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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.

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.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the holy season of Lent, I extend a warm welcome to each of you, and invite you to journey with us as a parish family in these forty days of reflection, penance, and prayer. The first Sunday of Lent calls us to examine our hearts and minds, to reflect on the temptations we face, and to look to the example of Jesus who was led into the wilderness to be tested.

In the Gospel today, we read of Jesus' time in the desert, where He fasted and prayed for forty days. It was a time of deep personal challenge and spiritual growth. Jesus faced the temptations of the devil, yet He overcame them through trust in God's Word and through prayer. This story serves as a powerful reminder for us that Lent is not merely about giving something up, but about preparing our hearts to receive more of God's love and grace.

This is a season for spiritual renewal, a time to strengthen our relationship with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Just as Jesus withdrew into the desert to seek His Father's will, we are called to step away from the distractions of everyday life and seek the presence of God more intentionally.

I encourage each of you to embrace this time with a spirit of humility and openness. Allow this Lenten season to be a time to grow in your faith, to reflect on areas of your life that need healing, and to renew your commitment to following Christ more faithfully.

The word "Lent" comes from an old English word that means "springtime," so it reminds us of spring cleaning and the new life in nature during spring. This season of Lent is a time of special grace for us in which we want to do some spring cleaning in our lives and enjoy new life as a result. I wish you all a great time and may this Lent renew us to a new person.

Fr Rony Chacko

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Paul Byrnes (brother of Maria Byrnes), Brian Prove, Joseph George, Adam Gower, Elizabeth Arthy, Alan Ninness, Patricia (Patti) Scott who died recently. Also Fred Byrnes, Tom Begg whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 11 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.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY 12 March

TOUR OF PRAYER STYLES

11.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM TEAM MEETING

6.30pm, Aspinall Centre.

THURSDAY 13 March

AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, ARCAR, Eight Mile Plains.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

FRIDAY 14 March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9.00am, St Martin's Church.

6.30pm, St Bernard's Church.

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. 1.5 hrs 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.

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.

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>

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

Small group reflection on the Sunday readings during Lent using resource from the Wollongong Diocese. Please see "This week in the Parish" for details.



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 McMorrow 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.

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.

ENTRANCE: *FROM ASHES TO THE LIVING FONT*

1. From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
baptised in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.
2. Through fasting, prayer and charity
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.
3. From desert to the mountaintop
in Christ our way we see,
so, tempered by temptation's might
we might transfigured be.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 90

All: Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Antiphon: *Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ! Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ!*

No one lives on bread alone but on ev'ry word that comes from the mouth of God. No one lives on bread alone but on ev'ry word that comes from the mouth of God.

Antiphon: *Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ! Praise and honour to you Lord Jesus Christ!*

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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

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

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COMMUNION: *WE REMEMBER*

Refrain: *We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
and we believe that we will see you
when you come, in your glory, Lord,
we remember, we celebrate, we believe.*

1. Here, a million wounded souls
are yearning just to touch you and be healed;
gather all your people
and hold them to your heart; **Refrain**
2. Now we recreate your love,
we bring the bread and wine to share a meal;
sign of grace and mercy,
the Presence of the Lord; **Refrain**
3. Christ, the Father's great Amen
to all the hopes and dreams of ev'ry heart;
peace beyond all telling
and freedom from all fear. **Refrain**
4. See the Face of Christ revealed
in ev'ry person standing by your side;
gift to one another,
and temples of your love; **Refrain**

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RECESSONAL: *WILL YOU LOVE ME*

1. Will you give me your life forever?
Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?
Will you walk in the light of my presence?
Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Refrain: *Will you love me as I have loved you?
Will you live with me the darkness as I die?
For the moon and the stars will be gone like the night,
and the sun will be shining on you.*

3. Can you walk in the footprints of silence
through the wilderness sands in the sun,
from the desert of doubt and temptation,
to the glorious mountain of fire?

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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

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Principal: Daniel Hodge
1823 Logan Rd,
Upper Mt Gravatt
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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

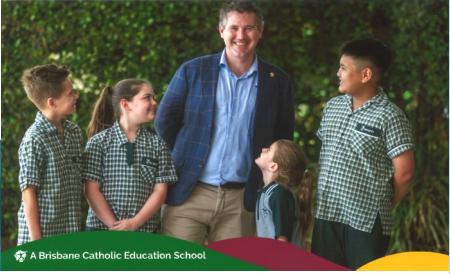
10:30am - 12:00pm

St Bernard's School Principals
Tours 2025

St Bernard's School Upper Mt Gravatt

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A Brisbane Catholic Education School



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!



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'Children must be 5 years old by 30 June in the year they start Prep.'

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Join our St Catherine's family and thrive in a supportive
and welcoming community.

www.stcatherinescps.qld.edu.au/enrolment

Register now for a
March Principal Tour!



DATE CLAIMER

St Catherine's Seniors Coach Trip

Wednesday 26th March, 2025

Departing St Catherine's Bus Stop at 8 am
for Cooroy.



More information next week.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C

15 / 16 March 2025

READINGS

Gensis 15:5-12, 17-18 God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Philippians 3:17-4:1 Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious bodies.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

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.