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## MASS TIMES

<b>Monday</b>	9.15am St Catherine's
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15am St Bernard's
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.00am St Catherine's
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00am St Bernard's
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am St Bernard's 9.30am St Martin's
<b>Saturday</b>	5.00pm St Bernard's 6.15pm St Catherine's
<b>Sunday</b>	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.*

## 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.*

“By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples”, so says Jesus in this Sunday's gospel.

The fraternity that the early Christians shared was indeed noted by secular contemporaries. It was radical enough that they even sold their possessions and shared from a common fund, something I would only expect to see in a marriage.

That closeness or unity between the first disciples, or at least some atom of it, seemed to be in the background of the new Pope's opening words on the balcony when he was announced: “Peace be with you!” He had in mind then, and has in subsequent speeches named his concern regarding “piecemeal third world wars” happening around the world. I wonder if some of the simmering wars in the Church were also in his mind. It remains to be seen whether building fraternity in an age of tension becomes a hallmark of his pontificate.

Another recurring theme emerging is his concerns around the safe use and deployment of AI. The previous Pope Leo had written about the rights and obligations of workers; he has expressed an interest in the same topics with respect to AI.

His namesake also was a bridge builder between Church and State; he did not presume there to be an innate hostility. Such an effort will only continue to be necessary to guide how the Church speaks from between the crossfire of culture wars.

Pontiff – means “bridge builder”. It draws on the image of a priest who facilitates a drawing closer between the people and God. This is a ministry which begins for each Christian in baptism. Yet, as it takes on new depths in Pope Leo's life, he will by necessity have to also build bridges between various quarters of the Church, between denominations, and between Church and State. Let us pray then, that he may be guided by the Holy Spirit at all times and enjoy every success.

See you in the week.

**Fr. Francis**

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Gary Tuite (uncle of Colleen Tuite), Enid Buckley, Carmen Neuhold, Jocelyn Mollee, Grant King, Theresa Todman, Adam Gravestock who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Laura Sim, Peter Quinn, Peter Craven, John Manning, Franklyn Pinto, Albert Dodd, Iris Dodd, Stephen Gomez, Edith Gomez, Brian Lawton, Graham Lawton, deceased members of the McAnalen & Lawton families, Les McAllister, Paul Visser, Coral Mangano, Lou Musser, Kath Robinson, Georgia Gregg, Edna McGowan, Paul LaCaze, Stephanie Daly whom we remember.

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

#### TUESDAY 20 May

##### FUNERAL

11.00am, Grant King, St Bernard's Church.

##### CRAFT GROUP

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

##### SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

#### WEDNESDAY 21 May

##### TOUR OF PRAYER STYLES

11.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

#### THURSDAY 22 May

##### AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, Carinity, Wishart Gardens.

### CRAFT GROUP NEWS

The Tuesday Craft Group ladies are seeking **donations of wool** to knit 'Trauma Teddies' which are given to children at difficult times such as accidents, fire and family trauma. Please bring donations of wool to the Parish Office for collection. Thank you!

### RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN [RAP] TEAM

The Parish RAP Team invite you to a Wine and Cheese Evening on **Thursday 29 May at 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 to:** [pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au)

### 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 and finishes next weekend 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.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP



### PARISH CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE PROGRAM

Help care for creation and support **Providence Foundation in Thailand**

[www.foundationprovthai.org/](http://www.foundationprovthai.org/)

Collection bins are at each church or drop off your containers and **quote our team no. C11573521.**

### ENTRANCE: CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

*Let us build the city of God.*

*May our tears be turned into dancing!*

*For the Lord, our light and our love,  
has turned the night into day!*

We are sons of the morning;  
we are daughters of day.

The one who has loved us  
has brightened our way.

The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
a light for his people to set their hearts free. **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 144

*I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you; I give you a new commandment. **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.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

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

## COMMUNION: EAT THIS BREAD

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

I am the bread of life,  
the true bread sent from the Father. **R.**  
Your ancestors ate manna in the desert  
but this is the bread come down from heaven. **R.**  
Anyone who eats this bread, will live for ever. **R.**

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## SONG OF PRAISE: YOUR LIGHT WILL COME JERUSALEM

*Your light will come, Jerusalem;  
for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord,  
and all nations will walk in your light,  
and all nations will walk in your light.*

Christ is the light of the world,  
a light dispelling the darkness.  
May we, his body, reflect that holy light. **R.**

His light is mercy and peace,  
a peace surpassing all telling.  
May we, his body, be instruments of peace. **R.**

## RECESSIONAL: ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE

People of God, see the morning is new;  
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.  
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!  
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.  
God who was with us is here with us still.  
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

*Alleluia! Love is alive;  
conquered the grave and defeated the night.  
Alleluia! Love is alive!  
The Son has arisen for all.  
Your people sing alleluia!*

People of God now rejoicing in Christ,  
carry your joy to the darkness of night.  
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!  
Hear the good news of this glorious day,  
every heart singing as heaven proclaims:  
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive! **R.**

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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  
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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

## POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER

Join Archbishop Mark Coleridge for a day of learning the art of prayer through teaching, practice and reflection. Inspired by his apostolic document *Lamps Ablaze*, whether you're deepening your prayer life or just beginning, this day will equip and inspire you to pray with greater depth and confidence. **Saturday 31 May, 9am - 3pm, Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.** **Cost: \$55 pp.** Please visit [tinyurl.com/pop25May](http://tinyurl.com/pop25May). Places are strictly limited.

31 MAY 2025  
SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE  
9AM - 3PM

Join Archbishop Mark for

# POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER

Scan to register before 24/5/25

**LEARN AND PRACTICE THE ART OF PRAYER**

Archdiocesan MINISTRIES

## 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](mailto:pupmtgravatt@bne.catholic.edu.au)

Subject line: Memorabilia

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

24 / 25 May 2025

### READINGS

**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29** *It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

**Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23** *He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*

### GOSPEL

**John 14:23-29** *The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

## 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](mailto:umg@bne.catholic.net.au)



"If I send my prayer as a text message, will I get a faster reply?"