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MASS TIMES

Monday	9.15am St Catherine's
Tuesday	8.30am 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.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 / 25 January 2026

READINGS: Isaiah 8:23-9:3 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY

26 JANUARY 26



Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus calling people from every walk of life into light, hope, and new beginnings. On Australia Day, we give thanks for the many peoples and cultures who make up our nation, each bringing their own gifts to our shared story. Just as Jesus invited the first disciples to follow Him, we are called to walk the path of unity, compassion, and service. May this day inspire us to build a country where respect and reconciliation guide our relationships. And as Christ's light shines in our land, may we continue to grow as a community marked by peace, generosity, and shared purpose.

WELCOME SYRO - MALABAR COMMUNITY: I am pleased to share that, beginning 1 February, the Syro-Malabar Catholic community will be using St Catherine's Church for their regular worship- Sundays 4 pm to 7 pm & Tuesdays 6 pm to 8 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to extend hospitality and to celebrate the richness and diversity of our wider Catholic family.

The Syro-Malabar Church is one of the ancient Eastern Catholic Churches, tracing its origins to the preaching of St Thomas the Apostle in India. I myself belong to the Syro-Malabar Rite. It is a vibrant community known for its deep faith, strong family life, and rich liturgical traditions. The Syro-Malabar Church is fully Catholic and in complete communion with the Holy Father.

In Australia, the Syro-Malabar faithful are served by the Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne, established by Pope Francis in 2014. There are many Syro-Malabar communities in Brisbane who regularly use churches within the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

This Community's presence among us is a reminder of the beautiful diversity within the Catholic Church and the many ways God is worshipped across cultures and languages. Let us keep this community in our prayers as they begin their time with us, and may our parish continue to be a place of hospitality, openness, and shared faith.

Fr Rony Chacko

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Paulita Canonizado (aunt of Maria Cabalse), Cosmo Charles, Adrian Vermeulen, Aaron Fernandez, Armando Escalante, Livy Villaflor, Esma Crowther, Mario Novelli, Maria Peralta, Judith Burns who died recently. Also Jim Buchanan, Shaleen Wharton, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Maria Manson, Natalina Woods, Emilia Milanovic, Hazel Moore, John Dwyer, Kathleen Dwyer, Eva Simpson, Paul Davies, Bryan Langfelt, Genevieve Tay, Teofila Varquez, Melodia Amolat, Francisco Amolat Jr, Avelina Amolat, Jenifer Keener, Lorenzo Gabutina, Erodita Gabutina, Edgar Curamen, Natividad Gabutina whom we remember.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Aiden & Liam Shikin, sons of Peter & Batsirai;
Patrick & Edward Logsdial, sons of Simon & Lisa;
Charles, Adelaide & Leonard Conyard, children of
Christopher & Constance;
Ivy Duricin, daughter of Tony & Emmalea;
Zoe Trajceski, daughter of Steven & Deborah.
They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP

The Mother's Prayer Group will be restarting on Wednesday 4 February at 10:00am at St Martin's Church. All mothers are warmly invited to come together in prayer, support, and fellowship. It's a beautiful way to begin the year by sharing faith and building community.

Parish Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Group

If you are interested in learning more about our Parish's work towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, please join us at 11am on Sunday, 1 February 2026 in the St Bernard's Community Centre. Our Parish Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Group will be discussing plans for the year ahead including a film afternoon, book club discussions and other events. All are welcome. If you cannot attend but would like to find out more, please contact Louise Bell lo-bell1770@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB

You are warmly invited to join us as we discuss the book 'The Screwtape Letters' by C. S. Lewis. We will meet on Wednesdays from 18 February to 18 March in the St Bernard's Community Centre.

There will be a morning group from 10-11am and an evening group from 6.30-7.30pm. Please RSVP to lo-bell1770@gmail.com or via the QR Code by Sunday 15 February. If you need help with obtaining a copy of the book, please let me know.

