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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

20 / 21 September 2025

READINGS: Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

Dear friends,

The readings this Sunday invite us to pause and reflect deeply on how we live - with justice, with care, and with a heart open to God's call. They speak to us about stewardship, prayer, and the right use of our resources.

In the first reading, the Prophet Amos speaks boldly against those who exploit the poor and twist the truth for profit. His words are sharp, but necessary. He reminds us that God sees injustice, and that He stands with the vulnerable. The Psalm echoes this hope: *"The Lord lifts the poor from the dust and raises up the lowly."* What a beautiful image of God's compassion - a God who notices, who cares, and who calls us to do the same.

In the second reading, St Paul urges us to pray for everyone - especially for leaders and those in authority. Why? Because prayer connects us to God's will. It reminds us that we are not just individuals, but part of a wider community. Through prayer, we become more responsible, more peaceful, and more committed to the good of all.

And then, in today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the dishonest steward. At first glance, it's a strange story. But Jesus isn't praising dishonesty - He's pointing to something deeper: wisdom in action. The steward, even in his failure, acts decisively. Jesus is saying to us: *Don't waste what you've been given. Use your gifts, your time, your resources - not just for yourself, but for the good of others and the glory of God.*

Søren Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher, once told a story about a make-believe country where only ducks lived. Every Sunday, all the ducks walked to church, sat down, and listened to the duck preacher. The preacher opened the Duck Bible and said, "Ducks! You have wings! You can fly high like eagles!" All the ducks shouted, "Amen!" But after church, they all waddled home - none of them flew.

It's a funny story - but it holds a deep truth. Sometimes we hear God's Word, say "Amen," and then go back to life as usual. But Jesus doesn't want us to just listen - He wants us to live. He wants us to fly.

So today, let's ask ourselves: Am I using my gifts to help others? Do my choices reflect God's justice and mercy?

Fr Rony

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

Next Weekend 27/28 September

In recognition of Migrant and Refugee Sunday
all are welcome and encouraged to celebrate our diverse
cultural origins by coming to Mass dressed in clothing that
represents your heritage.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Giuseppina Figliomeni, John Cairns, Fr John Chalmers, Mervyn Howse, Vasco Barbic, Margarita Cruz who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Barry Cairns, Sonny Wahjudi, Terry O'Reilly, Elaine & Sam Haigh, Ken Blanch, Col Webb, Shirley Weiss whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 23 September

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY 24 September

AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, Tricare Elderly Care, 20 Agay St, UMG.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Thomas Mathew Luke Rooney,
son of Gemma;

Matthew Theo Tapp Rooney, son of Emily & Ashley.
They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.



*Golden Wedding
Anniversary Mass*

Saturday 27th September 2025

11:30am

Cathedral of St Stephen

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or beyond, are invited to attend, together with their family and friends.

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. **Starts 22**

October. Sessions run twice on
Wednesdays at 11am and 7pm
over seven weeks. **Book costs**
\$22. Please RSVP by 1 October
as we will be bulk-buying books.

Book Study and Discussion - What
Happens At Mass



RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION TRAINING

Anyone interested in joining Religious Instruction teams in our local state schools, there is training coming up soon. Please contact Pauline at the Parish Office on 3849 7158 for more information and to start the registration process.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 24 September

Departs St Catherine's Bus Stop 8am.



We travel to **Kingscliff, NSW.**

Arrive at **Fingal Head Lighthouse** for sightseeing & wander. Morning tea & raffles to follow at Lions Park, Kingscliff. BYO food. Tea/Coffee/Sugar/Milk provided. Take photos, walk on the beach, relax! Lunch at **Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club.** Booking and Lunch Selection are with Ros 3349 9218. Please bring used stamps for the Missions.

SAVE THE DATES

Upcoming events and special Masses in our Parish.

SEASON OF CREATION ECUMENICAL SERVICE

- ◆ **This weekend Sunday 21 September**
2.00pm, St Bernard's Church.

PET BLESSING

- ◆ Saturday 4 October
10.00am, St Bernard's School undercover area.

OCTOBER AFTERNOON PRAYER

- ◆ In October, Mondays to Thursdays (starting 7 Oct)
2.30pm - 3.30pm, St Bernard's Church
Quiet Prayer and Rosary from 3.10pm.

9 DAYS OF MARIAN DEVOTION NOVENA MASS

All dates start time: 6.30pm

- ◆ Thurs 23 & Fri 24 October – St Martin's Church
✗ No 9.30am Mass at St Martin's on 24 Oct.
- ◆ Mon 27 & Tues 28 October - St Catherine's Church
- ◆ Wed 29, Thurs 30 & Fri 31 October - St Bernard's Church
✗ No 8.00am Mass at St Bernard's on 31 Oct.
- ◆ Fri 31 October - St Bernard's - 6.30pm Mass,
Rosary Procession, followed by light refreshments.

