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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-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.

Happy Fathers' Day

for all fathers, grandfathers, and those who guide others with a father's heart.

Today's readings show us what it means to be a true Christian father.

From Wisdom, we learn that fathers need God's Spirit to guide their families with patience, love, and faith.

From Philemon, Paul reminds us that fatherhood is about relationship, not control - lifting others up as children of God.

And in the Gospel, Jesus teaches that when fathers put Him first, they can truly love their families and lead them with courage, sacrifice, and faith.

So today, we honour fathers not for being perfect, but for their willingness to try - day after day - to put God first, to love their families, and to guide with patience and strength. Fathers, your daily sacrifices may often go unnoticed, but they are precious in God's eyes.

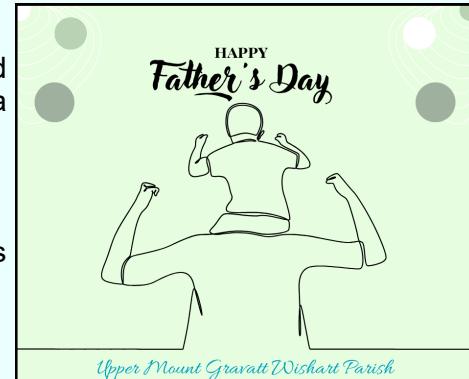
As we celebrate Father's Day, let us remember that this day is not about advertisements, gifts, or what the shops are selling. It is about something much deeper - it is about love, gratitude, and respect from the heart. Fathers are not looking for expensive presents. What they truly need is our time, our prayers, and our love. A simple word of thanks, a heartfelt hug, or a moment spent together can mean more than anything money can buy.

May the Lord bless all fathers with wisdom like Solomon, with compassion like Paul, and with the courage to follow Christ each day. And may you always know the gratitude and prayers of your families and your Church.

Let us celebrate from the heart, remembering the sacrifices our fathers have made, the guidance they give, and the example they set. In this way, Father's Day becomes not a commercial event, but a true celebration of God's gift of fatherhood.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers - may God bless you with strength, peace, and joy.

Fr Rony



Upper Mount Gravatt Wishart Parish

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who supported the Annual Catholic Campaign. The generosity of parishioners ensures that retired priests are cared for with dignity, new vocations are nurtured, students experiencing hardship can open the door to new possibilities and those on the margins find hope.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Marionette Vichi (sister of Maryann Sinon), Elizabeth Elson (wife of Robert), Margie Cruz, Giovanni Iocco, Carlos Cardenas, Maree Byrnes who died recently. Also Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Nell Paulsen, Nhon Ngo, Anthony Ngo, Maria Rivera, Cam Nguyen, Sonny Wahjudi, Tony Wharton, Norm James, James Dwyer, Thomas Dwyer whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 8 September

FUNERAL MASS

11.00am, Giovanni Iocco, St Bernard's Church.

TUESDAY 9 September

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

THURSDAY 11 September

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.



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. Sessions run twice on Wednesdays at 11am and 7pm over seven weeks with a two-week break in between. **Begins 22 October.**

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



ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP Wednesday 24 September Departs St Catherine's Bus Stop at 8.00am.

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.

On **Sunday 14 September**, the Catholic Church in Australia will mark **Safeguarding Sunday**, coinciding with the conclusion of **National Child Protection Week** and **Queensland Child Protection Week**.

Safeguarding Sunday is an important opportunity for us to come together as a community of faith to reaffirm our commitment to creating safe, welcoming, and nurturing environments for all. It reminds us of the responsibility we share in protecting children and adults at risk, and in promoting healing.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

WE ARE A
SAFE, HOPE-FILLED
AND WELCOMING
CHURCH



BAPTISMS

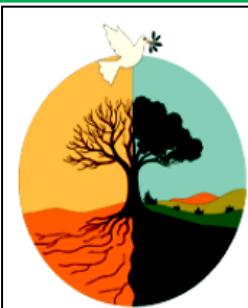
We congratulate
Josephine Maya Isabel Hall,
daughter of Leigh & Elvira;

Finneas James Clayton, son of Adam & Kristina.
They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.



