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## MASS TIMES

<b>Monday</b>	9.15am St Catherine's
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15am St Bernard's
<b>Wednesday</b>	7.00am St Catherine's
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00am St Bernard's
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am St Bernard's 9.30am St Martin's
<b>Saturday</b>	5.00pm St Bernard's 6.15pm St Catherine's
<b>Sunday</b>	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.*

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

15 / 16 November 2025

READINGS: Malachi 3:19-20    2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

Dear friends in Christ,

We are on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the second-to-last Sunday of the liturgical year C, just before the Feast of Christ the King. Its readings focus on the "last things" - judgment, perseverance, and hope in God's promise.

Prophet Malachi tells us that this Day will bring healing and reward for the faithful, but punishment for those who turn away from God. St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians not to sit idle while waiting for the Lord, but to keep working faithfully and living responsibly. The Gospel of Luke reminds us that no one knows the time of the end. Signs will come, and believers may face trials, but Jesus promises that those who persevere in faith will be saved.

Luke's community faced persecution, yet Jesus' words gave them courage: *"Don't give up - God is always with you!"* This same promise is ours today. We are called to trust in God's protection, remain faithful, and rely on His strength, not our own.

The Good News is clear: Christ's return is not something to fear, but to celebrate. Let us continue to live each day with hope, perseverance, and joyful expectation of the Lord's coming.

## APPOINTMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY

It is with hearts full of both joy and gentle sadness that I share important news with you. Our beloved Associate Pastor, Fr. Francis Fernandes, has been appointed by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay as the new Parish Priest of St. Edward the Confessor Parish, Daisy Hill.

We rejoice with Fr. Francis and offer him our heartfelt congratulations as he steps into this new chapter of his priestly ministry. This appointment is a clear recognition of his many gifts, his faithful dedication, and his readiness to embrace greater responsibilities in shepherding God's people.

Let us keep Fr. Francis in our prayers as he prepares to begin this appointment in mid-January 2026. May the Lord bless him with wisdom, courage, and compassion in his new role.

At present, we await guidance from the Archbishop regarding Fr. Francis' successor here in our parish. In the meantime, let us continue to support one another with faith and hope, trusting that God's plan for our community is always good.

**Fr Rony**

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Robert Hore, Greg Buckley who died recently. Also Derek Hartley, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Ernie Peralta, Doreem Blower, Terry Rampling, Lindsay Gordon whom we remember.

## UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

### TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

#### CRAFT GROUP

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

#### SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

### WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

#### LITURGY

7.00am, St Catherine's Church, Wishart.

### THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER

#### AGED CARE LITURGY

10.00am, Carinity Aged Care, Wishart Gardens.

## JUNIOR MINISTERS TRAINING

We are excited to announce a Junior Ministers Training Session led by Fr Francis, open to current altar servers and children eager to join this special ministry.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to grow in faith, friendship, and service within our parish community. Details have been emailed to parents, and we warmly encourage you to ensure your child attends.

Date: **Saturday, 22nd November**

Time: **3:00 – 4:30 pm**

Venue: **St Bernard's Church**

**To help us with preparations and catering, please confirm your attendance with the parish office.**

## Save the Date

Volunteer's Thanksgiving Morning Tea – Saturday 13 December, 10 am at the Aspinall Centre.

**RSVP essential** - contact Parish Office 38497158.

## ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

 **Wednesday 26 November**  
**Departs St Catherine's Bus Stop 8am.**

St Catherine's Seniors will be celebrating the 2025 Year Coach Trips with an outing to a Mystery Destination.

Perhaps minimise your morning tea food to allow for our Christmas themed Lunch later at the mystery destination.

Optional for you to dress up in a Christmas themed outfit and accessories, best dressed judging will take place at morning tea time.

Cost per passenger likely to be near \$80, this could vary, depending on our costs and the number of passengers on the day.

Bring any used stamps for the Missions Office, give to either Arthur or Ros.

Bookings are with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218.



## SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The SVDP Parish Christmas Appeal will be conducted on the weekend Nov 29/30, with all funds raised being used by the Parish Conferences to help brighten Christmas for needy families in our local area.

