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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 EASTER YEAR C

10 / 11 May 2025

READINGS

Acts 13:14, 43-52 *We are now turning to the gentiles.*

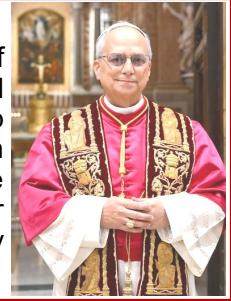
Revelation 7:9, 14-17 *The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.*

GOSPEL

John 10:27-30 *I give my sheep eternal life.*

LEO XIV IS THE NEW POPE

"Peace be with all of you!" - the first words of Pope Leo XIV. The Conclave has elected 69 year old Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 267th Bishop of Rome. Leo is the first pope to have been born in the United States. He is also a citizen of Peru, where he has spent much of his life. He was elected leader of the world's 1.4 billion Catholics on the second day of the conclave.



Our Double Celebration

Friends, this weekend - for the worse - and for the better, carries two foci: Mother's Day and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. For the worse because, I imagine the shared space will result in one or the other getting less attention. For the better because in some strange way, they stand closer together than at first glance.

Motherhood (and parenthood broadly), Priesthood and religious life couldn't seem further apart in the types of demands they make and what each are celebrated for. All three however, are avenues by which a Christian trains to shift their focus away from themselves and onto others in their care. It is an imitation of God who out of God's freedom not only creates us, but exhibits a spirit of charity and love for us. Thus, these different vocations within the Christian life are all pathways to holiness. The call to holiness is not limited only to priests and religious – it is to all Christians.

If we are tempted to imagine the saints (from *sanctus* meaning "holy [ones]") as the canonised priests and religious from our past, let us remember that the two greatest saints in our Church are Mary and Joseph. The silence about their lives in scripture, says something to us about God's blessing of the everyday and ordinary of family life – the turning up daily, the stretched patience, the rituals of love, the chores, the hopes and prayers for the future and so on. For this reason, priesthood and religious life will always exist for the service of family life – have you noticed that the priest never in mass says "I"? All prayers are said on behalf of the Church, the "We". For your sake then, as you pray for your mothers today, I ask that you say a prayer for young men and women to answer the call to be labourers in God's harvest.

On behalf of Fr. Rony and myself, I wish our mothers, Happy Mother's Day!

See you in the week,

God bless, **Fr. Francis**

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Enid Buckley, Carmen Neuhold (wife of Fred), Jocelyn Mollee, Grant King, Theresa Todman, Adam Gravestock, Ruby Brock, Uncle Des Sandy, Nenita Mendoza, Aldo Di Lione, Gerardina Manzi, who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Laura Sim, Raymond Coglan, Therese Wharton, Rose James, Natalina Woods, Norine Ingham, Sen Nguyen, Geoff Musgrave, Sr Denise Daly OSU, Terry Prindable, Andrew Symonds whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 13 May

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY 14 May

TOUR OF PRAYER STYLES

11.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

FUNERAL

12.45pm, Enid Buckley, St Bernard's Church.

THURSDAY 15 May

FUNERAL

10.00am, Carmen Neuhold, St Bernard's Church.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP NEWS

The Parish RAP Team invite you to a Wine and Cheese Evening, **Thursday 29 May, 7.00pm in the Aspinall Hall** to celebrate **National Reconciliation Week**. Guest speaker **Ren Sculthorpe** - proud Palawi Kani woman, mother, teacher & parishioner - will talk about the cultural and spiritual links between First Nations People and Christian/Catholics, sharing her own family experiences. **RSVP by 27 May:** pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au

PARISH CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE PROGRAM

Help care for creation and support **Providence Foundation in Thailand** www.foundationprovthai.org/ Collection bins are at each church or drop off your containers and **quote our team no. C11573521**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST CATHERINE'S

SUNDAY 18 MAY 8.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 28 May - Coach departs St Catherine's Bus Stop at 8.00am.

