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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.*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

16 / 17 May 2026

READINGS Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23

GOSPEL Matthew 28:16-20

This Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Though this event is a quiet yet powerful ending to the Gospel of Matthew. The disciples go to a mountain, and even there, in the place where Jesus has promised to meet them, some still doubt. It is very explicit that faith is not always strong and perfect among the people. Sometimes we come not only with love, but also with fear, questions, and weakness. Jesus does not turn away from them, but He comes close to them.

He speaks words that are full of comfort and authority: all power belongs to Him, and yet He uses that power not to crush them, but to send. He gives a mission to ordinary people. He asks them to go, to teach, to baptize, and to share what they have received. This shows us that God works through imperfect hearts. He does not wait for us to be flawless before He calls us.

The most beautiful part is His promise: "I am with you always." That is the heart of this passage. Jesus does not send His followers alone. He goes before them, walks beside them, and stays with them until the end. In every hard day, every quiet prayer, every act of kindness, His presence always remains.

This passage is a gentle reminder that our lives also have purpose. We are not abandoned, and we are not insignificant. We are loved, called, and accompanied by Christ himself. When we realise this truth, it will steady the heart and fill it with hope. As we lift our eyes to heaven, let us also step forward in faith to witness to Christ and make disciples.

Fr Arun

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

WALK WITH JESUS

Procession begins at

2PM SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026

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ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

The Archdiocese of Brisbane Annual Mass Attendance Count continues **this weekend 16/17 May.**

We encourage you to attend Mass each weekend during this period as this will assist us in understanding how many people are being reached in our local communities and across the Archdiocese.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Libby McCarthy, Fr Jobin Kulathumkal, Connie Susilawati, Beverley Geldart, Patricia Crozier (Cousin of Beth McDonnell), Bridie Geraghty, Christopher Phelan, Rod Cochrane who died recently. Also Dione Ursula Rodrigues, John Manning, Maelisa Hartley, Peter Quinn, Peter Craven, Joseph Hien Pham, Maria Thoa Nguyen, Matthew Hansen, Albert & Iris Dodd, Tom Begg, Simon Tinh, Darrel Petersen, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony Wong, Coral Mangano, Lou Musser, Kath Robinson, Georgia Gregg, Edna McGowan, Pau La Caze, Stephanie Daly whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Monday 18 May

FUNERAL

10.30am, Beverley Geldart, St Bernard's Church.

Tuesday 19 May

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 20 May

AGED CARE MASS

9.00am, Tricare, Terrigal Lodge, Mt Gravatt

FUNERAL

11.00am, Rod Cochrane, St Martin's Church.

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

1.00pm, St Martin's Church.


SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP MEETING


7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Thursday 21 May

AGED CARE MASS

9.30am, Tricare, Somerfield St, Upper Mt Gravatt.


BAPTISMS
We congratulate
Oliver Spek, son of Benjamin & Larissa;
Biela Hiyas, daughter of Bievendo & Gracela.
They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.


ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP
Wednesday 27 May 2026
Departs St Catherine's Bus Stop 7.45am.
St Catherine's Seniors Coach Trip is to Trevena Glen Farm at Mt Samson. Due to the tour arrangements at the farm we have an early departure of **7.45am** from St. Catherine's Bus Stop. We can't wait for any later arrivals!
Morning tea will be at the farm to fit in with the tours. BYO morning tea. Tea/coffee, sugar and milk provided. We hope to arrive at the farm at 9.15am and depart at 11.40am for lunch and raffles at the Ferny Grove Tavern at 12.15pm. We expect to return to St Catherine's Bus Stop before 4.30pm.
Cost approximately \$70 to \$75 each plus a diesel fuel levy, the amount won't be known until the week of departure so please allow some change to pay for this. Booking and lunch selection with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218.
Please bring any used stamps along for the St. Columban's Mission Society.

ENTRANCE: A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING!

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia, alleluia!
and with the virgin mother see
their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 46

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare
of trumpets for the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with
you, with you always until the end of the world.
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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION: *BREAD OF LIFE*

*Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.*

As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life, we remember your
promise to return again. **R.**

The bread we break and share was scattered
once as grain; just as now it is gathered, make
your people one. **R.**

We eat this living bread, we drink this saving
cup: sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. **R.**

Hold us in unity, in love for all to see:
that the world may believe in you, God of all
who live. **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.