Appeal envelopes will be available in all churches or from the St Bernard's Piety Store. Envelopes can be placed in any of the collection baskets over the next few weekends or left at the Piety Store. Donations can also be made in any envelope marked "St Vincent de Paul".

Parishioners may also donate directly online into either local conference accounts as follows:

**SVDP St Bernard's Conference Upper Mt Gravatt BSB 064786 Acct 100026560; or**

**SVDP St Catherine's Conference Wishart BSB 064786 Acct 100026611.**

This year St Bernard's Conference and St Catherine's Conference will not be organising and distributing Christmas hampers. Instead, the Conferences will purchase and distribute Gift Vouchers to 50/60 needy families in our local area. Donated funds will go towards covering the cost of the Gift Vouchers.

## SVDP PIETY STORE

The following items are available at the St Bernard's/St Martin's Piety Store

- \* **Christmas Cards** (pkt 8 for \$5);
- \* **2026 Sisters of St Joseph Calendars** (\$10);
- \* **2026 Columban Calendars** (\$10)

In the Catholic tradition, November is dedicated to prayer for those who have died. Our traditions remind us that in times of great sadness we are never alone.

In Parish churches from this weekend you will notice the '**Tree of Life**'. Please come and write your deceased loved ones' names on the paper leaves and place them on the tree. Together we watch the tree come to life as we remember our community includes those who have 'gone in faith before us'.



## Happy 40th Birthday

**Fr Rony,**

**The whole community of Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart sincerely wish you a happy and holy birthday as you turn 40.**



**As a community of faith, we have been blessed with amazing pastors, but you have bought a new dimension in your ministry. Your quite and humble nature makes it easy for us to journey with you as we move to a greater love and understanding of God.**

**As you work with us, far from your home and family, we embrace you with our love, and trust that God continues to hold you in his favour. May the Holy Spirit support and strengthen you in your ministry as you celebrate 40 years young.**

## ENTRANCE: *GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD*

Glory and praise to our God,  
who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings he bears  
to those who trust in his ways.

In his wisdom he strengthens us,  
like gold that's tested in fire,  
though the power of sin prevails  
our God is there to save. **Ant.**

Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day  
our God is waiting to save,  
always, ready to seek the lost,  
to answer those who pray. **Ant.**

## 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 97

*The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Lift up your heads, lift up your heads and see; lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. **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: *DRAWN TO YOU*

*Drawn to you, Lord we are drawn to you,  
to the beauty of your presence in this place.  
Here for you, God we are here for you  
as the gifts we bring become a feast of grace.  
We are drawn to you.*

Drawn by the love that you have poured on us  
we bring these gifts, works of our hands.  
You gather all we offer to yourself,  
receive our prayer. **R.**

Drawn by the faith that you accept our gifts,  
and sanctify what we have shared.  
To make us holy by this bread and wine,  
receive our prayer. **R.**

Drawn by the table you have laid for us,  
the welcome feast your heart prepares,  
the words now spoken that will make us one,  
receive our prayer. **R.**

## SONG OF PRAISE: *DON'T BE AFRAID*

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear.

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised, promised to be always near. **R.**

## RECESSIONAL: *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.**

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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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## 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

## 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](mailto: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](http://tinyurl.com/Getting2KU) to  
RSVP before 19 November.



**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR:** Today (November 16) is the World Day of the Poor. It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world.

In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel."

Pope Leo has also issued an Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi te* ("I Have Loved You"), which explores in greater depth our relationship with those who are poor. It encourages us to reflect on how we think about those who live in poverty and how we take action to address their plight.

**Bishop Tim Harris**  
Chair, Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service

## Annual Anglican Roman Catholic Reconciliation Service

**TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2025, 11AM**  
CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.

**PRESIDER:** Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay,  
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane

**PREACHER:** The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves, KCSJ  
Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane



**St Stephen's Cathedral**  
249 Elizabeth Street,  
Brisbane

presents

## St Cecilia Concert 2025

featuring  
*Daniel Roth*

**Wednesday  
26 November 2025,  
6:00 PM**



Tickets available at:  
[www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)  
or at the door

The Cathedral car park will be available from 5:30pm.

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### READINGS

**Malachi 3:19-20**

*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

**2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**

*Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

### GOSPEL

**Luke 21:5-19**

*Your endurance will win you your life.*