This month we head to **Bribie Island** for a **2 Hour Lunch Cruise from the Bongaree Jetty**. Morning tea and Raffle at a park near Sylvan Beach. Please BYO morning tea food. Coffee/tea/milk/sugar are provided. After the cruise we visit the **Bribie Island Community Art Centre, Gift Shop and Matthew Flinders Gallery**. Bookings can be made with Ros on 3349 9218. Cost is around \$76 depending on numbers. Please bring used stamps for The Missions Office.

ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

The Archdiocese of Brisbane Annual Mass Attendance Count continues this weekend 10/11 May, and the following weekends 17/18 May and 24/25 May. We encourage you to attend Mass each weekend during this period as this will assist us in understanding how many people are being reached in our local communities and across the Archdiocese.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Fletcher Charles Little, son of Monique & Jeffrey.

He will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

ENTRANCE: SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS

Sing of the Lord's goodness,

Father of all wisdom,

come to him and bless his name.

Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.*

*Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded, honor is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.

His word he has spoken,
one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all. **R.**

GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to people of good will.*

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God heavenly king, O God, almighty father.
R.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. **R.**

For you alone are the holy one,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God, the
Father. **R.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 99

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd, says the Lord, I am the good shepherd, I know my sheep, and mine, mine know me. **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

Save us Saviour of the world for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION: SHEPHERD OF SOULS

Shepherd of souls, in love, come feed us, life-giving bread for hungry hearts! To those refreshing waters lead us where dwells that grace your peace imparts. May we, the wayward in your fold, by your forgiveness rest consoled.

Life-giving vine, come, feed and nourish, strengthen each branch with life divine; ever in you O may we flourish, fruitful the branches of the vine. Lord, may our souls be purified so that in Christ may we abide.

Following you, O Lord, who led them, multitudes thronged the mountainside; filled with compassion, Lord, you fed them, fed them with loaves you multiplied. Come, feed us now, O Lord, we pray; life-giving bread give us this day.

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SHEPHERD OF SOULS (CONTINUED)

Help us, dear Lord, prepare a dwelling worthy of you who made us all; cleanse then our hearts, our guilt dispelling, purify us who heed your call.

“Take this and eat” were words you said, giving yourself to be our bread.

SONG OF PRAISE: SHEPHERD ME O LORD

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **R.**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, my spirit shall sing the music of your Name. **R.**

RECESSONAL: GOD SENDS US FORTH

God sends us forth to love and serve, make known God's name, and live God's word, mirror God's love, reflect God's grace till all have seen the Saviour's face.

Nourished by Christ with word and bread, burning with love and Spirit-led, sent to embrace a world in need, to make God known in word and deed.

So with the cross to lead the way, let us go forth in peace today till ev'ry end of earth has known the saving love of God alone.

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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.

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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

On this Mother's Day

we give thanks and praise for the gift of mothers.

We pray for the mothers-to-be, may they welcome their forthcoming child with loving anticipation and joy.

We pray for the mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, conflict, violence and for any other reasons.

Comfort them and strengthen their hope.

We pray for all mother-figures, those who have loved, surrounded and shaped us with motherly care and compassion.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us. Grant health, blessings and well-being for them.

We remember those mothers who are no longer with us.

While they live forever in our hearts and memory grant them eternal rest and reward.

Adapted from Catholic Outlook, Diocese of Parramatta

CATHOLIC MISSION

Pray the World Mission Rosary

Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the World Mission rosary.

Dates: 1st May to 31st May

Days: Monday – Friday

Time: 10.00am - 11.00am

Meeting LINK:

<https://tinyurl.com/cmrosary>



ST BERNARD'S IS TURNING 70 IN 2025!

Past students & staff are invited to share their memories of

St Bernard's such as photos, artifacts, uniforms or written accounts.

Submit to school office by Friday 11 July or email: pupmtgravatt@bne.catholic.edu.au

Subject line: Memorabilia

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

17 / 18 May 2025

READINGS

Acts 14:21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Revelation 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

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.

POSITION AVAILABLE: OFFICE SECRETARY ST MARKS LUTHERAN CHURCH MT GRAVATT

Permanent parttime 16 hours/week over three days.

Email: admin@stmarksmtgravatt.org.au

Applications closing soon.

See noticeboard for further details.

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

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.