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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.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C**

29 / 30 March 2025

**READINGS:** Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**GOSPEL:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

I suspect the parable of the prodigal son stands among the more memorable of Jesus' parables, simply on account of the automatic feeling of injustice it stirs in the hearer. Not a few of us may even identify with the older son – his keeping the rules and thus feeling that, compared with his brother, his father did not display appreciation for him. It remains for the homilies this weekend to tease the dynamics and justices and injustices at play.

I wish to note here however, the culture which the father displays in this parable – one of respecting his son's freedom and one of celebrating his return – whatever his motivations - with exuberance. God's respecting of our freedom and God's accepting of our return – whatever our motivations – is an unambiguous message across the scriptures. In imitating God, the Church too respects the freedom of people to stay or leave the fold and celebrates those who join or return down the line.

It is from this standpoint then that we expend our gifts and our talents – I commend the 23 parishioners who did respond to the call for volunteers earlier this year. It is partially also from this standpoint that the church spends from its resources to keep its churches and facilities dignified and beautiful. Having made a fitting place in which God comes among us, the church hopes we also may experience the joy with which God receives us in a beautiful setting. We would rightly be confused if someone threw us a party, and used shabby or aging materials and decorations.

Churches have been decorated in various ways – sometimes we treat our art too as decoration. While some art *can* have some overlap with decoration, it has clear functions and this was the focus of my masters thesis in seminary. I recently presented a summary of the thesis to our young adults and have been told there is some interest among the rest of to hear the presentation too. If you are interested please express your interest via the QR code below. I plan to present it on the 8<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm in the St. Bernard's community centre.

All of our effort as a church is in some ways a celebration put on for those who wish to engage (and at times re-engage) with faith – our programs, our sacraments, social events. I commend you all in what you contribute to this end. I also welcome those who are feeling inspired to share more of their talents with the parish.

RSVP for Presentation on Christian Art



## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Khoa Tran Nguyen, Des Hitchman, Antonina Spoto, Therese Douglas, Sen Nguyen who died recently. Also Darrel Petersen, Tom Begg, Le Tran, Valsamma Jacob, John Dwyer, Carmel Dwyer, Kathleen Dwyer, Thomas Gorman, James Dwyer, Thomas Dwyer, Maureen Tracey, Sr M Michele, Jo Pearson whom we remember.

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### TUESDAY 1 April

#### LENTEN REFLECTIONS

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

#### CRAFT GROUP

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

#### LENTEN REFLECTIONS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

### WEDNESDAY 2 April

#### TOUR OF PRAYER STYLES

11.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

### THURSDAY 3 April

#### BETHANY GROUP

10.00am, Parish Office.

#### FR RONY'S INSTALLATION MASS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Church.

### FRIDAY 4 April

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9.00am, St Martin's Church.

6.30pm, St Bernard's Church.

## YOUTH LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are looking for participants for this year's Youth-led Stations of the Cross at St Catherine's on Friday. We will have a quick practice at 8:30am on Good Friday (18<sup>th</sup> April) morning, with the prayer itself starting at 10:00am. For those who haven't been before, participants act out "freeze-frames" of each Station as prayer and reflections are read. So there are no lines to learn. If you'd like more information or your children are interested in being involved please contact Pauline at [pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au) or at the Parish Office by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

## 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.



Anniversary

Blessings



Congratulations to  
**Victor and Marilyn Estillore**  
who celebrated their  
**60th Wedding Anniversary**  
on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

## 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*

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

### ST BERNARD'S - SUNDAY 6 APRIL 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

## HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

### Monday 14 April

8.00am - Morning Prayer - St Bernard's

9.15am - Mass - St Catherine's

### Tuesday 15 April

8.45am - Morning Prayer - St Bernard's

9.15am - Mass - St Bernard's

### Wednesday 15 April

7.00am - Mass - St Catherine's

8.00am - Morning Prayer - St Bernard's

### Holy Thursday 16 April

7.00am - **No Mass**

8.00am - Morning Prayer - St Bernard's

7.00pm - *Mass of the Lord's Supper* - St Bernard's

9.00pm - Night Prayer

### Good Friday 18 April

8.00am - Morning Prayer - St Bernard's

9.30am - Traditional Stations - St Bernard's

10:00am - Youth Stations - St Catherine's

### Celebration of the Lord's Passion

11.00am - St Martin's

1.00pm - St Catherine's

3.00pm - St Bernard's

### Holy Saturday - 19 April

8.00am - Morning Prayer - St Bernard's

### Easter Vigil of the Resurrection

6.30pm - St Bernard's (Baptism of the Elect)

### Easter Sunday - 20 April

6:30am - Mass - St Bernard's

7:30am - Mass - St Martin's

8:30am - Mass - St Catherine's

9:30am - Mass - St Bernard's

5.00pm - Mass - St Bernard's

## ENTRANCE: WITH YOUR GRACE

God of mercy, God of grace,  
come among us, fill this place,  
heal our hurting, mend our wounds,  
come among us with your grace.

Pour your love upon us now,  
Touch our Spirits, make us new,  
See our longing, hear our prayer,  
Come among us with your grace.

Bless this moment, take our hearts,  
use our hands to honour you,  
with our voices, we will sing,  
come among us with your grace.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 102

**All:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father I have sinned against heaven, and I  
have sinned against you. **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: DRAWN TO YOU

*Drawn to you, Lord we are drawn to you,  
to the beauty of your presence in this place.  
Here for you, God we are here for you  
as the gifts we bring become a feast of grace.  
We are drawn to you.*

Drawn by the love that you have poured on us,  
we bring these gifts, works of our hands.  
You gather all we offer to yourself,  
receive our prayer. **R.**

Drawn by the faith that you accept our gifts,  
and sanctify what we have shared.  
To make us holy by this bread and wine,  
receive our prayer. **R.**

Drawn by the table you have laid for us,  
the welcome feast your heart prepares,  
the words now spoken that will make us one,  
receive our prayer. **R.**

## RECESSONAL: AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy reigns  
unending love, amazing grace.*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine.  
But God who called me here below  
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.  
You are forever mine.

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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

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Please take home a Project Compassion box or an envelope for the four weeks of Lent available in our Churches. *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.* You can also donate by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413 or via the QR Code on the notice in the Church.



Irene is a 25-year-old single mother of two boys living in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Despite experiencing extreme poverty, she has become a skilled seamstress and can now support her children's education with her income.

## "SPIRIT OF HOPE" PRAYER MEETING



**Wednesday 2 April 10.45 - 12.15pm after the 10.00am Cathedral Mass.  
St Stephen's Chapel in the grounds of the Cathedral.**

We are still in Lent, so we will continue in Prayer & Song as we Praise, Worship and Thank the Lord Our God for His Love and Mercy. Please invite family and friends, everyone is welcome!! Looking forward to seeing you all. Enquiries Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
invites you to the annual



## CHRISM MASS

**Thursday 10th April 2025 @ 7:00pm**

Cathedral of St Stephen  
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane 4000

A CELEBRATION FOR THE ENTIRE ARCHDIOCESE

ALL WELCOME

CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM

A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

**5 / 6 April 2025**

### READINGS

**Isaiah 43:16-21**

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

**Philippians 3:8-14**

*Because of Christ I look upon everything else in order to gain him..*

### GOSPEL

**John 8:1-11**

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

### NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Our Newsletter is available via email.

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

### 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.

### 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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