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MASS TIMES

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| 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.

Parish Office Hours

8.30am - 4.30pm

Monday - Friday

Closed Weekends and
Public Holidays.

After hours emergencies please call
3849 7158 and leave a short
message with your name & phone
number. Your call will be returned as
soon as possible.

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

18 / 19 October 2025

READINGS: Exodus 17:8-13 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Dear friends in Christ,

In today's Gospel, we meet a woman of deep faith - a widow who refuses to give up hope, even in a hopeless situation. She pleads for justice from an unjust judge, and through her persistence, she is heard. Jesus uses this powerful image to teach us about prayer that never loses heart, and about God's unwavering care for the poor, the vulnerable, and the forgotten.

At the heart of this Gospel is a promise: God listens to the cry of the oppressed. And often, God responds through us. We become His instruments - His hands, His heart - when we reach out to those in need. Through our generous giving, we become channels of Christ's love, bringing light into places of darkness and hope into lives that feel forgotten.

This is the spirit of World Mission Sunday. This weekend, our parish joins the global Church in supporting Catholic Mission, which brings the Gospel and practical care to communities in need. This year, we focus on Zambia, where the Church is helping mothers, families, and entire villages longing for a better future.

As we join Catholics around the world in observing World Mission Sunday, we are reminded of a profound truth: we are part of something far greater than ourselves. Over one billion believers, united in prayer and Eucharist, stand together in support of the Church's mission to bring the Gospel to every corner of the earth.

This tradition, begun nearly a century ago, calls each of us to embrace our role in Christ's mission. Whether we serve in distant lands or live our faith quietly here in our parish, we are all missionaries of hope. Pope Leo XIV's message for this Jubilee Year invites us to be "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples," letting the Holy Spirit guide us, and bringing light to places overshadowed by fear and despair.

Our Catholic Mission Appeal is a chance to respond with generosity and love. Even the smallest gift becomes a beacon of hope - a sign that we stand with those in need.

Let us give from the heart. Let us be part of something bigger. And let us remember when we support the mission, we share in the work of Christ - bringing faith, dignity, and light to the world.

Fr Rony

Please note: Funeral of Fr Frank Lourigan, who was an Associate Pastor at St Bernard's will be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Friday 24th October at 10.00am.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Fr Frank Lourigan, Nina Careedy, Candelario T. Castro, Leow Seng Loong, Alice Liedeman, Wilson Wilde, Brian Emblen, Lawrence Wood, Paul Tan who died recently. Also Therese Wharton, Ricardo Manalac Sr, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Bridie Gear, Jack Toohey, Harry Mole, Ken Warden, Steve Harry V. Castro, Cristita P. Valmoria, Simeon Valmoria, Manuela Castro, Simeon Castro whom we remember.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER

CRAFT GROUP

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

FUNERAL MASS

12.00pm, Alice Liedeman, St Catherine's Church.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER

MARIAN DEVOTION

6.30pm, Adoration & Rosary, St Martin's Church.

7.00pm, Mass, St Martin's Church.

FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER

Please Note: No 9.30am Mass at St Martin's.

MARIAN DEVOTION

6.30pm, Adoration & Rosary, St Martin's Church.

7.00pm, Mass, St Martin's Church.

MONDAY 27 & TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER

MARIAN DEVOTION

6.30pm, Adoration & Rosary, St Catherine's Church.

7.00pm, Mass, St Catherine's Church.

WEDNESDAY 29 & THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

MARIAN DEVOTION

6.30pm, Adoration & Rosary, St Bernard's Church.

7.00pm, Mass, St Benard's Church.

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

Please Note: No 8.00am Mass at St Bernard's.

MARIAN DEVOTION

6.30pm, Mass & Rosary Procession, St Bernard's

Church. Light refreshments to follow.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 22 October

Departs St Catherine's Bus Stop 8am.



