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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

4 / 5 October 2025

READINGS: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-9

Dear Parishioners

St. Thomas Aquinas once said, *“To one who has Faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without Faith, no explanation is possible.”* It's a powerful reminder that Faith isn't just something we understand - it's something we live.

This Sunday's readings speak deeply to the role of Faith in our lives. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His Apostles that even a small amount of Faith - if rooted in God - can move mountains. He doesn't ask for grand gestures or perfect belief. He simply asks for trust. The Apostles wanted more Faith, but Jesus gently reminds them - and us - that it's not about how much we have, but how deeply we place it in Him.

Faith is not just belief; it's confidence in God's goodness, a willingness to follow, and a heart open to His will. Jesus uses the image of a servant to show that true Faith is active - it's lived out in obedience, humility, and love. When we live this way, even the smallest seed of Faith can grow into something extraordinary. Let us ask the Lord this week not just for more Faith, but for deeper Faith - Faith that listens, trusts, and responds with love.

ROSARY DEVOTION: We've now entered October, a sacred month for Catholics around the world - known as the Month of the Rosary. This devotion was first encouraged by Pope Leo XIII in 1883, who reminded us that praying the Rosary strengthens our faith, nurtures virtue, and brings comfort to the Church in times of trial. The Rosary itself dates back to the 13th century, when it was entrusted to St Dominic as a spiritual weapon - a powerful prayer to draw hearts into deeper union with Jesus.

How beautiful it is that our new Pope - another Leo, Pope Leo XIV - is renewing this sacred call with fresh hope. He invites every Catholic to pray the Rosary for peace in our world, especially this month. Let us take up this invitation with open hearts, trusting that through Mary's intercession, God will guide, heal, and protect His people.

United with the Pope's intercession, let us renew our devotion and deepen our faith this October. We warmly invite you to take part in our parish's special prayer times, Novena Masses and Rosary celebrations - details are available in this newsletter.

Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith. That simple act reminds us: true faith expects answers. How deeply do we trust in the power of prayer?

Fr Rony

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Dulcie Forno, Maria Arokia Kamala (mother of Mary Thilaka), Paul Tan, Danilo Cardenas, Deborah Wilson, Joseph Grima who died recently. Also Pauline Naylor, Bernard Naylor, Ricardo Manalac Sr, Barbara Rawlins, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Margaret King, Patrick King, Fr Justin King, Valmai and Jean Wilson, Yvonne Andrews, Simon Tinh, Wai Yee/Wong, Mark Anthony Wong, Rose Lee, Kevin Lee, Clifford Lee, James Dwyer, Thomas Dwyer, Michael Collins, Robert Parkes, Grant Jenkins, Bryan Langfelt, Paul Davies, Rita Barber, Dawn Watterson, Rose Webb, Coral and Ted Harris, Mick Nash, Stan Rashkowski whom we remember.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 6 October

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY 7 October

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER - THURSDAY 9 October

OCTOBER AFTERNOON PRAYER

2.30pm-3.30pm St Bernard's Church.

Quiet Prayers and Rosary from 3.10pm.

BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Louis Burgoyne son of Laurence & Helena;
Arthur Doversand son of Daniel & Georgina.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

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 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. Then we are off to visit The Bribie Island Community Centre where we will be met, given a talk and have time to browse the Centre. The Matthew Flinders Gallery will be open, the 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. The 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 Office can be given to Ros or Arthur on the day.

SAVE THE DATES

9 DAYS OF MARIAN DEVOTION NOVENA MASS

6.30pm Adoration & Rosary, 7.00pm Mass

- ◆ 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

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.



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Carmel and Michael Birgan (62 years)

ENTRANCE: GATHER US IN

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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 94

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. 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.

EUCARISTIC ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION: BREAD OF LIFE

Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to you. Change our hearts; fill us with peace. Transform our lives anew. Open our eyes so that we might see your presence in one another. Your life, poured out in love today, unites us all in you.

Loving Lord, Creator God, open our eyes to see the good that lives in each of us, that called the world to be. And when we fail to see the good, when friendships falter and crumble, give us the courage to forgive that we may live in peace.

Living Word, O Son of God, your love show us the way that we may live in harmony, and from you never stray. Wipe all oppression from our midst; give us a love for all people. Your song of justice sing in us, to live for peace today.

SONG OF PRAISE: THERE IS ONE LORD

There is one Lord, one faith one baptism, there is one God who is Father of all.

RECESSIONAL: WE WALK BY FAITH

We walk by faith, and not by sight: no gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, Nor follow where he trod; Yet in his promise we rejoice and cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief and may our faith abound; to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.

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Upper Mt Gravatt



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



St Catherine's
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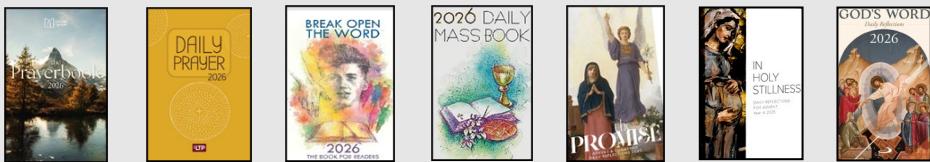
NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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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.*



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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Women's retreat
LOVE STORY

7 - 9 NOV 2025

SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE



This retreat
invites women of
all ages to step
away, rest and
encounter the
transforming love
of Christ.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C 11 / 12 October 2025

READINGS

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.