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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-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.

As human beings, we often seek power and control. We want to be first, to stay ahead, and to lead others. But when pride takes over, humility is pushed aside, and we lose sight of what truly matters. Humility is a wise and holy virtue, central to Christian life. Jesus Himself invites us to learn from Him, for He is meek and humble of heart.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares a meal with religious leaders and uses the moment to teach about discipleship, especially the virtue of humility. He reminds us that humility is the foundation of all other Christian virtues. It helps us see our own lowliness before God and opens our hearts to those who are poor, forgotten, or pushed aside.

This message speaks powerfully to us on **Social Justice Sunday**. We are called not only to be humble before God, but also to stand with those who are marginalized. Jesus challenges us to welcome the excluded, to lift up the downtrodden, and to serve others rather than ourselves. The rich and powerful often struggle with humility because they rely on their own strength. But true discipleship means trusting in God and choosing love over status.

In the first reading, a wise teacher tells his students that humility brings favour in God's eyes. It is not weakness—it is strength that serves. On this Social Justice Sunday, we are reminded that justice begins with humility: seeing others with compassion, listening with respect, and acting with courage to build a more inclusive and loving community.

Since 1940, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released a statement for reflection and discussion ahead of Social Justice Sunday, addressing key issues in Australian society." This year's statement is *Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental Ill-Health*.

Fr Rony



*Please scan the QR Code to read the
Social Justice Statement 2025-26*



ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Last weekend, parishes in the Archdiocese held the Catholic Campaign appeal. **Thank you to everyone who responded to this call for support.** There is still time to donate this weekend. Envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets at all Masses, or take one home and return it by mail. Donate online by scanning the QR code on the envelope or visit www.catholiccampaign.com.au. Your tax deductible gift funds these vital Catholic agencies:



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.



Centacare: Providing Catholic social services and pastoral ministry including hospital chaplaincy, and 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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Giovanni Iocco (father of Filomena), Carlos Cardenas (uncle of Maria Cabalse), Maree Byrnes (niece of Maria Byrnes), Martin McEnery (son of Sue McEnery), Barry Cairns, Jan King, Noreen Fernandes who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Eileen McEvoy, Ben Devlin, Felice Taraborrelli, Renee Regan, Rita Chant, Annakutty George whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 2 September

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

THURSDAY 4 September

BETHANY MEETING

10.00am St Bernard's Community Centre (today only)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST BERNARD'S

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER, 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

FAREWELL MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

On Saturday 6 September the Archdiocese of Brisbane will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Mark Coleridge at **11.30am at the Cathedral of St Stephen**. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Hanly Room. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate his service and leadership as Archbishop of Brisbane for over 13 years.

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.



Birthday
Blessings



CONGRATULATIONS

to **Corina Mole** who
celebrated her **90th Birthday** on
29th August. May God continue to
bless Corina on this day and always.



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION Season of Creation 2025 1 September - 4 October

The Season of Creation was established by Pope Francis ten years ago. Our Parish celebration this year is to **CELEBRATE CREATION IN PRAYER AND SONG**. It will be held in **St. Bernard's Church** on **Sunday 21st September at 2pm**. For this ecumenical service, music chosen includes the universal Prayer of St. Francis and a selection of Taize chants. It is approximately an hour's duration, and all are then invited to stay for refreshments. Please mark your calendar now.

CFCA SINGLES FOR CHRIST (SFCA) CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

SFCA (Singles for Christ Australia) is the young adults ministry of CFCA (Couples for Christ Australia). CFCA is conducting different renewal programs for couples, young adults and children in St Catherine's Church. The upcoming event is for Young Adults. Young Adults please join us this September and October as we journey together towards Christ. Whether you've done a Christian Life Program before or if this is your first time, come along and be pulled a little closer and taken a little deeper. Follow us on Insta for updates: [@sfca.qld.](https://www.instagram.com/sfca.qld/)

To register, please scan the QR code:



ENTRANCE: *TABLE OF PLENTY*

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

*God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.*

O, come and sit at my table
Where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
To share the cup of my love. **R.**

O, come and eat without money;
Come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
With faith and fullness of life. **R.**

My bread will ever sustain you
Through days of sorrow and woe,
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
To flood the depths of your soul. **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 67

*God, in your goodness, you have made a home for
the poor.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am
gentle and lowly in heart. Take my yoke upon you.

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: *TAKE AND EAT*

Take and eat, this is my body.

Take and drink, this is my lifeblood.

Whenever you share this meal with others
do so in memory of me. **Repeat**

SONG OF PRAISE: *GIVE THANKS*

Give thanks with a grateful heart.

Give thanks to the Holy one.

*Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ,
his Son. Repeat*

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us. **R.**

RECESSONAL: *SONG FOR HUMAN RIGHTS*

Sing a song for peace and justice,
speak for those who cannot speak!
Claim the world for peace and justice:
let the strong support the weak. **R.**

*Light a candle in the darkness;
Hope and freedom must not die!
Hope and freedom must not die!*

You who live in happy places,
who can laugh and speak and sing,
listen for the other voices
mute with fear and suffering. **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
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Queensland Churches Environment Network

Season of Creation Liturgy. Christians from all denominations are invited to gather together in unity to celebrate this Season of Creation. **Cost: Free.** Visit tinyurl.com/SeasonCreation2025 or email inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au

Monday 1 September

12 noon

Lychee Lawn,
Mt Coot-tha Botanic
Gardens,
152 Mt Coo-tha Rd,
Mt Coot-tha

Tuesday 2 September

7.00pm

Emmanuel City Mission,
48 Peel St,
South Brisbane

Saturday
6 September
9.30am-3.00pm

Mary MacKillop Building,
Nudgee College,
2199 Sandgate Rd,
Boondall

Friday 12 September
7.30pm

St Mary Magdalene's
Church,
51 Cecil Rd, Bardon

Wednesday
3 September
10.45am – 12.15pm
(after 10am Mass)
St Stephen's Chapel
in the grounds of the
Cathedral, Brisbane
City

Spirit of Hope Monthly Prayer Meeting

Guest: Fr Kevin Gonsalvez of Guardian Angels Parish, Wynnum. His topic is on Healing after which he will offer healing prayer ministry. Please join us for a morning of Prayer, Praise and Worship. All welcome. Contact Maureen 0403 002 199 or Helena 0405 321 901.



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



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

6 / 7 September 2025

READINGS

Wisdom 9:13-18 Who can comprehend the will of God?

Philemon 9-10, 12-17: Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

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