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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.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Year A

7 / 8 MARCH 2026

READINGS Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

GOSPEL John 4:5-42

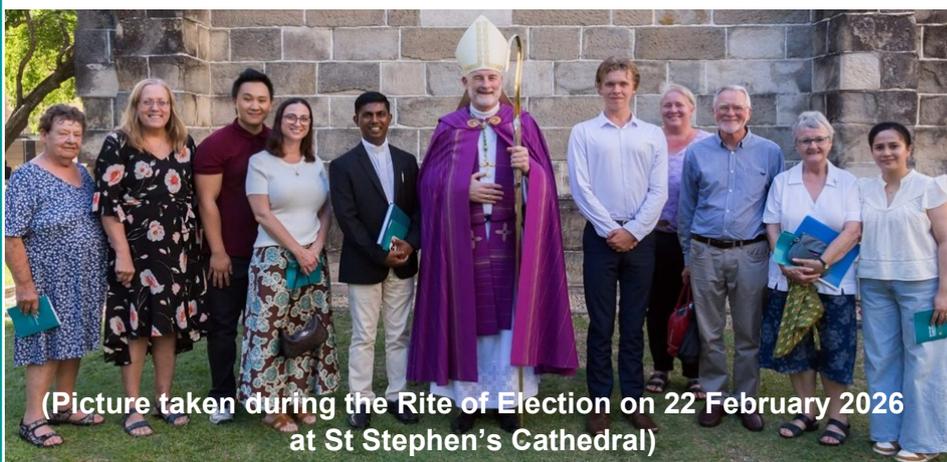
Scripture speaks of *living water* - the Holy Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism, renewing us and satisfying our deepest thirst. Through the Spirit, the Word, and the Sacraments, we continue to draw from this ever-flowing grace.

The Gospels of the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent- the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and Lazarus have been part of the Church's Lenten journey since the fourth century. These powerful stories were chosen because each reveals a life changed by meeting Christ: living water offered, new sight given, and new life restored. They show Jesus as the One who refreshes, enlightens, and raises us up.

These weeks are especially meaningful for our parish as we accompany our RCIA candidates and catechumens toward Easter. In the Scrutinies - ancient rites of prayer and blessing - the Elect open their hearts to God's healing and strength. And as we witness their journey, we are invited to reflect on our own, remembering that Christ continues to transform us too.

As Easter approaches, how might we renew our own "yes" to Christ?

Fr Rony



(Picture taken during the Rite of Election on 22 February 2026
at St Stephen's Cathedral)

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 Tony Swanton (cousin of Margaret Paulsen), Katherine Ingham, Vera McNiven, Jennifer Holliday who died recently. Also Alexia and Ken Wilson, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Simon Tinh, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony Wong, Glenva Haigh, Alan Druery, Jack McLaughlin, Margaret Toth, Vince and Eileen Corbett, Jerry Stephens, Phyllis Condon, Will van Dalen, June McMaha whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

TUESDAY 10 MARCH

CRAFT GROUP

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

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

BOOK CLUB - Screwtape Letters

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

6.30pmm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

FRIDAY 13 MARCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9.00am, St Martin's Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7.00pm, Clairvaux MacKillop College.


BAPTISMS
We congratulate
Paxton Howard son of Rhys & Amelia.
He will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

ROMERO CENTRE APPEAL

Collection boxes are available in each Church for urgently required food goods. Please see list.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST CATHERINE'S

SUNDAY 15 MARCH, 8.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

The Stations this Friday night at 7pm will be at Clairvaux MacKillop College (not at St Bernard's Church). This is the second year CMC has hosted these First Nations inspired Stations with us.

Please meet in the drop off/pick up zone of the main carpark area. If you enter from the St Bernard's entrance, drive along the front past the Admin Office to the carpark.

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

Parish RAP Group Morning Tea Event

The Parish Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Group welcomes you to join us for morning tea as we discuss the novel 'The Yield' by First Nations author Tara Winch (2020 Miles Franklin Award winner). The story of a young Wiradjuri woman returning home to family.

We will meet at **11am on Sunday, 19 April** in the **St Bernard's Community Centre**. Please **RSVP** to Louise by **Wednesday, 15 April** at

lobell1770@gmail.com.



Third Sunday of Lent

7-8 March 2026

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes

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: COME TO THE WATER
*Come to the water, you who are thirsty!
Though you have nothing, I bid you come and
be filled with the goodness I have to offer!
Come! Listen! Live!*

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
the emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
goodness and peace in your heart! **R.**

Just as the heavens are high above earth, my
ways and thoughts beyond you!
Call me your Father and know I am near!
I will be Father to you! **R.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 94
*If today you hear his voice, harden not your
hearts.*

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

Lord, you are truly the Saviour truly the
Saviour of the world; give me living water, that
I may never thirst again. **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: TABLE OF PLENTY
*Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.*

O, come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. **R.**
O, come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life. **R.**

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe,
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. **R.**

RECESSIONAL: THE DEEPER RIVER
There's a river running deep
within the silence of our souls
where the quenching,
healing waters carve their art.
At its source a spring of living water
surging and sustained it's the voice of Jesus
waiting for the listening of our hearts.

*When the living waters flow in us,
when the living waters flow again,
they will carry us, they will wash us down,
they will quench our thirst again.*

Hear the call to thirsty people,
there's no need to thirst again.
To the weary, come beside still waters lie.
Full of goodness, full of mercy,
our cup will overflow,
when the call of that deep river is a voice
we've come to know. **R.**

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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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St Catherine's School
Principal: Paul Mitchell
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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

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

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year A

14 / 15 MARCH 2026

READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 *In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.*

Ephesians 5:8-14 *Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.