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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 IS CLOSED AND WILL REOPEN MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2026.

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& phone number. Your call will
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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.*



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, YEAR A
24 / 25 December 2025



Wishing you the joy, peace, and blessings

Merry Christmas



Dear Parishioners, Merry Christmas!

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, I offer each of you my heartfelt greetings and blessings. Christmas reminds us that God enters our world not with power or noise, but with gentle love, humble simplicity, and a light that no darkness can overcome. In the Child of Bethlehem, we see God's promise made visible: *"I am with you always."*

I warmly welcome and thank all who are visiting today, those returning after some time, and specially our children and young people. This is your home, and we thank God for the gift of worshipping together. Dear young ones, we are so happy to see you here. Remember the words of Pope Leo: "You are not only the future of the Church - you are the present." May Child Jesus bless you all.

This holy season invites us to pause, to breathe, and to recognise the many ways Christ is born among us - through acts of kindness, moments of forgiveness, and the quiet faithfulness of our parish community. I am deeply grateful for your generosity, your service, and your commitment to making our parish a place of welcome and hope. May the peace of the Christ Child fill your homes, strengthen your families, and renew your hearts. As we look toward the new year, let us walk together with renewed trust in God's grace and with a spirit of unity and joy.

This Christmas, I am reminded of O. Henry's timeless story *The Gift of the Magi*, where a young couple discovers that the greatest gifts are not the ones wrapped in paper, but those wrapped in sacrifice, love, and generosity of heart. Their gifts became unusable, yet their love became priceless. So it is with Christmas: the true gift is not what we give, but the love with which we give it.

Wishing you *and your loved ones* a blessed Christmas.

Thank you: *My sincere thanks to our choir, coordinators, volunteers, and all who attended for making our carol singing night a wonderful success. A special thanks to the Social Justice Group for organising the fundraising sausage sizzle, which helped to raise \$300.20.*

Fr Rony

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Masses on Friday 26 December.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strain prolong?
Say, what may the tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the new born King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! the herald angels sing:
"Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."



Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord.
Late in time, behold him come.
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail th' incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King."

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Noel, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. **R.**

This star drew nigh to the north-west,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. **R.**

MARY'S BOY CHILD

Long time ago in Bethlehem
so the Holy Bible say,
Mary's Boy child, Jesus Christ,
was born on Christmas Day.

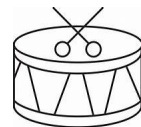
*Hark, now hear the angels sing,
a new King born today,
and we will live forever more,
because of Christmas Day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing,
listen to what they say,
that we will live for ever more,
because of Christmas Day.*

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, they
see a bright new shining star. They hear a choir sing.
The music seems to come from afar.
Now Joseph and his wife, Mary,
came to Bethlehem that night. They find no place to
bear the Child, not a single room was in sight. **R.**

CAROL OF THE DRUM

"Come" they told me, Pa rum pa pum pum.
"Our new born king to see", Pa rum pa pum pum.
Our finest gifts we'll bring, Pa rum pa pum pum,
To lay before the King! Pa rum pa pum pum,
Rum pa pum pum, Rum pa pum pum.
So to honour Him, Pa rum pum pum, when we come!"

"Baby Jesus," Pa rum pa pum pum,
I'm a poor boy too, Pa rum pa pum pum,
I have no gift to bring Pa rum pa pum pum,
That's fit to give a King, Pa rum pa pum pum,
Rum pa pum pum, Rum pa pum pum.
Shall I play for you, Pa rum pa pum pum,
on my drum?"



Mary nodded, Pa rum pa pum pum,
Ox and ass kept time, Pa rum pa pum pum.
I played my drum for Him, Pa rum pa pum pum,
I played my best for Him, Pa rum pa pum pum,
Rum pa pum pum, Rum pa pum pum.
Then He smiled at me, Pa rum pa pum pum!
Me and my drum!

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Archdiocese and the Upper Mt Gravatt
Wishart Parish have **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.

**'Creating protective environments and activities for
children and adults-at-risk.'**

ENTRANCE: O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
 come and behold him, born the King of angels;

**O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord!**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
 sing, all you citizens of heav'n above!
 Glory to God, all glory in the highest; **R.**

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
 Jesus to thee be all glory giv'n;
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; **R.**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Priest: During Advent we have watched and
 waited for hope, for peace, for joy, for love.
 As we light this Christ candle, we celebrate
 the birth of Emmanuel, God with us,
 who calls us to share his light with the
 world.*

**All: Joy to the world, the Lord is come.
 We light this candle because Jesus,
 the light of the world, was born on this
 day and lives among us.
 Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns.**

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

All: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl.: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Good news and great joy to all the world:
 good news and great joy for today is born our
 Saviour, Christ the Lord. **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 life everlasting. Amen.

PREPARATION OF GIFTS**SILENT NIGHT**

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
 round yon Virgin Mother and child!
 Holy Infant so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace,
 sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight;
 glories stream from heaven afar;
 heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia!"
 Christ the Saviour is born,
 Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 radiant beams from thy holy face,
 with the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
 we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come
 again.



COMMUNION: *BREAD OF LIFE*

*Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.*

A child is born for us, a son is giv'n to us,
in our midst, Christ our Lord and God
comes as one who serves. **R.**

With our own eyes we see,
with our own ears we hear
the salvation of all the world,
God's incarnate Word. **R.**

You are the hope of all,
our promise and our call,
radiant light in our darkness,
truth to set us free. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE (EVENING) *O HOLY NIGHT*

O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices.
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
*Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.
O night divine! O night, O night divine!*

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming,
with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
here came the wise men from the Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,
in all our trials born to be our friend! **R.**

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,
and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
let all within us praise His holy name! **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE (MORNING)

AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where
He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle, till morning is nigh.
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay,
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and take us to heaven, to live with thee there.

RECESSIONAL: *JOY TO THE WORLD*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
let us our songs employ;
while fields and floods, rock, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his
love, and wonders, wonders of his love.



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We pray for those who have died recently. Also Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Jack & Thommy O'Sullivan, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony, Teofila Varquez, Melodia Amolat, Francisco Amolat Jr, Avelina Amolat, Jenifer Keener, Tony & Therese Wharton, Shaleen Wharton, Norm & Rose James, Lorenzo Gabutina, Erodita Gabutina, Edgar Curamen, Natividad Gabutina, Michael, Manuela, Santo, Rodolfo & Luisa Cassarino, Charles & Caterina Doyle, Filomena Portlock, Robert & Natalina Woods, Josephine Hanmore, Fred & Maria Manson, Jim & Mary-Clare Michie, Tanya Walker, Harriet Beane, William, May, Elizabeth, Bill, Norine, Bill Jnr, John & Pat Ingham, Ted & Doris Humphreys, Hazel Moore, Gloria Jolly, Roy & Sue Cargill, Maureen Hambling, Denise Morris, Sr M Anna Schepis, Patricia & Aldo Palumbo, Ron Scantlebury, Joseph & Margaret Szpaczek, Emilia Milanovic, Gerardina Manzi, Aldo Di Lione, Nagui Habashi, deceased relatives and friends of the Wilson, O'Sullivan, Handley, Woods, Ingham and Morris families whom we remember at this time.