



## What to expect...

You can expect to:

- ❖ make contact with parish personnel after your initial inquiry
- ❖ meet with one of the priests or the Pastoral Associate if requested
- ❖ attend a preparation session on the **first Wednesday of the month at 12.00 noon in St Bernard's Church, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt**
- ❖ complete official documents for parish records
- ❖ ensure that at least one Godparent is a baptised confirmed Catholic and all others baptised Christians
- ❖ be welcomed into the local parish community



## Contact...

### Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Catholic Parish

Churches of:

St Bernard, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt  
St Catherine, 388 Newnham Rd, Wishart  
St Martin, Cnr Logan & Chester Rd,  
Eight Mile Plains

#### Parish Office

4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt  
Ph 07 3849 7158

For more information contact:

Parish Priest: Fr Rony Chacko  
Associate Pastor: Fr Francis Fernandes  
Pastoral Associate: Pauline Thomas



Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart  
Catholic Parish





## *Baptism is...*

Baptism is the first sacrament. It incorporates us into the Church and through it we are 'reborn' as daughters and sons of God.

Baptism is performed by immersion in or pouring of water and the words 'I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit'.

Parents who ask to have their children baptised accept the responsibility of training them in the practice of the Catholic faith and bringing them up to keep God's commandments.

Baptism is about being made a member of the community of faith; it is not a private family occasion. Therefore, baptisms are conducted after Sunday Mass, usually with several other families at 9.30 am in St Catherine's Church, 10.30 am in St Bernard's Church or by appointment in St Martin's Church.

Parents sometimes want their baby to be baptised in a school chapel or other place which has some meaning to them as individuals, but that is not appropriate as it is the local parish community that welcomes new members and provides the sense of belonging for the children.



## *Baptism is for...*

- ❖ Anyone seeking to live the Catholic Christian Life
- ❖ Infants whose parents are living the Catholic Christian life. Catholic parents and Godparents are responsible for the formation of infants into childhood and eventually as mature young Christians
- ❖ Young children whose parents are willing to support them in learning to live the Christian life and become members of the local Catholic community
- ❖ Adults who are not baptised and are seeking a greater relationship with Christ and wishing to be active members of the Catholic Church. Those adults seeking initiation into the Catholic Church enter a journey called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. (RCIA)



## *What do we do...*

- ❖ First point of contact is the parish office. Ph 07 3849 7158
- ❖ You will need to attend a Baptism Preparation session **before** you have your baby Baptised
- ❖ Be prepared to listen to the information and commitment required of you
- ❖ Discuss with your family possible dates for your child's Baptism after attending a preparation session
- ❖ You will need at least a month's notice due to the high demand of Baptisms in the parish. Baptisms are conducted most Sundays of the year.
- ❖ Be prepared to meet people who are willing to support you on your journey with your little one.

