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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.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year A

21 / 22 MARCH 2026

READINGS Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11

GOSPEL John 11:1-45

Dear parishioners,

If I am asked what I admire most about our parish, our choir would certainly be among the first. They are a true blessing, and through their dedication, prayerful spirit, and beautiful music, they lift our hearts to God. We are deeply grateful for their ministry.

There is a culture in our parish to appreciate our choir at the end of recessional hymn with an applause. I want to bring a gentle correction to you regarding this. I have received concerns about this matter several times, and I have been unsure how to communicate it without causing hurt. Last week, I also received a concern from members of the choir, who reminded me that their role is a ministry to help the community worship God. They shared that applause could make it feel like a performance rather than a prayerful service.

For this reason, I felt it was the right time to speak to the parish about it. Please do not see this as discouraging your good intentions, but as a way of highlighting the importance and reverence of our worship.

The Church reminds us that the choir's role is a ministry of service, helping the whole community to pray and worship God. Their music is offered to the Lord. For this reason, I kindly request everyone to refrain from clapping at the end of Mass. The most meaningful "thank you" we can give our choir is to join them in singing, to pray with full hearts, and to continue supporting their ministry. Your personal words of thanks will encourage them and show your happiness. I will make sure, they are well acknowledged and thanked, especially on special occasions.

Thank you for your understanding, your reverence, and your love for our parish liturgy. May our worship always draw us closer to Christ and to one another.

Fr Rony

CFCA Youth for Christ (YFCA)

Welcome Session

Saturday 28 March, 2:00pm - 4:30pm
@ St Catherine's Parish Hall

Parents are welcome! Join us for a look into what your kids experience at YFCA. While the youth enjoy their own fun activities, the parents will get an overview of the program, meet the leaders, and discover simple ways to support your youth's growing faith.



Scan QR Code
to Register!

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Doug Peters, Patricia Shaw, Doreen Williams who died recently. Also Maria Brandso, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Simon Tinh, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Keith Pattinson, Iris Lindner, Molly Armstrong, Neville Johnson whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Monday 23 March

FUNERAL

11.00am, Doug Peters, GHM Newnham Rd Chapel.

Tuesday 24 March

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Friday 27 March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9.00am, St Martin's Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7.00pm, St Bernard's Church.



BAPTISMS
We congratulate
Stella Limos, daughter of Roland & Kristine.
She will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.



Archbishop Shane Mackinlay invites you to the annual
CHRISM MASS
Cathedral of St Stephen
Thursday 26th March 2026
7:00pm
A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
The undercover carpark will be available from 6:00pm



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.

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-7.00 - St Catherine's

Friday 27 March: 5.30pm - 6.45pm - St Bernard's
7.00pm - Stations of the Cross - St Bernard's

PALM SUNDAY

Celebrated at all our regular weekend Mass times

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday 2 April

7.00am: **No Mass**

8.00am: Morning Prayer - St Bernard's

7.00pm: *Mass of the Lord's Supper* - 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 - St Bernard's

10:00am: Youth Stations - 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

This Friday night we will have Adoration and Reconciliation in St Bernard's Church from 5:30 to 6:45. Stations of the Cross will begin at roughly 7pm. If we are able, we will walk down to Clairvaux MacKillop College together to follow their First Nations inspired stations (after it was rained out two weeks ago). If weather conditions are challenging we will instead pray the Eucharistic Stations of the Cross in the church.

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.

ENTRANCE: HOLY DARKNESS

*Holy darkness, blessed night,
heaven's answer hidden from our sight.
As we await you, O God of silence,
we embrace your holy night.*

I have tried you in fires of affliction;
I have taught your soul to grieve.
In the barren soil of your loneliness
there I will plant my seed. **R.**

I have taught you the price of compassion;
you have stood before the grave.
Though my love can seem like a raging storm,
this is the love that saves. **R.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 129

*With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of
redemption.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

I am the resurrection, I am the resurrection and
the life: whoever believes in me will not die
forever. **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: UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

*Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain with no life.*

If we have died with him then we shall live with
him; if we hold firm we shall reign with him. **R.**

If anyone serves me then they must follow me;
wherever I am my servants will be. **R.**

Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit. **R.**

If you remain in me and my word lives in you;
then you will be my disciples. **R.**

Those who love me are love by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them. **R.**

RECESSIONAL: FROM ASHES TO THE LIVING FONT

From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
baptised in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.

Through fasting, prayer, and charity
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.

Our graves split open, bring us back,
your promise to proclaim;
to darkened tombs call our, "Arise!"
and glorify your name.

Youth-Led Stations of the Cross

We are looking for young people (approx. 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 Catherines. If you have young people who are interested (or if you are a young person interested in participating), please let the Parish Office know.

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MASS CENTRES

St Bernard's
4 Klumpp Rd,
Upper Mt Gravatt



St Catherine's
388 Newnham Rd, Wishart



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



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Upper Mt Gravatt
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St Catherine's School
Principal: Paul Mitchell
388 Newnham Rd, Wishart
Phone: 3349 7188

Clairvaux MacKillop College
Principal: Wayne Chapman
24 Klumpp Rd,
Upper Mt Gravatt
Phone: 3347 9200

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

Our Parish Sacramental Program for the year 2026 is now open. Families who wish their children (grade 3 and above) to receive Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation or First Holy Communion are warmly invited to register.

The workshops will be on Wednesday evenings and begin with a Parent Information evening in June. Family workshops will be in June, July and August (not in school holidays) with Confirmation celebrated on the evening of Friday 7th August and First Holy Communion celebrated in the morning on Saturday 8th August.

For further information and enrolment details, please contact the Parish Office on 3849 7158 or via email sec.umg@bne.catholic.net.au. We look forward to journeying with you in faith during the coming year.



Fifth Sunday of Lent 21-22 March 2026

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.



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.*

St Catherine's Primary

Open Day

28 April | Wishart
9 am

Discover our school
BCE Open Week



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!



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

28 / 29 MARCH 2026

READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-7
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Philippians 2:6-11

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will be ashamed.

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14-27:66 *The passion our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*