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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 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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year A

14 / 15 MARCH 2026

READINGS 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL John 9:1-41

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "*Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday*," expressing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. Today's readings remind us that it is God who both gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instructs us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness.

In the Gospel of John 9:1-41, we encounter the powerful story of Jesus healing the man who was born blind. At the beginning of the passage, Jesus declares, "*I am the light of the world.*" This statement becomes the key to understanding the whole story. The miracle is not only about physical sight; it is about opening the eyes of the heart.

For many years the man had lived in darkness, unable to see the world around him. When Jesus heals him, light enters his life in a new and profound way. Not only does he gain the ability to see with his eyes, but he also begins to recognize who Jesus truly is. Gradually his faith grows until he finally declares his belief in the Son of Man and worships Him.

At the same time, the Gospel shows a surprising contrast. Those who believed they could see - the religious leaders - remain spiritually blind. They question the miracle, refuse to believe the man's testimony, and close their hearts to the truth standing before them. The man who was once blind comes to see clearly, while those who claim to see remain in darkness.

This Gospel invites each of us to reflect on our own lives. Jesus continues to be the light that shines into our darkness. There are moments when we too struggle with confusion, doubt, or fear. Yet when we allow Christ to touch our lives, He opens our eyes and helps us see with faith, hope, and love.

As followers of Christ, we are also called to reflect His light to others. In our families, our parish community, and our daily encounters, small acts of kindness, compassion, and truth can become rays of God's light in the world. *Fr Rony*

Youth-Led Stations of the Cross

We are looking for young people (approximately Grade 3 and up) who would like to participate as actors in the Good Friday Youth-Led Stations of the Cross at St Catherine's at 10.00 am. We will hold a practice on Saturday 28 March at 9.00am at St Catherine's. If you have young people who are interested (or if you are a young person interested in participating), please let the Parish Office know.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Doug Peters (husband of Colleen), Doreen Williams, Tony Swanton, Katherine Ingham, Vera McNivin, Jennifer Holliday who died recently. Also Antonina (Lena) Spoto, Thomas Mathew, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Simon Tinh, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony Wong, Bob Jones, Ernie Tully, Ron Howarth, Fay Sullivan whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 17 MARCH

CRAFT GROUP

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

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

BOOK CLUB - *Screwtape Letters*

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

6.30pmm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

FRIDAY 20 MARCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9.00am, St Martin's Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7.00pm, St Bernard's Church.



ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

The Annual St Patrick's Day Mass, organised by the St Patrick's Day Parade Association, will be celebrated again this year in the **Cathedral of St Stephen**, Elizabeth Street at **10.00am** on Tuesday **17 March 2026**.

All are welcome to attend. And, for those who may be unable to do so, the Mass will be live-streamed on this link -

<https://www.youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofBrisbane>

You may wish to pass the link on to someone overseas.

And we invite you also to join your fellow attendees for morning tea afterwards in the Hanly Room.

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 25 March 2026



Departs St Catherine's Bus Stop 8am.

(Bring a hat and water to drink)

Morning Tea at Pelican Park Clontarf. Meet Tour Guide Steve, who will accompany the Group until after the Bee Gees Way Memorial area.

From 10.00 to 11.30 am Steve will guide us around the Redcliffe Peninsula for a 1.5 Hour Coach Tour.

Lunch at Captain Cook Tavern, Peninsula Fair Shopping Centre. After lunch, leave the Tavern to head to Bee Gees Way. Arrive at Bee Gees Way to check out the Memorial Displays.

Approx. 4.30 pm, arrive back at St Catherine's Wishart Bus Stop.

Likely Cost may be about \$60.00 each, depending on the numbers booking for the trip.

Booking & Lunch Selection with Ros on Ph. 33499218.

Please bring any used stamps for the St. Columban's Mission Society.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Indiana & Cooper Valzacchi, children of
Cassandra & Michael.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday morning at 9am in St Martin's Church (before the 9:30am Mass).

At St Bernard's 7pm the prayer chosen has been different each week, different themes and foci reflecting the needs of our Church and our world. Next Friday (20th March) we will use *The Mystery of the Cross: Praying the Stations with Pope Francis*. These stations draw us into encountering the multiple mysteries of the one mystery of the cross that transforms Christian living. "Those that carry Christ's cross with faith, hope and love find that it carries them."

Keep an eye on the newsletter each week for a preview of the prayer for the coming Friday.

ROMERO CENTRE APPEAL

Collection boxes are available in each Church for urgently required food goods. Please see list on box. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT

Choir practice for Easter Triduum begins on

Tuesday 17 March at

St Bernards Church at 7.00 pm.

We warmly welcome new interested singers.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Fourth Sunday of Lent

14-15 March 2026

Life was hard for **Manaini** and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code & selecting Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish .

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

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 food, many are hungry.
 Longing for water, many still thirst.
 Make us your bread, broken for others,
 shared until all are fed. *R.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Accl. Praise and honour to you, Lord
 Jesus Christ! Praise and honour to
 you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the light of the world; whoever follows me
 will have the light of life. I am the light of the
 world, the light of the world, says 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your Cross
 and Resurrection you have set us free.

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.

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.

RECESSIONAL: 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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St Catherine's
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St Martin's
Cnr Logan & Chester Rds,
Eight Mile Plains



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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

RECONCILIATION & ADORATION

Monday 23 March

6.00pm - 7.00pm - St Martin's

Tuesday 24 March

6.00pm - 7.00pm - St Martin's

Wednesday 25 March

6.00pm - 7.00pm - St Catherine's

Friday 27 March

5.30pm - 6.45pm - St Bernard's
7.00pm - Stations of the Cross - St Bernard's

CHRISM MASS

Thursday 26 March - 7.00pm - St Stephen's Cathedral

PALM SUNDAY

Celebrated at all our regular weekend Mass times

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday 2 April

8.00am - Morning Prayer - St Bernard's
7.00pm - *Mass of the Lord's Supper & Adoration* - St Bernard's
9.00pm - Night Prayer - St Bernard's

Good Friday 3 April

8.00am - Morning Prayer - St Bernard's
9.30am - Traditional Stations of the Cross - St Bernard's
10:00am - Youth-Led Stations of the Cross - St Catherine's

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

11.00am - St Martin's
1.00pm - St Catherine's
3.00pm - St Bernard's

Holy Saturday - 4 April

8.00am - Morning Prayer - St Bernard's
6.30pm - *Easter Vigil* - St Bernard's

Easter Sunday - 5 April

6:30am - Mass - St Bernard's
7:30am - Mass - St Martin's
8:30am - Mass - St Catherine's
9:30am - Mass - St Bernard's



Join a Principal Tour at St Catherine's!

Register Now for an
upcoming Principal Tour!



Thursday 26 March, 9:30am
Wednesday 22 April, 9:30am

Come see our:

- Prep classrooms in action
 - explore our fantastic facilities
- Learn about our:
- Extra-curricular activities
 - Instrumental program
 - Technology Program!



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year A

21 / 22 MARCH 2026

READINGS

Ezekiel 37:12-14 *I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

Romans 8:8-11 *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

GOSPEL

John 11:1-45 *I am the resurrection and the life.*