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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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

12 / 13 July 2025

READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 *Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*
Colossians 1:15-20 *All things were created through him and for him.*

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37 *Who is my neighbour?*

We live in a world drifting away from God, where many forget their true purpose. Yet, Scripture reminds us of God's constant love and care—He created everything for our good and watches over us like a shepherd. Today's Gospel calls us to be His instruments, helping others even if they're different from us. Through the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus shows that God's grace can come through anyone, even those we least expect.

This parable is one of the most powerful teachings of Jesus. This story turns social expectations upside down. In Jesus' time, Samaritans were hated by the Jews, yet it is the Samaritan who acts with true mercy and compassion. The message is clear: love knows no boundaries of race, religion, or social status. Jesus concludes the parable by telling us to "go and do likewise."

The Good Samaritan challenges us today more than ever. In a world divided by politics, prejudice, individualism and indifference, this parable calls us to see beyond the labels we place on others. It urges us to be people of action, not just sentiment—to step into the pain and needs of others with compassion and generosity. The Samaritan didn't let prejudice or imagined consequences stop him. He saw a wounded man and chose compassion over caution, mercy over mistrust. He embraced the connection—even when it was inconvenient and costly.

Being a Good Samaritan doesn't always require dramatic actions. It might mean noticing a struggling neighbour, offering a kind word, or helping someone in need without expecting anything in return. What matters is our willingness to interrupt our routines for the sake of love.

May we strive daily to live as the Good Samaritan did—moved not by duty, but by compassion. And in doing so, we reflect the heart of Christ to a hurting world. Let's not miss opportunities to be kind—because sometimes, a small act of openness can lead to healing, hope, and unexpected grace.

Fr Rony

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Teresa Rafter, Bill Buckley, Muriel Jean Toohey, Professor K S Nathan, Lynette Neech, James Harlow, Lyn Pryor, who died recently. Also Iris Dodd, Wai Yee Wong, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Doris Choy, Brian Tunstall, Monica Buckley, Lyn Buckley, George Tully, Susy Johnson, Bonnie Blanchfield, Judy Pattinson, Trish McGuire, Rex Tully, Mary Campbell, Helen Gilbert, Carmel Campbell, John Thomas Dwyer whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 14 July

FUNERAL

11.00am, Lynette Neech, St Bernard's Church.

TUESDAY 15 July

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY 16 July

EXPLORING CHRISTIAN MUSIC STYLES

11.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.



Stella Maris, formerly *the Apostleship of the Sea*, is the Catholic Church's Missionary work to the Seafarers whether they be on merchant, passenger, war or fishing vessels. The **Sea Sunday** is observed on the second Sunday in July. So, this Sunday we specially pray for seafarers and their families, celebrating their lives and work. The day also serves as an opportunity to support the Stella Maris ministry, which provides pastoral and practical support to seafarers. The purpose of Stella Maris is to care for the Spiritual, Social, and Material welfare of all Seafarers without distinction of colour, race, or creed.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 23 July

Coach departs St Catherine's

Bus Stop at 7.30am.



An EARLIER start this month for our July trip to the Jumpers and Jazz Festival Warwick. The Coach will depart St Catherine's bus stop at **7.30am**.

Morning Tea at the Warrill View Lions Park (tea and coffee provided). BYO food.

In Warwick, prior to lunch at the Condamine Sports Club Bistro, we will wander around between the yarnbombed tree and the Artisans Precinct near the St. Mark's church area.

Before our trip home, we will visit St. Mary's Catholic church.

Estimated cost is \$75.00 approx, depending on numbers. Bookings with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218.

BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Miles Rakesh Mistry, son of Rakesh & Kasera.

He will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

AVENUES FOR DEEPENING FAITH IN OUR PARISH

Fr Francis will be running three workshops on the different genre's within Christian music. **Wednesdays 16, 23 & 30 July at the usual times of 11am and 7pm in St Bernard's Community**

Centre. Listen to a selection of music from across the ages and Christian denominations. Lyrics and context are discussed, with time to share experience while listening. All welcome. **Bookings essential** via the QR code or phone the Parish Office 3849 7158.

Exploring Christian Music Styles and Genres



*Happy 30th Birthday
Fr Francis Fernandes*

Fr Francis,

On this remarkable occasion, we give thanks for the gift of your life and the grace with which you serve this community.

Turning 30 is a beautiful threshold—an age that blends the energy of youth with the wisdom earned through experience. As you continue walking the path God has laid before you, may the Spirit grant you renewed strength, clarity in vocation, and a heart continually open to both challenge and blessing.

Have a blessed day on 18th July.

ENTRANCE: GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.

In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails
our God is there to save. **A.**

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
our God is waiting to save,
always, ready to seek the lost,
to answer those who pray. **A.**

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 68

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; O Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. **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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION: UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.

If we have died with him then we shall live with him; if we hold firm we shall reign with him. **R.**
If anyone serves me then they must follow me; wherever I am my servants will be. **R.**

Make your home in me as I make mine in you; those who remain in me bear much fruit. **R.**

If you remain in me and my word lives in you; then you will be my disciples. **R.**

Those who love me are loved by my Father; we shall be with them and dwell in them. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: TO YOU, O GOD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL

*To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
lift up my spirit to my Lord.*

To you I lift up my soul.

Steadfast and kind your ways, O God;
all who revere your covenant
know your friendship. **R.**

RECESSONAL: YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE

*Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:
Richer than gold, stronger than death.
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;
Life everlasting.*

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul,
reviving the weary spirit.

God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom,
bringing God's wisdom to birth. **R.**

God's precepts keep us; their purpose is right.
they gladden the hearts of people.

God's command is so clear it brings us new vision;
bringing God's light to our eyes. **R.**

Living by God's truth is holy and sure;
God's presence is everlasting.

God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice;
bringing God's justice to earth. **R.**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

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Clairvaux MacKillop College
Principal: Wayne Chapman
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Phone: 3347 9200



Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre | 196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City



Scan the QR code for
more information and to
register before 4 August.



Interfaith
PEACE Vigil

Thursday 7 August, 6:30pm

**BRISBANE, WE'RE HEADING TO
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC**

Years 9
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plus leaders

BE EMPOWERED
TO LIVE
YOUR FAITH

EXPERIENCE
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OF THE CHURCH



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WITH OTHER
YOUNG PEOPLE

DEEPEN YOUR
RELATIONSHIP

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AND REGISTER

or visit catholiccollective.org.au/acyf



Please join us at our School Fete
to celebrate the 70th birthday of our school

Come and take a walk down memory lane
and join in the fun!

Saturday, 19th July 2025
10am

Rides * Lob-a-Choc * Face Painting
Cake Stall * Devonshire Tea * Craft Stall
Trash & Treasure * Plants * Animals
Raffles & Cent Auction
& so much more!

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Multi-Draw Raffle

1st Prize
Blanket Box
donated by Upholstery
Worx by Jason



\$500 VISA gift card
donated by JDRE



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

19 / 20 July 2025

READINGS

Genesis 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

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

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(See Luke 10:30-36)

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DON'T GET TOO EXCITED FELLA, I'M THE
MEDIocre SAMARITAN ... I ONLY GIVE
YOU A BANDAID AND THEN I'M OFF