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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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C

31 May / 1 June 2025

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.

Luke 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Today, the Church celebrates the glorious Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ - a moment not of absence, but of fulfillment and promise. Forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven - not to leave us behind, but to go before us. In doing so He opened the way to the Father, preparing a place for us and sending His Holy Spirit to remain with us.

Each time we profess the Creed and say "He ascended into heaven", we affirm not only a historical event but a mystery of faith that continues to shape our lives. The Ascension was the culmination of the Father's divine plan - a triumphant return of the Son, bearing the wounds of love, having accomplished His mission of redemption. It is indeed a culmination, but not a conclusion.

For though Christ is now exalted in glory at the right hand of the Father, He has not left us. He remains truly present - in the Eucharist, in the Church, and in the hearts of all who believe. As He promised, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). His Ascension did not distance Him from us but drew us more deeply into communion with Him.

The Ascension lifts our eyes and our hearts. It reminds us that we are not made for this world alone, but for eternal life with God. As Christ reigns in glory, He intercedes for us, calling us to live not just with earthly concerns, but with heavenly purpose. We are now His witnesses on earth, entrusted with His message of love, mercy and hope.

Let us rejoice in this profound mystery. Let us walk forward in faith, confident in Christ's promise and empowered by His Spirit. As we await the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, may the Ascension inspire us to lift our lives to heaven - and to bring the hope of heaven into the world.

I want to sincerely thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts during my recent holiday. It was a refreshing time, made even more special by the joyful celebration of my sister's wedding - a true blessing for our family. "We were deeply blessed to experience God's loving protection and gentle providence over our family throughout this special time."

Your support and prayers meant so much, and it's a gift to return to such a loving and faith-filled community.

My heartfelt thanks as well to Fr Francis and our dedicated office staff for their help in making my time away peaceful and worry-free.

Fr Rony



SVDP WINTER APPEAL

The SVdP Winter Appeal will be conducted **next weekend 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 Leslie Young, Van Vui Trinh, Fr John Kilinko, Rhelma Spencer (sister of Sylvia Speedy), Simeon de Belen, Nicolas Moreton, Brian Daly who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Laura Sim, Kevin Monaghan, Stephen Rawlins, Marcus Knapp, Doreen Jack, Edith Szkutko, Terezia & Sara Schneeberg whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 2 June

FUNERAL MASS

11.00am, Van Vui Trinh, St Bernard's Church

TUESDAY 3 June

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am to 2.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

FUNERAL LITURGY

1.00pm, Leslie James Young, St Bernard's Church.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

William Grant Jessop,

son of Khristine & Michael;

Lincoln James Gallagher,

son of Patrick & Michelle;

Eliza Dawn Angela Chee,

daughter of Jaime & Thea.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.



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!



ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

We thank you for your understanding and patience over the past 4 weeks of the counting process. These numbers provide the Archdiocese with a sense of the attendance trends in the Church in 2025. It is also beneficial to our parish to assess the growth or decline of our community over time.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 22 June 2025

The Corpus Christi Procession presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge will start at **2.00pm** from the Cathedral of St Stephen, walk through the city streets and finish with Benediction at the Cathedral. Information leaflets are in each church.

Carina Parish is offering bus transport. Please see the back page of the newsletter for details.

ENTRANCE: A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING!

A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
up on the Mount of Olives stand.

Alleluia, alleluia!

And with the virgin mother see
their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 46

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you, with you always until the end of the world. *Accl.*

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

EUCARISTIC ACCLAMATION

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

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COMMUNION: *I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE*

I am the bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

*And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and you who eat of this bread, you shall live forever. You shall live forever. *R.*

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. *R.*

I am the Resurrection. I am the life. You who believe in me, even if you die, you shall live forever. *R.*

SONG OF PRAISE: *JESUS YOUR LIGHT*

Jesus, your light is shining within us.

Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.

Jesus, your light is shining within us.

Let my heart always welcome your love.

RECESSONAL: *GO NOW, YOU ARE SENT FORTH*

Go now, you are sent forth to live what you proclaim; to show the world you follow Christ in fact, not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth as God's ambassador; by serving him in those we meet, we love him more and more.

Go now, you are sent forth and Christ goes with you, too. Today you help his kingdom come in ev'rything you do.

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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
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St Catherine's School
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388 Newnham Rd, Wishart
Phone: 3349 7188

Clairvaux MacKillop College
Principal: Wayne Chapman
24 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt
Phone: 3347 9200

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Pentecost Rally & Retreat: The Fire of God's Love. Main speaker Fr Ken Barker, Founder of Missionaries of God's Love (MGL) order. BYO Lunch on Sunday. Morning & afternoon tea provided. Enquiries: Len 0421 977 849 or Audrey 0435 558 390. www.ccrbrisbane.org.au See noticeboard for more information.

Saturday Rally 7 June
7.30pm - 9.30pm
Sunday Retreat 8 June
9.30am - 4.30pm
Church of the Twelve Apostles,
111 Yallambee Rd, Jindalee

Return bus from Our Lady of Graces Parish Carina to the Corpus Christi Procession at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Cost: \$5 return per person; \$15 return per family (up to 3 children). Phone Caroline 0411 863 850 or Eugenia 0427 691 323.

Sunday 22 June
Depart 1.00pm from Our Lady of Graces Parish, Carina;
Depart 4.15pm from Cathedral of St Stephen

'Spirit of Hope' Prayer Meeting
1st Wednesday of the month,
St Stephen's Chapel at the Cathedral, Brisbane City.
Next Meeting Wednesday 4 June, 10.45am – 12.15pm (after 10am Mass)
Guest: Fr Kevin Gonsalvez OFM Cap
Anointing of the sick and personal prayer ministry available.
Everyone Welcome. Ph Maureen 0403 002 199 or Helena 0405 321 901.

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

Are you a Past Pupil?



Enjoy High Tea with Lourdes Hill College Past Pupils and friends

Tuesday 17 June 10.30am - 12.30pm

Lourdes Hill College,
86 Hawthorne Rd, Hawthorne.

Contact Alex O'Shea on (07) 3399 0413 or visit www.trybooking.com/1385962

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C

7 / 8 June 2025

Readings and Gospel will be advised in next weekend's newsletter.

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

SUNLIGHT IS IMPORTANT BUT IT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT

