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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 ON MONDAY
19 JANUARY 2026**

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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.*

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, YEAR A
27 / 28 December 2025**

**READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21
GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**



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and will re-open on Monday 19 January at 8.30am.

For **EMERGENCIES ONLY** while we are closed, please call 3849 7158 and
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BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Celine Kandeepan, daughter of Amalini & Kandeepan;

William Waring, son of Dylan & Natasha;

Darcy Gilroy, son of Jake & Tania.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

Dear Parishioners,

As we come to the end of this year and gather to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we are reminded of something very important: God chose to enter our world not through a throne or a palace, but through a family. Mary, Joseph, and the child Jesus show us that holiness does not begin in extraordinary places - it begins at home, in ordinary daily life, in the simple actions of love and faithfulness.

At year's end, we often look back at our achievements and struggles. But today, the Feast of the Holy Family invites us to look back through a different lens:

How have we loved? How have we cared? How have we grown as a family - whether it is our parish family, our school community, or our own homes?

For me, 2025 has been a year of blessing - a time of learning and growing while being in your midst as parish priest, marked by your warm welcome, cooperation, and many sacrifices. With your support, we have achieved pastoral, spiritual, and practical growth, always guided by God's loving presence.

With deep gratitude, I remember you all, more specially Fr Francis, our dedicated office staff, our generous volunteers, our supportive supply priests, our school staff and children, and each of you whose contributions made my first year truly fruitful.

As we stand at the threshold of 2026, we look ahead with renewed hope. There is much we can continue to build together - a parish that is welcoming, prayerful, and vibrant. We also pause to remember with love the dear ones who have left us this year; their memory remains part of our parish story and prayer.

Let us place the past in God's hands and step forward with trust. Wishing you all blessed New Year.

Fr Rony

**ENTRANCE: *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 strains prolong? Say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song. **R.**

Come to Bethlehem and see - Him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. **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 127*

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; and the fullness of his message live within you. **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.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION: *GIFT OF GOD*

Gift of God, O Emmanuel.

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Word of mercy, word of justice:

Gift of God, O Emmanuel.

Word of prophets, word of poets:

Gift of God, O Emmanuel.

Holy Word of God made flesh. **R.**

You are bread for all who hunger:

Gift of God, O Emmanuel.

You are drink for all the thirsting:

Gift of God, O Emmanuel.

You are sacrifice and feast. **R.**

To a world that yearns for meaning:

Gift of God, O Emmanuel.

To a world of many hungers:

Gift of God, O Emmanuel.

Comes the Living Bread of Life. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *WHAT CHILD IS THIS*

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste,
haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come peasant, King, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him. **R.**

**RECESSIONAL: *LET THERE BE PEACE ON
EARTH***

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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