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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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

23 / 24 August 2025

READINGS: *Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

GOSPEL: *Luke 13:22-30*

Friends,

Continuing my ongoing breaking open of the collects, below is my own translation:

God, you make the minds of the faithful united in their desire. Cause your people to love your teachings, and want what you promise, so that living among various worldly things, our hearts may be fixed on where lie the true joys.

Some observations: The English we will hear reads “among the uncertainties of this world”, whereas the latin simply reads – *inter mundanas varietates* – among, worldly, various (things). The latin has no mention of uncertainty or worry. It seems to name the various passing, temporary joys or even distractions in life. The latin also says joys - plural - not just “gladness” as we will hear.

Also, while heaven seems to be implied as the place where the true joys lie, I wonder if there is also some scope to read ‘God’s teachings’ as the place where true joys lie – this is after all the dominant mindset across the old testament and especially the psalms.

Something worth reflecting on: Asking God to give us love for his teachings and give us the desire for his promises is as insightful as it is practical. Our desires ebb and flow all the time. We can be abuzz with activity within the initial euphoria of starting something... and then the real grind begins. The devil then starts to whisper words of discouragement saying: “this feels hard! This is asking more than I’d like to give! What if I’ll never be happy again!”. In all this, to ask God for love for his teachings, is to say to God: Lord, we are both positively and negatively impacted by our feelings, so give us positive feelings as wind in our sails, to rise up to the grand vision, the grand roadmap, which you have laid out for us through Jesus Christ.

Building on this, the prayer says “cause us to want what you promise”. Anyone who has had to nag their children to take their medicines for a fast recovery, or do their studies for a brighter future, knows that we humans don’t always want what is already laid at our feet. Proverbs 19:24 says, somewhat humorously “some people are too lazy to put food in their own mouths” – our many missed opportunities in life, either through apathy or poor judgement, show this to be true.

Sometimes, our culture can confuse us by saying: if you don’t feel like it, then you are not being ‘authentic’. Changing diapers, cooking dinner, cleaning the yard – not *feeling* like doing them, does not render them inauthentic. Feelings ebb and flow, and sometimes, they never arrive. I am reminded of St Ignatius’ advice, that if we do not have the desire for something, to at least pray for the desire for the desire!

Amidst this ebb and flow then, this Sunday’s prayer asks God, with some self-awareness, to build in us the constancy: in our efforts, and in allowing God’s efforts to form us as his saints.

What would a saintlier you look like?

Fr Francis

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN THIS WEEKEND 23 / 24 AUGUST 2025

Through the Annual Catholic Campaign, parishioners have an opportunity to provide critical support for vital ministries in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This campaign runs once per year, with a focus on:

Centacare: Providing Catholic social services and pastoral ministry including hospital chaplaincy, and vital support to victims of domestic and family violence.

Priests Foundation: Looking after the accommodation and healthcare needs of our elderly and unwell priests after retirement.

Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund: Enabling greater access to Catholic education for children whose families are in crisis.

Holy Spirit Seminary: Preparing seminarians in Queensland to become future leaders for our faith.

Envelopes are in churches this weekend.

Collections will take place at all Masses this weekend and next weekend.



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



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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Barry Cairns (partner of Majella Ryan), Martin McEnery, Jan King, Noreen Fernandes (grandmother of Ayrton Fernandes), Lucas Lee, Dione Ursula Rodrigues, Leigh McGarry who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Tony & Therese Wharton, Ross Caltabiano, Catheryn Walter, Pauline Wilson, Joseph Ninh, Cathie Salmon, George Davidson, Alec Tosh, Joe O'Sullivan, Sr Celsus PVBM whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 25 August

FUNERAL MASS

10.30am, Lucas Chung Wah Lee, St Catherine's Church.

TUESDAY 26 August

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

THURSDAY 28 August

AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, Arcare, Warrigal Road, Eight Mile Plains.

FUNERAL MASS

10.30am, Barry Cairns, St Bernard's Church.

FRIDAY 29 August

FUNERAL LITURGY

11.00am, Martin McEnery, St Bernard's Church.

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.

BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Estella Rose Acosta, daughter of John & Andrei. She will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

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.

Book Study and Discussion - What Happens At Mass



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



SYNOD 24 TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOPS

Visit:

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

or scan to register for
your preferred date

ENTRANCE: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one spirit of love.

Gather your people, O Lord.

We are parts of the body of Christ,
needing each other,
each of the gifts the Spirit provides. **R.**

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy,
waters of hope that flow from your side. **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 116

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except, except
through 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.

EUCARISTIC ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION: *BREAD OF LIFE*

Bread of Life and cup of hope
we come as gift to you.
Change our hearts; fill us with peace.
Transform our lives anew.
Open our eyes so that we might see
your presence in one another.
Your life, poured out in love today,
unites us all in you.

Loving Lord, Creator God, open our eyes to see
The good that lives in each of us,
that called the world to be.
And when we fail to see the good,
when friendships falter and crumble.
Give us the courage to forgive
that we may live in peace.

Living Word, O Son of God,
your love shows us the way.
That we may live in harmony,
and from you never stray.
Wipe all oppression from our midst;
give us a love for all people.
Your song of justice sing in us,
to live for peace today.

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. **Repeat**

RECESSONAL: *STRONG AND CONSTANT*

I will be your God who walks with you!
You will be always within My hand!
Take your heart and give it all to Me!

Strong and constant is My love!
Strong and constant is My love!

Should you wander far away from me
I will search for you in every land!
Should you call, then you will truly know: **R.**

When you know sorrow within your life,
I will come I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain you will discover me! **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



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
Principal: Wayne Chapman
24 Klumpp Rd,
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Queensland Churches Environment Network

Season of Creation Liturgy. Each year we join with our Christian brothers and sisters to recognise the importance of and celebrate together, our care for our common home. Again, with Queensland Churches Environmental Network (QCEN) we are celebrating our liturgy at Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens. Christians from all denominations are invited to gather together in unity to celebrate this Season of Creation. **Cost: Free**

Monday
1 September
12 noon
Lychee Lawn,
Mt Coot-tha Botanic
Gardens,
152 Mt Coo-tha Rd,
Mt Coot-tha

Reclaim is a collaborative Young Adult ministry that aims to breathe new life into the Catholic Young Adult space. On the first Tuesday of every month we gather at Emmanuel City Mission. Come join our community and learn a little more about your faith. No registration necessary, just come along!

Tuesday
2 September
7.00pm
Emmanuel City
Mission,
48 Peel St,
South Brisbane

Youth Leaders Master Class. Br Damien Price will break open the insights in his new book, *"Encounter a Lost Art"*. This Professional Development time will break open where and how young people are experiencing the sacred and how we can tap into this energy in youth ministry. The day will be highly practical and a great opportunity to network with like minded youth leaders from parishes, communities and ministries across the Archdiocese. **Cost: \$10 per person.** To find out more and to register, please visit tinyurl.com/YLM25

Saturday
6 September
9.30am-3.00pm
Mary MacKillop
Building,
Nudgee College,
2199 Sandgate Rd,
Boondall

REGISTER TODAY FOR FLOCKNOTE

- Follow the URL: (<https://umgcatholic.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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

30 / 31 August 2025

READINGS

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

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