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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 OF LENT YEAR C

22 / 23 March 2025

READINGS: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9



Third Sunday of Lent speak of God's mercy and compassion and He gives second chances to repent of our sins and renew our lives, despite our repeated falls. God expects us to show our repentance and renewal of life, especially during Lent, by producing fruits of love, mercy, forgiveness, and selfless service, instead of remaining like a barren fig tree.

The parable of the barren fig tree illustrating God's patience and desire for fruitfulness in our lives. The tree, which has failed to bear fruit for three years, is given one more chance before being cut down. This serves as a powerful image of God's mercy and the opportunity we must change, but also a warning that we must bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

This parable invites us to reflect on our own lives. The fig tree symbolizes individuals who have been given many opportunities by God but have not produced the spiritual fruit that is expected. God, in His mercy, offers patience and a chance for renewal. Just as the gardener offers one more year of care and attention, God gives us the time and grace we need to repent and bear fruit in our lives.

The barren fig tree challenges us to ask whether we are living in accordance with God's call and whether our lives reflect the love, kindness, and faithfulness He desires. God's patience is not without limits, and the parable reminds us that while there is time to change, we must make the most of it by living in alignment with His will. "The longer we delay in returning to God, the more precious time we miss to experience the endless peace and joy that only He can provide."

Save the Date

Installation Mass

Date: Thursday, 3rd April 2025

Time: 6.30 pm

Place: St Bernard's Church

Presider: His Grace Archbishop
Mark Coleridge

Fr Rony Chacko

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Des Hitchman, Antonina Spoto, Therese Douglas, Margaret Conwell, Shirley Young, Kerri Mulhall, Maria Esther Rocha De Panduro who died recently. Also Jeanette Paulsen, Tom Begg, Keith Pattinson, Iris Lindner, Joe Doniger, Molly Armstrong, Neville Johnson whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY 23 March

FILM - FANTOME ISLAND

11.00am, Aspinall Centre.
(Morning tea at 10.30am)

TUESDAY 25 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

10.30am, Antonina Spoto, St Bernard's Church.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY 26 March

TOUR OF PRAYER STYLES

11.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.
7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

FUNERAL

11.00am, Des Hitchman, St Bernard's Church.

FRIDAY 28 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

Hamish and Paige Healy, children of Matthew &

Danica;

Jonathan and Marcus, children of Alan & Sharyn.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

INSTALLATION MASS - THURSDAY 3 APRIL

I am deeply humbled and honoured to be called to serve this wonderful community, and I acknowledge the great privilege it is to walk alongside you in faith. It is with great joy that I announce my Installation Mass as your new parish priest will take place on **Thursday, 3rd April, at 6:30 PM here at St. Bernard's Church**. I warmly welcome you all to this special celebration of our parish. His Grace Archbishop Mark Coleridge will preside over the Holy Mass. Please join for a light refreshment.

Fr Rony

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

News from RAP (Reconciliation Action Group)

This weekend, we celebrate **Harmony Day** from 17 to 23 March, marking an important time to recognise and celebrate Australia's rich cultural diversity, fostering inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging to all Australians, regardless of their background. We recognise the first settlers, going back 65000 years when the Aboriginal Australians landed here from Southeast Asia and we recognise all who have crossed the seas to make Australia their home.

We also observed **National Close the Gap Day** on 21 March which advocates for health equity of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The theme for 2025 is "Agency, Leadership, Reform: Ensuring the survival, dignity, and wellbeing of First Nations Peoples".

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

1. Bach's St. Matthew's Passion Screening - Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week - 11am. 1.5hrs each session.
2. 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: BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here; come bow before him
now with reverence and fear: in him no sin is
found we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all
around; he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned; how awesome
is the sight our radiant king of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all
around.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 102

All: The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Repent, repent says the Lord; the kingdom of
heaven is at hand. Repent, repent says the Lord;
the kingdom is at hand. **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 forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

EUCARISTIC ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION: BREAD OF LIFE

*Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise to return again. **R.**

The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain;
just as now it is gathered, make your people one. **R.**

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving cup:
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. **R.**

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see:
that the world may believe in you,
God of all who live. **R.**

RECESSONAL: HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who make the stars of night, I will make their
darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*
I, the Lord snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **R.**

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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



You're invited to our: Principal's Tour

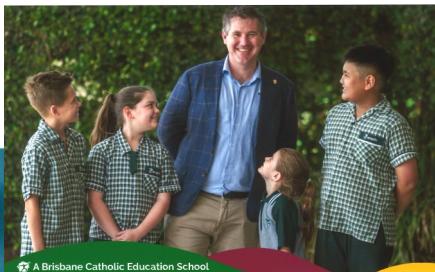
Thursday 20 March 2025

9.30am - 10.30am

OR

Sunday 23 March 2025

10.30am - 12.00pm



A Brisbane Catholic Education School

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.

Growing up in rural Vietnam, 27-year-old Lam dreamed of becoming a graphic artist, but faced limited opportunities due to his physical disability.

While his peers pursued careers after high school, Lam remained at home, feeling isolated and disconnected from his aspirations and society. I-SHINE helped Lam enrol in a training course and he is now a successful graphic designer serving clients locally and internationally and earning a stable income.



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.



Register now for a
March Principal Tour!

www.stcatherinescps.qld.edu.au/enrolment

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

29 / 30 March 2025

READINGS

Joshua 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 *God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has back to life.

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
umg@bne.catholic.net.au

COLLEGE TOURS

Clairvaux MacKillop College
Wednesday 30 April 4.00pm - 5.30pm
Friday 30 May 9.00am - 10.30am.

COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

San Sisto College, Carina
Tuesday 1 May 4.00pm - 7.00pm.

Please see Church Notice Boards for
further information.