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MASS TIMES

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

24 / 25 May 2025

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.*

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

Teasing apart the opening prayer:

Friends, on occasion, while praying the mass, I am struck by the density of what the prayers contain. The texts of the mass are highly regulated, even, in recent times, to the placing of punctuation marks. This regulating ensures that what we pray aligns with our belief and keeps out anything that borders on our own private impressions, fears, assumptions etc about God. In the bid to deepen our appreciation for them, I share below this Sunday's opening prayer with a short reflection. The opening prayer is called the "Collect" evoking the image that after the priest has informed the people to pray for their intentions, he collects and offers them up in the one opening prayer to God:

Let us pray.

Grant, almighty God,

*that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ...Amen.

In essence, the prayer is asking God to give us the help to celebrate this season diligently and with emotion, **so that** by celebrating well, we will always keep the resurrection at the forefront of our minds. While whole chapters could be written on this prayer, I share only two thoughts below:

"Grant....that we may celebrate" with zeal and emotion: It is easy to relegate emotion and zeal to moments or things which trigger our feelings: something delightful or, say, the promise of a prize. This prayer turns to God for that emotion and zeal. It receives it as a gift, so as to make the best gift possible back to God. All is gift. Our lives, our bodies, voices, minds, our belongings, Jesus Christ, our faith, the sacraments. A weekday "preface" prayer at mass reads: "although you have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself your gift". When we worship well we benefit here on earth as well as receive salvation. So we ask God to help us do it well.

Keeping the resurrection at the forefront of mind: The Resurrection is the reason the church exists at all. If Jesus had not risen, there would have been no message or "good news" to share. Jesus' victory of sin and death is why the Church bothers doing anything. The Church exists to tell the world: "Whatever the season, Jesus is the light at the end of the tunnel – heaven has been opened to you". Any charity the Church does, is its way of saying "You are worth looking after, because you were worth Jesus coming among us and dying for".

How does your faith in Jesus' resurrection and your own hope of salvation colour how you pray, worship at mass, handle joys, disappointments, people...everything?

See you in the week. **Fr. Francis**

SVDP WINTER APPEAL

The SVdP Winter Appeal will be conducted on the **weekend of 7/8 June**. All funds raised go to the work of the Parish Conferences in the local area as SVdP strives to support those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, homelessness, and women and children in violent situations. Appeal envelopes will be in all churches and at the Piety Store. Envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets on any weekend or left at the Piety Store. Donations can also be made in any envelope marked "St Vincent de Paul". Parishioners can also donate directly online into either of the following local Conference accounts. Thank you for your anticipated support.

SVDP St Bernard's Conference Upper Mt Gravatt
BSB 064786
Acct 100026560

SVDP St Catherine's Conference Wishart
BSB 064786
Acct 100026611

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Simeon de Belen, Gary Tuite, Nicolas Moreton, Brian Daly who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Laura Sim, Kevin, Ada and Cecilia McDonnell, John Toohey, Joan Green, Joseph Pham, Emilia de Belen, Alberto de Belen, Noli Teodoro Reyes, Neville Reyes, Maureen McLaughlin, Helen Tosh, Tony Collier, Garry Haigh, Betty White, Otto Faustini, Josey Knight, Jack Tully whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 27 May

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY 28 May

TOUR OF PRAYER STYLES

11.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

THURSDAY 29 May

AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, Arcare Warrigal Rd, Eight Mile Plains.

RAP WINE & CHEESE EVENING & SPEAKER

7.00pm, Aspinall Hall, St Bernard's

NEWS FROM RAP (Reconciliation Action Group)

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:**

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.

The ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT concludes this weekend 24/25 May.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate **Clementine Lucia and Gabriela May Boundy**, children of Dirk & Mariz; **Evelyn Frances Bagetti**, daughter of Joshua & Emily.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST BERNARD'S

SUNDAY 1 JUNE 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

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!



ENTRANCE: ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R.**

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **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 66

O God, let all the nations praise you!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alle, Alleluia! **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.

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EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION: *SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN*

*Seed, scattered and sown,
wheat, gathered and grown,
bread, broken and shared as one,
the Living Bread of God.*

*Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands,
one cup that is shared by all;
the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.*

Is not the bread we break a sharing in our Lord?
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ outpoured? **R.**

The seed which falls on rock will wither and will die.
The seed within good ground will flower and have life. **R.**

As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was grown, so may the church of God be gathered into one. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *GOD OF PEACE*

Lord of life and Lord of nations,
giving peace, you make us one,
heart of flesh for heart of stone,
break the walls of all divisions.

Your Kingdom come, with this its sign:
our song, this prayer: let peace now reign!

Lengths of love beyond all measure,
heights of love which now do call,
breadth of love as room for all,
depths of love where hides the treasure;
through Christ our Way, we find true peace,
a world made whole in God's embrace.

RECESSINAL: *ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH*

*All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.*

Break in to song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders he has done in ev'ry age. **R.**

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;
ev'ry heart, ev'ry nation call him Lord. **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.

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Clairvaux MacKillop College
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Our Lady and St Dymphna Parish warmly welcomes **His Eminence Sir John Cardinal Ribat** for a special celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
Celebrant: His Eminence Sir John Cardinal Ribat
Concelebrant: Fr Biju Thomas

Monday 26 May 2025
5.00pm
Our Lady and St Dymphna Parish,
479 Robinson Rd,
Aspley

Launch of the Mass of the Ascension.
An evening of music and reflection involving the cathedral choir and choirs of various schools across the city. Cost: donation.
Register: forms.office.com/r/VQWgYeiILO

Thursday 29 May
6 - 7.30pm
St Stephen's Cathedral,
Brisbane

Powerhouse of Prayer with Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Be inspired to pray with greater depth and confidence. Cost \$55 pp. Visit tinyurl.com/pop25May.

Saturday 31 May
9am - 3pm
Santa Teresa Centre,
Ormiston

Encounter and Connect. Inspiring preaching, music, sacrament of reconciliation, Eucharistic adoration, pray and be prayed for. Cost free (Dinner available at 6pm for purchase as a Parish fundraiser). Register by 4 June: comninosv@bne.catholic.net.au

Friday 6 June
6pm - 8.30pm
Petrie Catholic Parish,
38 Armstrong St, Petrie

**LOURDES HILL COLLEGE
PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION**



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2025 COLLEGE TOUR

Friday 30 May 2025
9.00am - 10.30am.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C

31 May / 1 June 2025

READINGS

Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

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.

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