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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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

16 / 17 August 2025

READINGS: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Hebrews 12:1-4

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

Dear Parishioners,

Every now and then, I face the question, "Rony, what is unique about your parish or how big is your parish?" And I smile because it's not a simple answer. I usually say, "My parish is like the Trinity - there are three communities in one Parish." It's a beautiful truth, really. We are three communities, yet united in one mission, one faith, and one God.

As I reflected on our patron saints - Bernard, Catherine and Martin - I noticed they all come from France. Three saints, one heritage, reminding us that our communities are beautifully united in God's grace.

Each saint brings a unique gift: Bernard's contemplation, Catherine's courage, Martin's compassion. Yet all lead us to one truth - live for Christ, serve one another, grow in holiness together.

St Bernard's feast on August 20 invites us to reflect, renew, and rejoice. Let's ask his intercession as we dedicate our community to God with fresh devotion and trust.

You are warmly invited to join in celebrating the Feast of St Bernard on Thursday, 21st August at St Bernard's Church.

Let us come together in prayer, fellowship, and joy as we honour our beloved patron saint.



Feast of St Bernard of Clairvaux
August 21st Thursday, St Bernard's Church
5.30 pm- Holy Adoration
6.15 pm- Benediction
6.30 pm- Holy Mass
followed by a Barbecue dinner
All are Welcome!

St Bernard of Clairvaux

(1090-1153) was a French monk, abbot, mystic, theologian, and Doctor of the Church who played a vital role in shaping the Church during the 12th century.

Known for his powerful preaching and deep love for God, he advised Popes, preached the Second Crusade, defended the faith, healed divisions within the Church, and reformed monastic life.

In 1111, at just 20 years old, Bernard entered the monastery at Cîteaux, dedicating his life to God. His passion for Christ was so inspiring that his brothers, uncles, and many friends followed him. Under his leadership, a struggling monastic community was revived, leading to the founding of a new monastery in the valley of Wormwoods - later renamed Clairvaux, meaning "valley of light."

His spiritual writings, especially those honouring the Virgin Mary, earned him the title "*Mary's Troubadour*" - the poet who sings her praises.

St Bernard is the patron saint of beekeepers, bees, and candlemakers, and was gifted with the grace of miracles.

May St Bernard help us deepen our lives in God. We also pray for St Bernard's Primary School and Clairvaux MacKillop College, that our young ones may be inspired by his life and grow in wisdom, faith, and love.

Fr Rony



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Be blessed and bless others with your gift

The Annual Catholic Campaign asks us to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church in our local community. Your gift will help lift the burden from the shoulders of those in dire need, and is a way of ensuring that as many as possible can come to the feast of the Kingdom which God has prepared for all.



2025 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church - Our Mission - Our Community

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEKEND 23 / 24 AUGUST 2025

Your support serves those in our community who need our care today. Through your kindness and generosity, we unite as a Catholic community to reach out to serve others - the homeless, the marginalised, the elderly, our future priests in formation and families in dire circumstances. Envelopes will be in all churches next weekend.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially 'Lucas' Chung Wah Lee, Dione Ursula Rodrigues, Leigh McGarry who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Ilgo & Fulvia Antonangeli, Tirso Espino, Joseph Trinh Huong, Maria Nguyen Bac, Maria Trinh Hoa, Shirley Partridge, Netta O'Reilly, Thelma Mottram, Rod & Tammy Rushton, Kevin Bruce, Harry Stewart whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 19 August

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY 20 August

FEAST DAY OF ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

See Thursday 21 August for Mass details.

THURSDAY 21 August

AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, Carinity, 14 Glasford St, Wishart.

CELEBRATION OF FEAST DAY OF ST BERNARD

St Bernard's Church:

5.30pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament;

6.30pm, Holy Mass;

followed by BBQ.



SYNOD 24 TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOPS

Visit:

[tinyurl.com/
SYN24ImpPC](https://tinyurl.com/SYN24ImpPC)

or scan to register for
your preferred date

Workshop dates available:

IN PERSON OPTIONS:

11 August, 6:30pm - Paddington
16 August, 9:30am - Upper Mt Gravatt
19 August, 6:30pm - Woodend

ONLINE OPTIONS:

21 August, 6:30pm
30 August, 9:30am



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Amelia Claire Wong,

daughter of Melissa & Vincent.

