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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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

2 / 3 August 2025

READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Vocations Awareness Week

Friends, keeping with my theme of explaining the Mass Collect-prayers, the following is my own translation: Essentially,

Lord, be close to your servants. Grant constant kindness to their pleading, so that they may experience your renewal and protection. They do (after all) celebrate you as their creator and sovereign.

There is a clear image of leadership here. What the missal translates as "creator and guide" – in the latin original reads "auctorem et gubernatorem". "Auctor" does mean creator – as in "author", it also has connotations of "authority" (auctoritas). "Gubernator" – "leader", draws on images of a governor or the helmsperson of a ship. The prayer thus uses very human images of good governance in appealing to God to attend to our needs.

Governance as a theme, coincides well with Vocations Awareness Week now before us. It is a week when the Church in Australia formally reminds itself to be on the front foot about raising up new leaders, new witnesses to Christ in the Church. Promoting vocations is the duty of every Christian says Canon Law. It is also a time when we remind ourselves that we carry in our treasury, tools for our children to use, to sift (discere) through their desires to find what will fulfil them most.

Each of the four "states of life", bring their own graces as well as perks: Consecrated Single Life, Marriage, Consecrated Religious, Priesthood.

Living in a more secular age and in a more secular society, we can risk inheriting the anxieties of our culture which says that: "If there is no God, or if God is too far away to attend to me personally, then I couldn't possibly be happy: let me grab at as much as I can and let me find a spouse who can be God to me – the bestower of my happiness to me". How is that mindset working out for our world so far?

In the face of this mindset, the priests, religious and consecrated singles, freely live a life committed to God, as a testament to the fulfilment that comes from staying close to God. A life infused by prayer, whether formal or silent, makes for a joyful life. Ultimately, even a marriage is sustained by keeping one's mind stayed on God, as family life ebbs and flows. This witness is timely, given the anxieties which seem to loom over our culture.

I am tempted to say that vocations are the fruit of a long life of devotion; I've met enough priests and seminarians now to see that that's not the case. Once a young person is simply asked if they've considered their vocation, God seems to move quickly! Have you asked your children and grandchildren about their calling? Have you at least introduced them to a priest or a nun?

This Sunday at St. Catherine's we celebrate a nun in our parish: Sr. Gabriel for 60 years of consecrated life. Thank you for your witness Sister Gabriel!

God bless, Fr. Francis.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Salvatore Grammatico, Andree Cacciuttolo, Michelle Arrowsmith, Ruby Smith, Ross Caltabiano, Stella Medeiros-Hodge who died recently. Also Anthony D'Silva, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, John Walls, Bill Rudd, Una Monaghan, Fr Kevin Aspinall, Beryl Timms, John Blanchfield, Eileen Armstrong, Vic Paull, Les Kilburn, Fay & Alec Snashall, Graham Fredericks, Warren Gould, Harold Gould, Daniel Dwyer, Bryan Harvey whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 5 August

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

THURSDAY 7 August

FUNERAL MASS

10.30am, Salvatore Grammatico, St Bernard's Church.

FUNERAL LITURGY

10.30am, Andree Cacciuttolo, Mt Thompson West Chapel.

FRIDAY 8 August

SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS

Masses 8.00am St Bernard's & 9.30am St Martin's.

AN INVITATION FROM OUR RAP GROUP

Afternoon Tea and Book Discussion, Saturday 9

August at 2pm in the Aspinall Centre. The chosen book, *"Is that you Ruthie?"* by Dr Ruth Hegarty tells the story of Ruth's time at the Cherbourg Mission. The book is in bookstores and at local libraries. Easy read. Enquiries and to RSVP (by 7/8/25) please email: pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au

AVENUES FOR DEEPENING FAITH IN OUR PARISH

Join Fr Francis for an upcoming Book Study: *"What Happens at Mass"* by Benedictine monk Fr Jeremy Driscoll OSB. Sessions will run twice on Wednesdays at 11am and 7pm. The study is divided over seven weeks with a two-week break in between.

Begins 22 October. Book costs

\$22.00. Please RSVP by 1 October as we will be bulk-buying books.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Hiroshima & Nagasaki Never Again - Public Exhibition. Mon 4/8/25 to Thurs 7/8/25 9am - 4pm daily. Free event Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral. There will be an Interfaith Prayer Vigil on Thursday 7/8/25 at 6.30pm. Register for the prayer vigil: tinyurl.com/HandNVigil

Annual Multicultural Mass, Sunday 24/8/25 at 2pm, Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala. The theme chosen by Pope Francis this Jubilee year is **"Migrants, missionaries of hope"**. 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.

