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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.

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

25 / 26 October 2025

READINGS: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

Friends,

In keeping with my practice, I would like to draw our attention to some of the nuances in our prayers at mass, sometimes obscured by translation.

Looking over the prayers, both the Latin form and our English translations have made for a direct translation, but I bring our attention to the word "charity".

The opening prayer reads "Almighty...God, increase our faith, hope, and charity....". "Charity" translates the Latin word "caritas/charitas", but the Latin word itself does not mean "charity". The Latin word is a deeply emotive word meaning: "dearness", costliness, affection, love, high regard, among other things. The letters of St. Paul, when read in the Latin, addresses his readers as "carissime" meaning "(my) dearly beloved".

Caritas is really a sort of "affectionate love". Charity could be seen as having some basis in caritas, say if someone were to be moved to pity for a person experiencing severe hardship – I think of St. Francis of Assisi, who was so moved that, in a surge of compassion, he hugged a lepper and kissed him. But charity, in the modern sense of giving some of our earnings/goods to an organisation, to distribute to the poor is not what is meant by the prayer.

Another word worth highlighting in the Latin text: the "da...augmentem". Where we will hear: "increase our faith hope and charity", the Latin says "give increase to our faith hope and charity".

In our faith, we refer to these three things as the "theological virtues" – they come from God and direct us back to God. So to ask God to give more is to acknowledge that if these three things are in us at all, they are the result of God bestowing them on us.

The prayer goes on to ask, additionally, that we may "love" God's teaching and consequently "attain [God's] promises". The prayer foresees that building virtues generally is not a walk in the park and requires effort and on occasion sacrifice. In these times, it acknowledges that God's gift of trust and love helps us put one foot in front of the next. In time, the work pays off: on earth we enjoy the satisfaction of living a life of integrity, and in the end we look expectantly to receiving heaven.

The logic of the scriptures on many occasions turns human and even our biological logic on its head. A person might say: "my body wants this!" or "I want this, because I can have it!", but where these things are harmful towards us or others, Jesus's teachings are explicit about self-discipline so that we may be like God and ultimately share life with God eternally. Christianity both, in the early centuries, and seemingly in some quarters today, has drawn ire for its sobriety.

If we are sober, it is so we can enjoy caritas given and caritas received, among ourselves and in our daily experience of God.

With every blessing,

Fr. Francis

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Maria Merli, Alejandra Erasquin (auntie of Cristy Mayo), Jose Chua, Fr Frank Lourigan, Nina Careedy, Candelario T. Castro, Alice Liedeman who died recently. Also Brett Williams, Albino Lenarduzzi, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Norm Girvan, Jack Brinkley, Joyce Kilburn, Allan McGowam whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER

MARIAN DEVOTION

6.30pm, Adoration & Rosary, St Catherine's Church.
7.00pm, Mass, St Catherine's Church.

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

MARIAN DEVOTION

6.30pm, Adoration & Rosary, St Catherine's Church.
7.00pm, Mass, St Catherine's Church.

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER

MARIAN DEVOTION

6.30pm, Adoration & Rosary, St Bernard's Church.
7.00pm, Mass, St Benard's Church.

THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

MARIAN DEVOTION

6.30pm, Adoration & Rosary, St Bernard's Church.
7.00pm, Mass, St Bernard'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.

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER

ALL SAINT'S DAY MASS

9.00am, St Martin's Church

BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Ryka Buckton, grandson of Michelle;
Ziggy & Makenna Norris, children of Wayne and Rachel.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.



Congratulations to
Michael and Lorraine McCauley

who celebrated their

60th Wedding Anniversary on 23rd October 2025.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST BERNARD'S

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER, 9.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.



All Saints Day, celebrated on **November 1st**, is a solemn feast in the Catholic Church. It is a day to celebrate the countless holy men and women who lived lives of faith, love, and virtue—some canonized by the Church, others quietly faithful in their daily lives. The feast reminds us that sainthood is not reserved for a few but is a universal call to holiness. These saints are individuals who have lived lives of extraordinary faith and dedication to God, serving as role models for Christians. Let's be encouraged: the path to sainthood begins in daily life. Always remember—there's a potential saint in each of us. To celebrate this feast, we will have a Mass followed by morning tea in our parish on **Saturday, 1st November at 9:00 AM**, at St Martin's Church, Eight Mile Plains. All are most welcome!

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**.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - ALL ARE WELCOME

The Bethany Group of our parish warmly invites all parishioners to attend this year's Mass of Remembrance, as we prayerfully honour and remember our beloved departed during the month of November.

Date: **Saturday, 15 November** Time: **9:00 AM**

Location: **St Bernard's Church**

Program: **Holy Mass, Columbarium Blessing and Morning Tea.**

This sacred gathering offers us a moment to reflect on the lives of those we love, to commend them to the mercy of God, and to unite as a community in prayer and hope.

All are most welcome.

ENTRANCE: *SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS*

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,
faithful to the end of days.

*Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendor of the living God. **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 32

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

God was in Christ to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. 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: *MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE LORD*

*In the bread may we be broken.
In the cup may we be outpoured
May we come to the know the healer,
may we come to know the Lord.*

Though many are we, we are one in the Lord. We are all welcome to his table of new life. **R.**

We come to the table to remember the Lord, who gave his life that we might live forevermore. **R.**

In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup, may we be filled as we come to know the Lord. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *THE CRY OF THE POOR*

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Blessed be the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times, with praise ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord, who will hear the cry of the poor. **R.**

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.**

RECESSONAL: *A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD*

*Create a new heart, Holy Lord,
beckon our lives through your word,
open our eyes to your call,
united as one for the your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
heal us of pride and of hurt,
may we go forth in your name
we pray our hearts change.*

The heart of the cross, lowly and poor calls us on.

Lord, it is you promising hope, promising truth. **R.**

Restless, the hearts that yearn for your peace in this land.

Deepen the dream, justice brings life, justice redeems. **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



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St Catherine's School
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388 Newnham Rd, Wishart
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Clairvaux MacKillop College
Principal: Wayne Chapman
24 Klumpp Rd,
Upper Mt Gravatt
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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 umg@bne.catholic.net.au

Getting to Know You!

An invitation to Christians in the Holland Park / Mount Gravatt area to learn about local church communities. Light refreshments provided.

**SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER
2:30 TO 4:30PM**

ASPINALL CENTRE,

Behind St Bernard's Catholic Church, 4 Klumpp Rd,
Upper Mount Gravatt. (Off street parking in grounds)



Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/Getting2KU to
RSVP before 19 November.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

Your gift not only helps women to provide for their families and give birth with dignity it also supports a variety of Church programs around the world.

 **catholic mission** Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



**IRISH AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT ASSOCIATION
of Queensland**

Join the Irish community as we come together to honour and remember our loved ones at the Annual Remembrance Mass. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Matthew as part of All Soul's Day. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.

Date: Sunday, 2nd November 2025 Time: 12.00 pm

Location: Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, 312 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo

If you'd like to mention a name during the Mass, please find a booklet at the door. Names will be read during the service.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha

Join a Principal Tour at St Catherine's!



Register now for a
Principal Tour!

Thursday 13 November, 9:30am
or choose from the dates listed
on our website for 2026 tours
www.stcatherinescps.qld.edu.au

Come see our:

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NOW!



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY) YEAR C

1 / 2 November 2025

READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9

The Lord will destroy Death for ever.

Romans 5:5-11

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-17

Young man, I say to you, get up.