She will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 27 August

Coach departs St Catherine's Bus Stop at 8.00am.

We are visiting **Mountview Alpaca Farm in Canungra**. Morning Tea at D.J. Smith Park in Canungra, please BYO food. Tea/Coffee/Sugar/Milk are provided.



At the Alpaca Farm we have a 30 minute talk followed by a 30 minute feeding and interaction session. You are free to take photos there.

Lunch & raffles at the **Canungra Hotel** from 12.30pm. Cost is mid \$80 range depending on numbers. More passengers makes it cheaper.

Booking and Lunch Menu Selection are with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218.

ENTRANCE: LORD I BELIEVE

Lord I believe and trust in you,

in you the world's true light.

*Though long the struggle and dark the night
along the way of faith and love.*

By your grace Lord I believe;

Help, then, my unbelief.

From age to age, across the years,
the life of faith keeps on;
the Spirit moves each heart and mind
the truth to search, the truth to find,
the truth that sets us free
the light that shines and lights our way. **R.**

Faith is the bond that makes all one
and holds us in its strength,
uniting all to share God's grace,
to live God's life and see God's face:
a great and living sign
for ev'ry place and ev'ry time. **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 39

Lord, come to my aid!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. I know them and they, they know me.

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

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

COMMUNION: OUR SUPPER INVITATION

Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.
Let me befriend you now; eat take your fill.
Don't be afraid to dream; love has its will.
Take up your burden now, walk 'til you find
Just what the journey means;
walk while there's time.
Food for the journey will answer your need.
Don't be afraid to walk; love, my love will lead.
Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Be a sweet nourishment to good friends of mine.
Let me befriend you now; eat, take your fill.
Share with your people, that love has its will.
Take of my bread and eat, drink my new wine.
Take of my life and live, branch of my vine.

SONG OF PRAISE: BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

RECESSIONAL: 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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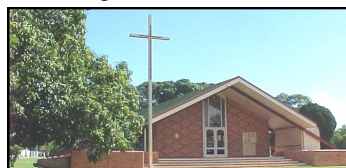
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MASS CENTRES

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



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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SCHOOLS

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Romero Centre Open Day. The Romero Centre is a Archdiocesan ministry dedicated to supporting asylum seekers and refugees. All are invited to come and visit, tour the centre and meet the team behind their great work. Visit: tinyurl.com/RomerOpenDay



We'd love to
see you there.
SCAN TO REGISTER!

Thursday 21 August
from 2.30pm-5.30pm
Romero Centre,
8 Dutton St,
Dutton Park.

Annual Multicultural Mass. The theme chosen by Pope Francis this Jubilee year is "Migrants, missionaries of hope". All welcome to attend and wear traditional or cultural dress. Presided by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and concelebrated by priests who Minister to cultural communities across the Archdiocese. Refreshments and cultural performances to follow the Mass.



Sunday 24 August
2.00pm
Queen of
Vietnamese Martyrs
Catholic Church,
54 Flint St, Inala.

Brisbane City POPs Orchestra in Concert 2025. A musical celebration of timeless and beautiful melodies. Conducted by Neil Flottmann and featuring music from Les Miserables, Mozart and Lennon & McCartney. **Cost: \$35 pp (incl. afternoon tea).** Please visit olaparishchermside.org.au or parish office 3359 0239.

Sunday 24 August
2.00pm
St Paschal's
Catholic Church,
Wavell Heights

Brisbane Catholic Professionals Lunch. Hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Guest speaker is **Sr Nathalie Becquart XMCJ, Undersecretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops in Rome,** and one of the most influential women in the Catholic Church. She stands at the heart of a global movement towards a more inclusive and listening Church and her presence and insights are sure to inspire and challenge. **Cost: \$150 incl. two-course lunch and beverages.** Visit catholicfoundation.org.au/tickets or call 3324 3200.

Wednesday
27 August
12.00pm - 2.00pm
Brisbane City Hall,
Main Auditorium

REQUEST FOR RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

A family of three adults (mum, dad & daughter) are urgently seeking to rent self-contained accommodation (eg. granny flat) within or close to the area of our parish. If anyone can assist, please contact the Parish Office on 3849 7158.

REGISTER TODAY FOR FLOCKNOTE



- Follow the URL:
(<https://umgwcatholic.flocknote.com/register>) or scan the QR code for Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart parish and enter your email address.
- 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.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 23 / 24 August 2025

READINGS

Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

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