern do you notice? What areas would you would you like to explore?

See you in the week.

God bless,

Fr. Francis

RSVP for YA Keynote and Paint n
Sip



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Margaret Conwell, Shirley Young, Kerri Mulhall, Maria Esther Rocha De Panduro (mother of Monica), Paul Byrnes who died recently. Also Mary, Michael & Terrence Quinn, Olga Iocco, Tom Begg, Penny Clarke, Kerry Cooke, Jan Karageorge, Ida Tully, Olga Doniger, Don Armstrong, Marguerite Wright, Christopher Tracey, Gwen Paull, Glenva Haigh, Alan Druery, Jack McLaughlin, Margaret Toth, Eileen & Vince Corbett, Jerry Stephens, Phyllis Condon, Will van Dalen, June McMahan, Bob Jones, Ernie Tully, Ron Howarth, Fay Sullivan whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 18 March

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

9.45am (after 9.15am Mass), East Chapel, St Bernard's Church.

CRAFT GROUP

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

FUNERAL

1.30pm, Shirley Young, St Bernard's Church.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY 19 March

TOUR OF PRAYER STYLES

11.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

FUNERAL

1.00pm, Margaret Conwell, St Bernard's Church.

THURSDAY 20 March

AGED CARE MASS

9.30am, Somerfield St, Mt Gravatt.

FRIDAY 21 March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9.00am, St Martin's Church.

6.30pm, St Bernard's Church.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 26 March 2025

Coach departs

St Catherine's Bus Stop at 8.00am.

We will be visiting Cooroy this month.

Morning tea will be somewhere along the way. BYO food. Tea/coffee/sugar/milk provided.

Explore Cooroy's shops and attractions along Maple St and Emerald St.

Lunch is at the Cooroy RSL Club, Maple St. Your trip booking and meal selection can be arranged with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218.

The Raffle will be drawn after lunch.

Cost approximately in the low seventies range, this is depending on the booking numbers.

We are planning to stop at The Big Pineapple site on the trip home.

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



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Amelia Reid, daughter of Samuel & Katherine;

Myles Kutschkau, son of David & Terri;

Archie Williams, son of Joseph & Katelin;

Adriel Allado, son of Jerry & Ambherlyn.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

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**. "Fantome Island", a film 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>



ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Association, will be celebrated again this year in the **Cathedral of St Stephen**, Elizabeth Street at **10.00am on 17 March 2025**. Fr Gerard McMorro will be the celebrant.

All are welcome to attend. And, for those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed on this link -

<https://www.youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofBrisbane>

You may wish to pass the link on to someone overseas.

And we invite you also to join your fellow attendees for morning tea afterwards in the Hanly Room.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

1. Tour of Prayer Styles - Wednesdays of Lent - 11am and 7pm - 30 min sessions.
2. Bach's St. Matthew's Passion Screening - Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week - 11am. 1.5hrs each session.
3. Group Book Study - Prayer Our Deepest Longing by Ronald Rolheiser - Wednesdays of Easter - 11am and 7pm.

Bookings essential.



Avenues for Deepening Faith in
UMGW

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

ENTRANCE: TRANSFORM US

Transform us as you, transfigured,
stood apart on Tabor's height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains,
search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen,
full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured,
once spoke with these holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness
of those saints whose work is done,
live in this world as your Body,
chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Transform us as you, transfigured,
would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation -
time and truth we quickly bind.
Lead us down those daily pathways
where our love is not confined.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 26

All: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ! Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ!

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
From the shining cloud the voice is heard: this is my beloved Son. Accl.*

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 life everlasting. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION:

MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE LORD

*In the bread may we be broken.
In the cup may we be outpoured
May we come to the know the healer,
May we come to know the Lord.*

Though many are we, we are one in the Lord.
We are all welcome to his table of new life. **R.**

We come to the table to remember the Lord,
who gave his life that we might live forevermore. **R.**

In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup,
may we be filled as we come to know the Lord. **R.**

RECESSIONAL: TRANSFIGURE US, O LORD

*Transfigure us, O Lord,
transfigure us, O Lord.
Break the chains that bind us;
speak your healing word,
and where you lead we'll follow.
Transfigure us, O Lord.*

Down from heights of glory
into the depths below,
the love of God self-emptied,
the love of God to show.

You light the path before us,
the way that we must go. **R.**

To the holy city, Jerusalem, you go;
your face set toward the ending,
the cross to be your throne.

Shall we journey with you
and share your paschal road? **R.**

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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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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

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St Catherine's School
Principal: Paul Mitchell
388 Newnham Rd, Wishart
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Clairvaux MacKillop College
Principal: Wayne Chapman
24 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt
Phone: 3347 9200



You're invited to our: Principal's Tour

Thursday 20 March 2025

9.30am - 10.30am

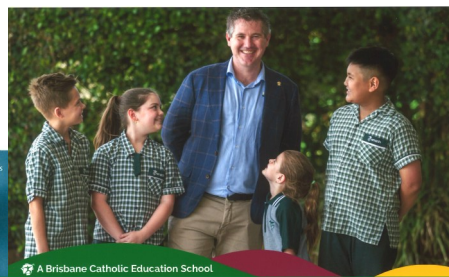
OR

Sunday 23 March 2025

10:30am - 12:00pm



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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.

Toefuata'iga, a 13-year-old student in Samoa, faced severe challenges and disruptions to her learning due to water scarcity. After Caritas Australia's partner Caritas Samoa installed a 10,000 litre water tank at her school, Toefuata'iga and her classmates saw improved health and more consistent class attendance.



Join a Principal Tour at St Catherine's!

Register now for a
March Principal Tour!

Tuesday 11 March, 9:30am
Thursday 27 March, 9:30am

www.stcatherinescps.qld.edu.au



Come see our:

- Prep classrooms in action
 - explore our fantastic facilities
- Learn about our:
- Extra-curricular activities
 - Instrumental program
 - Technology Program!



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.

Your child's learning journey begins here...
Join our St Catherine's family and thrive in a supportive
and welcoming community.

www.stcatherinescps.qld.edu.au/enrolment



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C 22 / 23 March 2025

READINGS

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel:
I Am has sent me to you.*

**1 Corinthians 10:1-6,
10-12**

*All this that happened to the people of Moses in
the desert was written for our benefit.*

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Our Newsletter is available via
email.

Please contact the Parish Office if
you or someone you know requires

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
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Realising midbite that you're
eating what you were supposed to
give up for lent