RECESSIONAL: *GO NOW, YOU ARE SENT FORTH*

Go now, you are sent forth to live what you
proclaim; to show the world you follow Christ in
fact, not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth to walk this troubled
earth, to share your faith with ev'ryone and
prove your real worth.

Go now, you are sent forth as God's
ambassador; by serving him in those we meet,
we love him more and more.

Go now, you are sent forth and Christ goes with
you, too. Today you help his kingdom come in
ev'rything you do.

INSTALLATION MASS OF FR FRANCIS FERNANDES

Our former Associate Pastor, **Fr Francis Fer-**
nandes, will be installed as the Parish Priest of
Daisy Hill Parish by **Archbishop Shane Mackin-**
lay on **WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE at 6.30 PM** .

If you are planning to attend, **please inform our**
Parish Office (3849 7158). Numbers are required
for catering purposes.

Prayer to End Domestic and Family Violence (Light a candle and pray)

Loving and Just God,

Our hands are Yours, so let us not shy away from
reaching out to those in need of practical support.

Our feet are Yours, so let us not walk away from
those in need of community and belonging as they
bravely step out of violent relationships.

Our eyes are Yours, so let us not be blind to those
that try to cover up the abuse out of fear or shame.

Our ears are Yours, so let us not be deaf to the
roaring cry that enough is enough... it is time to end
domestic and family violence once and for all.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.

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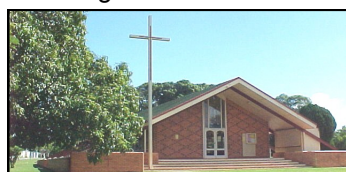
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SCHOOLS

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388 Newnham Rd, Wishart
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Principal: Wayne Chapman
24 Klumpp Rd,
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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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

Our Parish Sacramental Program for this year is still open. Parents, please register your children in Grade 3 and above for Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.

Workshops will be held on Wednesday evenings at the Aspinall Centre, beginning with a Parent Information Night in June. Parent-child workshops will run in June, July, and August (not during school holidays).

PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DATES:

Parents info Night - Wednesday, 3 June at 7 pm
Baptism Workshop - Wednesday, 10 June at 6.15 pm
Reconciliation workshop - Wednesday 24 June at 6.15 pm
Eucharist Workshop - Wednesday 15 July at 6.15 pm
Confirmation Workshop - Wednesday 29 July at 6.15 pm
Confirmation practice - 5 August at 6 pm (St Bernard's Church)
Confirmation - Friday 7 August (Time TBC)
First Communion - Saturday 8 August (Time TBC)

For further information please contact the Parish Office on 3849 7158 or via email sec.umg@bne.catholic.net.au

National Reconciliation Week

Parishioners are invited to attend a National Reconciliation Week Eucharist Liturgy on Thursday, 28 May at 6.30pm in St Bernard's Church. Spend time to reflect, pray and open our hearts to justice for First Nations People during this special week. Stay for tea and coffee following the liturgy.

On **17 May**, we celebrate **World Communications Day**. This year marks the **60th World Communications Day**, with the theme "**Preserving human voices and faces.**" Inspired by Pope Leo's concerns about the growing influence of artificial intelligence, this theme reminds us of the need to protect authentic human connection, empathy, and ethical communication in a rapidly changing digital world. It is a call to use technology wisely, ensuring that our communication always reflects the dignity and humanity of every person. Pope Leo says- "Faces and voices are sacred. God, who created us in his image and likeness, gave them to us when he called us to life through the Word he addressed to us. This Word resounded down the centuries through the voices of the prophets and then became flesh in the fullness of time. We too have heard and seen this Word (cf. *1 Jn 1:1-3*) - in which God communicates his very self to us - because it has been made known to us in the voice and face of Jesus, the Son of God."

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** (May 17-24) reminds us of Jesus' deep desire "*that they may all be one*" - a unity that helps the world believe. Each year, Christians across the globe come together in shared prayer, worship, and fellowship, showing that our faith is stronger when we stand together. This week is a simple but powerful call to unity, gratitude, and hope. We will be marking this observance together — please join the prayer service at St Stephen's Cathedral on Tuesday, 19 May 2026, at 11 am.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

23/24 May 2026

READINGS

Acts 2: 1-11 *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 *In the one Spirit we were all baptised making one body.*

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23 *As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*