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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.

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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.*

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

17 / 18 January 2026

READINGS: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

Dear friends,

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist offers us a powerful example of humility and clarity of vocation. When he sees Jesus approaching, he does not draw attention to himself. Instead, he proclaims, *"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."* John knows exactly who he is - and who he is not. He understands that his mission is to point others to Christ, not to seek honour for himself.

John's humility is not weakness; it is freedom of heart. He is free from ego, free from comparison, free from the need to be the centre. Because of this freedom, he can recognise God's work unfolding before him. He can say with confidence, *"I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me told me..."* John listens deeply, discerns carefully, and obeys faithfully.

This Gospel invites us to reflect on our own baptismal responsibility. Like John, we are called to witness Christ in our daily lives - not by dramatic gestures, but through quiet faithfulness, kindness, and integrity. Humility allows us to see God's will more clearly. When our hearts are uncluttered by pride or fear, we become more attentive to the gentle movements of the Spirit.

We live in a world that often celebrates self-promotion, but John reminds us that true greatness lies in serving God's purpose. Our task is not to shine for ourselves, but to reflect the light of Christ so that others may find hope.

As we continue our journey of faith, may we grow in humility, seek God's will with sincerity, and courageously bear witness to the Lamb of God who walks with us each day.

Fr Rony

ENTRANCE: *HERE I AM LORD*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who make the stars of night, I will make their
darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **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 39*

Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

The Word of God became flesh and made his dwelling
among us. To those who accepted him, he gave pow'r
to become children of God. **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.

EUCARISTIC ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION: *SHEPHERD OF SOULS*

Shepherd of souls, in love, come feed us,
life-giving bread for hungry hearts!
To those refreshing waters lead us
where dwells that grace your peace imparts.
May we, the wayward in your fold,
by your forgiveness rest consoled.

Life-giving vine, come feed and nourish,
strengthen each branch with life divine;
ever in you O may we flourish,
fruitful the branches of the vine.
Lord, may our souls be purified
so that in Christ may we abide.

Following you, O Lord, who led them,
multitudes thronged the mountainside;
filled with compassion, Lord, you fed them,
fed them with loaves you multiplied.

Come, feed us now, O Lord, we pray;
life-giving bread give us this day.

Father, who fed the Hebrew nation,
giving them manna from the sky,
give now the bread of our salvation,
that we who eat shall never die.

We are your people, God, in need;
may we on living bread now feed.

Help us, dear Lord, prepare a dwelling
Worthy of you who made us all;
Cleanse then our hearts, our guilt dispelling,
Purify us who heed your call.

"Take this and eat" were words you said,
Giving yourself to be our bread.

SONG OF PRAISE: *IN THE LORD*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid,
lift up your voices the Lord is near;
lift up your voices the Lord is near.

RECESSONAL: *GOD SENDS US FORTH*

God sends us forth to love and serve,
make known God's name, and live God's word,
mirror God's love, reflect God's grace
till all have seen the Saviour's face.

Called to the ones the world ignores
hungry and thirsty, weak and poor
let us bear Christ, who heals all pain
and comforts those with guilt or shame.

So with the cross to lead the way,
let us go forth in peace today
till ev'ry end of earth has known
the saving love of God alone.

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