A Journey to Hope - Retreat with Fr Ray Sanchez. Saturday 30/8/25 9.30am - 5pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Paloma Centre, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank. Free event, BYO lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Donations appreciated. RSVP 17/8/25: charismatic.sunnybank.ccr@gmail.com

60 Years of Religious Profession

It is a very special day for our parish, as one of our parishioners, **Sr Gabriel Williams OSU** (Order of Saint Ursula) celebrates her 60th Anniversary of her Profession. Congratulations Sr Gabriel! Your faithful witness to the charism of St Angela Merici has been a blessing to so many across generations.



Sr Gabriel was born in Barraba NSW, and raised in Glen Innes. She is the youngest of three, with her brother Michael and sister Mel (Sr Mel Williams OSU). *"Our family's deep involvement in parish life shaped my early years, and my father's formative experience with the Ursuline Sisters in Guyra led Mel and me to attend St Ursula's College in Armidale,"* Sr Gabriel recalls. Drawn by the spirit of St Angela Merici and the example of the Ursulines, Sr Gabriel entered the order in 1963 following the same path her elder sister began in 1958. Rooted in Scripture and responsive to the spirit of Vatican II, her ministry has grown from primary education into adult faith formation, theology, liturgy, grief support, and pastoral care across parishes in Sydney and Brisbane. Today, Sr Gabriel continues serving through St Vincent de Paul in our Southern Region, grateful for the journey and those who have shaped it.

Sr Gabriel, may this milestone be filled with gratitude, grace, and the loving presence of Christ whom you have served so beautifully. We will celebrate this milestone **this Sunday at St Catherine's Church with 8.30am Mass followed by morning tea.**

Visit of Bishop Gerald Musa – Masses Next Weekend

Many of you may remember **Fr Gerald Musa**, who served as a resident priest at St Bernard's from 2008 to 2011. He is now the **Bishop of Katsina Diocese in Northern Nigeria**, and we are delighted to share that he will be visiting Brisbane in August.

Bishop Gerald has expressed his wish to celebrate Mass with our parish communities. Please join us in welcoming him at these Masses next weekend:

Saturday, 9 August – 6.15pm at St Catherine's

**Sunday, 10 August – 7.30am at St Martin's
9.30am at St Bernard's**

Let his visit be a joyful time to **renew old memories and friendships**, and to give thanks for the bonds we share across time and distance.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate **Noah Alexander Silagan**, son of Alexander & Analyn.

He will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS TIMES

**Thursday 14 August - Vigil Mass 6.30pm
St Catherine's Church**

**Friday 15 August - Mass 8.00am St Bernard's
Mass 9.30am St Martin's**

ENTRANCE: *GATHER US IN*

Here in this place, new light is streaming, now is the darkness, vanished away, See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken, Gather us in the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face, We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is you; Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion, lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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 89

In ev'ry age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy the poor in Spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Happy the poor in Spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **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: *ONE BREAD, ONE BODY*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, One cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. **R.**

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **R.**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *ON EAGLE'S WINGS*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

RECESSIONAL HYMN - SEE BACK PAGE

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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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Clairvaux MacKillop College
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RECESSONAL: GOD OF DAY AND GOD OF DARKNESS

God of day and God of darkness, now we stand before the night;

as the shadows stretch and deepen, come and make our darkness bright.

All creation still is groaning for the dawning of your might, when the Sun of peace and justice fills the earth with radiant light.

Still the nations curse the darkness, still the rich oppress the poor;

Still the earth is bruised and battered by the ones who still want more.

Come and wake us from our sleeping so our hearts cannot ignore, All your people lost and broken, all your children at our door.

Show us Christ in one another, make us servants strong and true;

Give us all your love of justice, so we do what you would do. Let us call all people holy, let us pledge our lives anew, Make us one with all the lowly, let us all be one in you.



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<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/>



"SPIRIT OF HOPE" MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING



Wednesday 6 August
in St Stephens Chapel,
10.45am to 12.15pm,

following the 10am Mass in the Cathedral.
Prayer, Praise and Worship.
All welcome.

Enquiries:
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ANNUAL UMGW PARISH ROMERO CENTRE PANTRY APPEAL

Full Cream Long-Life Milk, Rice, Cooking Oil, Tea, 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**.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 9 / 10 August 2025

READINGS

Wisdom 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

We will look for the city designed and build by God.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-48

See that you are prepared.

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