ALL SAINTS' DAY CELEBRATION

- ◆ Saturday 1 November
9.30am, St Martin's Church



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Joseph Holley and Katelyn Lawrance
were married in the Parish this week.

May their lives together be filled with God's abundant blessings.



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Geoff & Jeanne O'Connor
celebrated their

60th Wedding Anniversary

on 18 September. May God continue to bless them and their family with joy, peace and love.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA [CFCA]

Couples for Christ Australia are hosting a Pastoral Formation Teaching event at **St Catherine's Church on Saturday 4 October at 1.15pm.** Fr Ray Sanchez will speak on the topic of The Imitation of Christ. All welcome. **Closing prayer at 3.55pm, followed by afternoon tea in the Hall.** Register at:

<https://www.cfcaustralia.org/event-details-registration/pastoral-formation-teaching-the-imitation-of-christ-cfca-qld>

SINGLES FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA [SFCA] CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

Singles for Christ Australia is the young adults ministry of Couples for Christ Australia.

Young Adults please join us this September and October as we journey together towards Christ. Whether or not you've done a Christian Life Program before, come along and be pulled a little closer and taken a little deeper. Register at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJy5JwmKAbiQqTdsiWmU4Dhwq4L--1hTRTxg92Kk01mFEghQ/viewform>

ENTRANCE: LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

Lift up your hearts to the Lord, praise God's gracious mercy! Sing out your joy to the Lord, whose love is enduring.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Praise the name above all names! Say to God, "How wondrous your works, how glorious your name!" **R.** Let the earth worship, singing your praise. Praise the glory of your name! Come and see the deeds of the Lord, bless God's holy name! **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 79

Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alle, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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; take and eat: this is my body given up for you. Take and drink; take and drink: this is my blood given up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. **R.**

I am the way that leads the exile home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. **R.**

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and day;
you are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;
you are my own: your ransom is my blood. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: THE CRY OF THE POOR

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Blessed be the Lord.

Let the lowly hear and be glad: the Lord listens to their pleas; and to hearts broken God is near, who will hear the cry of the poor. **R.**

We proclaim your greatness, O God, your praise ever in our mouth; ev'ry face brightened in your light, for you hear the cry of the poor. **R.**

RECESSIONAL: 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 broken 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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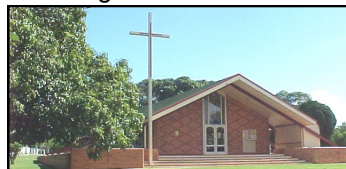
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MASS CENTRES

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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8.30am - 4.30pm
Monday - Friday
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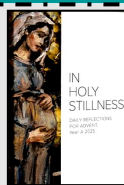
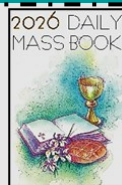
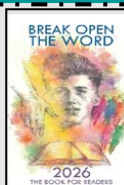
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IT'S TIME TO ORDER RESOURCES FOR 2025/26

Please complete the Order Form and place in an envelope with correct cash. Return the envelope in the collection plate or directly to the Parish Office.
Orders close Monday 20 October, 4.00pm

Name: Phone:

Collect from: ☒ [✓] ☐ Parish Office ☐ St Bernard's Church
☐ St Catherine's Church ☐ St Martin's Church

✓	Book Title	Bulk Cost	Total
	Sacred Space: The Prayer Book 2026	\$34	
	Daily Prayer Book 2026	\$30	
	Break Open the Word 2026 [Highly recommended for all Readers]	\$30	
	Daily Mass Book 2026	\$33	
	Advent Reflections Wollongong: The Promise	\$6	
	Advent Reflections Brisbane: In Holy Stillness	\$5	
	God's Word: Daily Reflections 2026	\$19	
Total Cash Enclosed:			

By ordering in bulk we pay less per book and limit shipping costs. **Orders received after 20 October will incur the single purchase cost plus shipping costs.**



Join a Principal Tour at St Catherine's!

Register now for a
Principal Tour!

Wednesday 15 October, 9:30am
Thursday 13 November, 9:30am

www.stcatherinescps.qld.edu.au

Come see our:

- Prep classrooms in action
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- Learn about our:
- Extra-curricular activities
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- Follow the URL:
(<https://umgwparish.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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 27 / 28 September 2025

READINGS

Amos 6:1, 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

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