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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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

26 / 27 July 2025

READINGS

Genesis 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

Colossians 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the 26th of July, the Church joyfully celebrates the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of our Lord Jesus. Around this special memorial, we also mark the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly — a beautiful initiative established by Pope Francis in 2021 to recognize and honour the irreplaceable presence of older generations in our families and faith communities.

In this Jubilee year, we reflect on the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the Fifth World Day, to be celebrated on Sunday, 27 July:

“Blessed are those who have not lost hope” (Sirach 14:2). These words highlight the grace of growing old with faith and trust in the Lord, reminding us that every elderly person — especially those enduring loneliness or hardship — can be a radiant sign of hope, resilience, and wisdom.

Grandparents and elders are keepers of cherished memories, living witnesses of faith, and teachers of life. Let us take this opportunity to thank them, listen to their stories, and embrace the wisdom they offer. May this day inspire all generations to grow closer in love and understanding.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in prayer, celebration, and outreach to the elderly in your lives. Together, let us build a Church that honours their journeys, treasures their wisdom, and embraces the gifts they continue to share.

As a parish community, we give thanks and prayerful remembrance for all our grandparents and elders. Your steadfast faith, tireless work, and faithful presence have shaped our parish into a welcoming home — a community rooted in love and guided by hope.

We ask for your continued prayers as the next generations rise, walking in the path you have paved with courage, care, and grace. May your legacy inspire us to grow in faith and unity.

With every blessing,

Fr Rony Kalapurackal Chacko

**Tap & Go
terminals
are now live
in each church.**

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Ruby Smith, Rosario (Ross) Caltabiano, Stella Medeiros-Hodge, Anthony Albrecht, Henk Blessing, Barry Cumner, Graham Gadd who died recently. Also Eliena Esparon, Ivanka Kostric, Khoa Tran Nguyen, Doris Buchanan, Robby McCormick, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Doris Choy, Gert Cramb, Ena Carson, Rex Tully, Don Blundell, Pauline Fenton, Trevor Hawkins, Dennis Webb, Nicholas Vallianos, Michael, Manuela, Santo, Rodolfo & Luisa Cassarino, Charles & Caterina Doyle, Filomena Portlock, Robert & Natalina Woods, Josephine Hanmore, Fred & Maria Manson, Jim & Mary-Clare Michie, Tanya Walker, Harriet Beane, Hazel Moore, Gloria Jolly, William, May, Elizabeth, Bill, Norine, William, John & Pat Ingham, Ted & Doris Humphreys, Roy & Sue Cargill, Maureen Hambling, Sr M Anna Schepis, Aldo & Patricia Palumbo, Joseph & Margareta Szpaczek, Jacqueline Boutros, Emilia Milanovic, Aldo Di Lione, Gerardina & Orazio Manzi, Ron Scantlebury, Gil Colvin, Denise Morris, all deceased relatives and friends of the Woods, Ingham & Morris families whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 29 July

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY 30 July

EXPLORING CHRISTIAN MUSIC STYLES

11.00am & 7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

THURSDAY 31 July

FUNERAL LITURGY

10.00am, Ruby Smith, GHM Chapel,
Newnham Rd, Mt Gravatt.

FRIDAY 1 August

FUNERAL MASS

11.00am, Rosario (Ross) Caltabiano, St Bernard's.
Rosary from 10.30am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST BERNARD'S

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

EXPLORING CHRISTIAN MUSIC STYLES WITH FR FRANCIS

Wednesday 30 July at the usual times of **11am and 7pm** in St Bernard's Community Centre. **Bookings essential** phone the Parish Office 3849 7158.

AN INVITATION FROM OUR RAP GROUP

You are invited to join for **Afternoon Tea** and a **Book Discussion** on **Saturday, 9 August at 2pm** in the Aspinall Centre.

The chosen book: "**Is that you Ruthie?**" by Dr Ruth Hegarty which tells the story of Ruth's time at the Cherbourg Mission. The book is available at bookstores or online from local libraries. Easy read. Contact the Parish Office if you have trouble locating the book.