Morning tea will be at Pirate Ship Park on Bribie Island, Sylvan Beach. BYO food. Coffee, tea, sugar, milk are provided. If time, we'll hold the raffles while at the Park. We will visit The Bribie Island Community Centre where we will be given a talk and have time to browse the Centre. The Matthew Flinders Gallery will be open, woodcutters will also be there for those interested, plus the Centre Gift Shop will be open.

Lunch at Bribie Island Surf Club followed by a visit to Bribie Island Seaside Museum at Bongaree. Current exhibition is *Leonardi Da Vinci Machines: Inventions brought to Life*.

Trip Booking and lunch menu selections with Ros on 33499218. Used stamps for the Missions can be given to Ros or Arthur.

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.



NEWS FROM THE BETHANY TEAM

Each year our **Books of Remembrance** are updated to record the names of deceased loved ones of our Parish.

These books are on display in St Bernard's church and the page is turned daily so that names are displayed on their anniversary each year.

Those whose funerals were held in our churches are automatically entered in the Books of Remembrance. If you wish to have relatives or friends who died elsewhere remembered in this way, please provide the following details on the **forms available at each church and place in the box provided by Friday 7 November:**

- Name of the deceased;
- Date of death in day/month/year format eg 4/8/1998

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES

Please record deceased names of family members and friends, whom you wish to remember during November, on an envelope available in the Church along with your offering. Place on the collection plate or return to the office by **Friday 7 November**.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL - THIS WEEKEND

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using -

- the appeal envelope
- going online at catholicmission.or.au/mission or
- scanning the QR Code.

Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



ENTRANCE: *BE STILL, FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace;
no work too hard for him in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

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 120

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. 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: *LORD WE COME TO YOUR TABLE/WHERE TWO OR THREE*

Lord, we come to your table.
Lord, we hear your Word.
Lord, you are our Bread of Life
and we, the Body of Christ.

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
Know I am with you, I am with you!
Where two or three are gathered in my name,
Know I am there to be with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: *THERE IS A LONGING*

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy:
hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R.**
Lord save us, take pity,
light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait:
be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R.**

RECESSONAL: *TO YOU MY GOD, I LIFT MY SOUL*

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; lift up my spirit to my Lord.

To you I lift up my soul.

Make me to know your ways, O God;
teach me your paths, guide me.
You are my saviour. **R.**

Good and upright our gracious God,
showing the way,
guiding the humble to justice. **R.**

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4 Klumpp Rd,
Upper Mt Gravatt



St Martin's
Cnr Logan & Chester Rds,
Eight Mile Plains



St Catherine's
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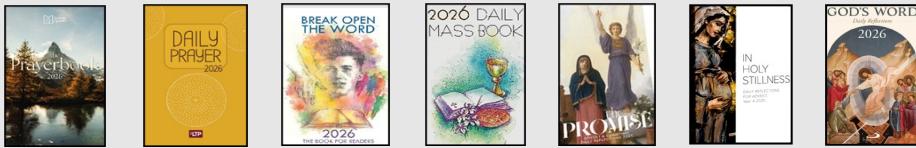
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ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

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 umg@bne.catholic.net.au



IT'S TIME TO ORDER RESOURCES FOR 2025/26

Please complete the Order Form & 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 <i>[Highly recommended for all Readers]</i> | \$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 & limit shipping costs. **Orders received after 20 October will incur the single purchase cost plus shipping costs.**

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services.
The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

The Cathedral of St Stephen presents

Jubilee!

Celebrating 25 years of the Jubilee Pipe Organ

Sunday 26th October 3.00pm

Hear the Cathedral come alive in a kaleidoscope of sound!
Works by Dubois, Gigout, Bach & Gabrielli
Undercover parking will be available
Please join us after for light refreshments in the Hanly Room.

Get your tickets by scanning the QR Code or visit www.trybooking.com/DFJYM

Christopher Trikilis, Organist, joined by the Brisbane Baroque Brass

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

25 / 26 October 2025

READINGS

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 *The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 *All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.