PLEASE NOTE: As you know, we have not yet received a replacement for Fr Francis, and while we thank God for the supply priests who are assisting us on weekends, the coming weeks will be busy with various school and college liturgies as the new year begins. Managing everything alone brings some challenges, so there will be a few temporary changes to our weekday Mass schedule. I kindly encourage you to take a copy of the newsletter, where all updates are clearly outlined. Thank you for your understanding, patience, and continued support for our parish community.

GENTLE REMINDER: With Advent, we have reintroduced the Chalice at our weekend Masses. We are still looking for more volunteers to assist in this ministry. If your time allows, kindly consider joining one of our parish ministries.

I would also like to offer a gentle reminder regarding the reception of the Blood of Christ from the Chalice. Please note that intinction (dipping the host into the chalice) is not permitted in our tradition, except by the minister. We have noticed that there are still some attempts to do this. I kindly ask everyone to please refrain from intinction.

Thank you for your understanding and reverence.

Fr Rony

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

MONDAY 26 JANUARY

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO MASS TIMES BELOW

CRAFT GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

UPCOMING CHANGES TO MASS TIMES:

27 th January	Staff Mass 8.30 am St Bernard's (You are Welcome) Special Mass 10.30 am St Catherine's (You are welcome)
6 th February	9.00 am School Mass St Bernard's (You are welcome) 8.00 am Mass at St Bernard's Cancelled 9.30 Liturgy of the Word St Martin's

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD ST BERNARD'S

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY, 9.30am Mass
Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

ENTRANCE: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.
 Make us your own, your holy people,
 light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice. **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 26

The Lord is my light, and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom,
 Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
 and healed those who were sick. **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

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

COMMUNION: TAKE AND EAT

Take and eat; take and eat:

this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink; take and drink:

this is my blood given up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made;

I am the seed that died to be reborn;

I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;

I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. **R.**

I am the way that leads the exile home;

I am the truth that sets the captive free;

I am the life that raises up the dead;

I am your peace, true peace I give to you. **R.**

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;

I am the gate that guards you night and day;

you are my flock you know the shepherd's voice;

you are my own: your ransom is my blood. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: JESUS YOUR LIGHT

Jesus, your light is shining within us.

Let not my doubts and my darkness speak to me.

Jesus, your light is shining within us.

Let my heart always welcome your love. **Rpt.**

RECESSIONAL: A BLESSING HYMN FOR AUSTRALIA

Ancient land of wide and sunburnt plains,
 where feet have long since trod, you have known the
 stories of our search to find the face of God.

God, you hovered over darkness when the void was
 silent still; then your voice rang out in splendor;
 creation knew your will, and your eyes of love beheld
 in light this land of sweeping plains.

Now our voices too rejoin again creation's song of
 praise.

Holy Spirit, gift of love divine, with you we dare to
 dream, so to walk in justice all our days this land of
 gold and green.

From all nations we have gathered; lead us on in
 unity. In this vast and rugged homeland, may you our
 centre be.

May our lives show forth your tender love,
 compassion, strong and bold.

Help us bring Good News to all the world; your
 gracious love unfold.

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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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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



Join a Principal Tour at St Catherine's!

Register Now for a
February Principal Tour!

Thursday 12 February, 9:30am
Thursday 26 February, 9:30am



Come see our:

- Prep classrooms in action
- explore our fantastic facilities

Learn about our:

- Extra-curricular activities
- Instrumental program
- Technology Program!



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If your child is born 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022 they are eligible for Prep in 2027
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NOW!



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Zero tolerance.
No excuse for abuse.

The Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk.

INVITATION TO A ANOINTING MASS

Where: St Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon.

When: Friday, 6th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

Celebrant: Fr William Aupito Luliano, PP St Mary's Parish, South Brisbane.

The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass.

For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com Sponsored by CCR Bardon.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 / 2 FEBRUARY 2026

READINGS

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.