RSVP by 7 August: pa.umg@catholic.net.au

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Order of Malta - Lourdes Healing Mass - Saturday 2/8/25, 10am, St Mary's Catholic Parish, South Brisbane (Cnr Merivale & Peel Sts). The Lourdes Healing Mass is celebrated for the intentions of all Catholic families, particularly individuals in need of physical or spiritual healing. Those with a need for healing will receive a bottle of water from the shrine at Lourdes and a blessing for good health. Parking available in the Church carpark and the St Mary's House rear carpark. Street parking may be available on Merivale St subject to regulated parking signs.

Hiroshima & Nagasaki Never Again - Public Exhibition. Eighty years on from the atomic bombings, explore this **free** exhibition in the **Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre next to St Stephen's Cathedral. Monday 4/8/25 to Thursday 7/8/25, 9am - 4pm daily.** There will be an Interfaith Prayer Vigil on Thursday 7/8/25 at 6.30pm. Register for the prayer vigil at tinyurl.com/HandNVigil

DATE CLAIMER: Annual Multicultural Mass, Sunday 24/8/25 at 2pm, Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs

Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala. All are invited to celebrate the rich diversity of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests who minister to cultural communities across the Archdiocese.



PASTORAL MINISTRIES: VISITING THE SICK IN HOSPITAL

Do you feel called to bring comfort, hope and companionship to those who are ill and to the dying? **Centacare** is looking for compassionate individuals to visit Catholic patients in hospital, offering prayer, a kind word, and giving undivided attention to another person in difficult times. Training & support provided. Available placements at The Prince Charles, RWH and The Wesley. Contact Centacare Director of Pastoral Ministries on 3324 3193 or email judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

Requirements: Working with Children & Police Check, Archdiocesan Safeguarding & Mandatory Training.

ENTRANCE: COME AS YOU ARE

Come as you are, that's how I want you.

Come as you are, feel quite at home.

Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;

come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.

No need to fear, love never ends.

Don't run away shamed and dishearten'd.

Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.

I came to bring peace, not to condemn.

Each time you fail to live by my promise,

why do you think I'd love you the less?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.

Come as you are, trust me again.

Nothing can change the love that I bear you.

All will be well, just come as you are.

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 137

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. 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.

EUCARISTIC ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION: *MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE LORD*

*In the bread may we be broken.
In the cup may we be outpoured.
May we come to the know the healer,
may we come to know the Lord.*

Though many are we, we are one in the Lord.
We are all welcome to his table of new life. **R.**
We come to the table to remember the Lord,
who gave his life that we might live forevermore. **R.**
In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup,
may we be filled as we come to know the Lord. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER*

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me. **Rpt.**

RECESSONAL: *COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY*

*We are companions on the journey,
Breaking Bread and sharing life;
And in the love we bear is the hope we share
for we believe in the love of our God,
We believe in the love of our God.*

No longer strangers to each other,
no longer strangers in God's House;
we are fed and we are nourished
by the strength of those who care,
by the strength of those who care. **R.**

We have been gifted with each other,
and we are called by the Word of the Lord;
to act with justice, to love tenderly,
and to walk humbly with our God,
to walk humbly with our God. **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.

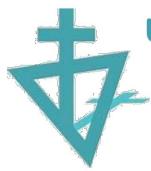
For urgent matters after hours please call 3849 7158 and leave a short message with your name & phone number. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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FLOCKNOTE IS HERE

REGISTER TODAY

- 1 Follow the URL (or scan the QR code) for your parish and enter your email address.
<https://umgwcatholic.flocknote.com/register>
- 2 Flocknote will email you a secure 4-digit code to verify your email address. Enter this code to begin the registration process. If you are already registered, you can update the information we already have.
- 3 Register yourself, and your family much like a parish census form. You can enter as much or as little information as you want.

Your information is secure, and we will never share your information with anyone else. For more information, please refer to our Privacy Policy. <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/privacy-policy/>



ANNUAL UMGW PARISH ROMERO CENTRE PANTRY APPEAL

The Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish Social Justice Group are seeking assistance to help with goods for the Romero Centre.

The Romero Centre assists refugees and asylum seekers within our community. Listed below are the goods that are much needed: Full Cream Long-Life Milk, Rice, Cooking Oil, Tea, Coffee, Laundry Powder, Nappies. Vouchers (Coles, Woolies, GoCards) and other Non Perishable pantry items. Please bring items and place in boxes in church up to and including Sunday 3 August.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 2 / 3 August 2025

READINGS

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 *What do people gain by all their work?*

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 *Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

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