WEDDING

Congratulations
Chelsea Priest and Matthew White
who were married in the Parish on
Saturday 6 September. May this day be the
beginning of a long, blessed and happy life together.



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/)

Rego URL: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJy5JwmKAbiQqTdsiWmU4Dhwq4L--1hTRTxg92Kk01mFEGhQ/viewform>

ENTRANCE: CANTICLE OF THE SUN

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and all creation is shouting for joy,
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,
and sing, sing to the glory of the Lord.*

Sing to the sun, the bringer of day,
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays,
the moon and the stars, who light up the way
unto your throne. **R.**

Sing to the earth, who makes life to grow,
the creatures you made to let your life show,
the flowers and trees that help us to know
the Heart of Love. **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 89

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let your face shine, shine on your servant, let
your face shine on your servant and teach, teach
me your ways. **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: UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

*Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground
and die, it remains but a single grain with no life.*

If you remain in me and my word lives in you;
then you will be my disciples. **R.**

If anyone serves me then they must follow me;
wherever I am my servants will be. **R.**

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit. **R.**

If you remain in me and my word lives in you;
then you will be my disciples. **R.**

Those who love me are love by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: WILL YOU LOVE ME

Will you give me your life forever?

Will you carry my cross ev'ry day?

Will you walk in the light of my presence?

Will you follow the truth of my ways?

Will you love me as I have loved you?

Will you live with me the darkness as I die?

*For the moon and the stars will be gone like the
night, and the sun will be shining on you.*

Like the purest of gold in the furnace,

Is your love strong enough to endure?

Does your faith carry on through the shadows?

Does it shine in the night for the world? **R.**

RECESSONAL: THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME

This day God gives me strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth, flashing
of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.

Angels of heaven, drive from me always
all that would harm me, stand by me still.

Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
king of creation, giver of rest,
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

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.

Facebook:
Like us: <http://www.facebook.com/umgwp Parish>

SCHOOLS

St Bernard's School
Principal: Daniel Hodge
1823 Logan Rd,
Upper Mt Gravatt
Phone: 3849 4800

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

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

Healing Mass - Bardon. The next Healing Mass will be the second Friday of the month (rather than the usual first Friday). Celebrant: Fr Neville Yun, Parish Priest, Our Lady of the Southern Cross Springfield and Chaplain for CCR Brisbane. Sacrament of Anointing and Prayer Ministry available. Len Airey 0421 977 849 or lenpatairey@gmail.com

Friday 12 September
7.30pm
St Mary Magdalene's Church,
51 Cecil Rd, Bardon

Powerhouse of Prayer - Learn and practice the art of prayer. Inspired by the apostolic document Lamps Ablaze, the Adult Formation Team of Archdiocesan Ministries is hosting a day of formation and experiential learning with **Dr Christopher Knauf**. Whether you're deepening your prayer life or just beginning, this day will equip and inspire you to pray with greater depth and confidence. Info and register: tinyurl.com/pop13sep

Saturday 13 September
9am - 3pm
Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre,
Ormiston
Cost: \$55

Canonisation Celebration Event. The Youth and Young Adults team from Archdiocesan Ministries invites you to celebrate the Canonisation of the Church's newest saints, **Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati**, and venerate their holy relics. All are welcome to join in a Holy Hour leading into a Youth Mass followed by a festival and celebration. To find out more, please visit catholiccollective.org.au

Sunday 13 September
from 4.30pm
St Patrick's Catholic Church,
Fortitude Valley

DATE CLAIMER: Archbishop-elect Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his first Mass as Archbishop of Brisbane next weekend. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday 14 September
10.00am
Cathedral of St Stephen



Join a Principal Tour at St Catherine's!

Register now for a Principal Tour!



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



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS YEAR C 13 / 14 September 2025

READINGS

Numbers 21:4-9

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

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