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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 EASTER

2 / 3 May 2026

READINGS Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9

GOSPEL John 14:1-12



The readings of the Fifth Sunday of Easter invite us into a deeper trust in Christ and a clearer understanding of what it means to be his Church.

The Gospel (John 14:1-12) presents the conversation between Jesus and His disciples. The dialogue left the disciples troubled, confused and worried. Even in the most difficult times, Jesus consoles and comforts them, saying: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

Jesus doesn't let his disciples stray from the Father and Him but rather Jesus does usher us to our destiny. The only thing we need to do is to trust Him completely and need to place all our confidence in Him. When Jesus told his disciples that He is going ahead to prepare a place for them, no one dared to ask him, where is he going? But only Thomas dared to ask: Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way? I personally presume that it is not only the question of Thomas but also every one of us as we live in confusion.

Often confusion drives us far from God and difficult to comprehend the plans of God that He has for each of us. God is Present in all of us. He reveals himself in a tangible way in the Holy Eucharist.

Let us reflect: what is my relationship with God? Do I trust Him? Do I truly believe that Jesus is leading me with love? Do I seek Him as a living Person? And am I willing to let my life become a channel of His work?

May this Sunday, help us to understand that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen.

Fr Arun

ANNUAL MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

The Archdiocese of Brisbane Annual Mass Attendance Count **starts this weekend 2/3 May** and continues on 9/10 May, 16/17 May & 23/24 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 Noel Griffin, Bernard Bransgrove, Ray Milley, Maria Thoa Nguyen, Matthew Hanson who died recently. Also Raymond Coglean, Laura Sim, Joseph Huong, Maria Bac, Albert & Iris Dodd, Tom Begg, Darrel Petersen, Simon Tinh, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony Wong, Carmel Dwyer, John Dwyer, Kathleen Dwyer, Ted Hehir, Peter Doniger, Sandy Bertolone, John Vaughan, Jan Parker, Fay Williams, Kylie Beutel whom we remember.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY

The Parish Office will be **closed** on **Monday 4 May**. For **emergencies**, please call 3849 7158 and leave a short message with your name & phone number.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 5 May

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Thursday 7 May

FUNERAL

10.30am, Noel Griffin, St Bernard's Church.

Friday 8 May

FUNERAL

11.00am, Bernard Bransgrove, St Bernard's Church.

INSTALLATION MASS OF FR FRANCIS FERNANDES

Our former Associate Pastor, **Fr Francis Fernandes**, will be installed as the Parish Priest of **Daisy Hill Parish** by **Archbishop Shane Mackinlay** on **Monday, 10 June at 6.30 pm**. Fr Francis warmly invites our parish community to join him for this special moment in his priestly ministry.

If you are planning to attend, please inform our **Parish Office** (07 3849 7158). Daisy Hill Parish has requested approximate numbers for catering purposes.

Address: St Edward Catholic Church, 104 Chatswood Road, Daisy Hill.

Let us keep Fr Francis in our prayers, that his shepherding may be ever more fruitful and filled with God's grace.

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 Glen Trevena 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.

ENTRANCE: *CELTIC ALLELUIA*

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Father we praise you as Lord,
all of the earth gives you worship,
for your majesty fills the heavens,
fills the earth. **R.**

You are the Christ everlasting,
born for us all of a Virgin,
you have conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers. **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 32

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except except through me. **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: LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You are our bread, broken and shared.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

Yours are the words of life.

Our fathers ate, yet their hunger remained.
Their hearts were not satisfied. **R.**

O Lord, you feed us with the finest of wheat,
our pledge of eternal life. **R.**

The bread you give is the living bread,
your flesh for the life of the world. **R.**

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my steps,
a light for my path of life. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: A TRUSTING PSALM

*Lord, let your mercy be on us
as we place our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithfulness and love.
His love can never be measured.
His beauty is like nothing we have ever seen,
so let us place our trust in him. **R.**

The word of the Lord means a patient,
gentle God.

His love can never grow weary.

His mercy is as though our sins
have never been,

if we can place our trust in him. **R.**

RECESSIONAL: 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.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. **R.**

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

Loving and Just God,

As we cry out for an end to the suffering of the
innocent, You cry with us.

As we cry out in righteous anger against violence of
all kinds, You cry with us.

As we cry out in frustration that cultural change is
happening far too slowly, You cry with us.

While it may feel like it at times, we are not crying out
alone, we are not crying out in vain... Our cries are
Your cries too. As You blend Your voice with ours
lend us Your strength too, so that we may continue to
do what it takes to put an end domestic and family
violence.

Lend us Your strength, so we can continue to
challenge harmful behaviours, misuses of power and
authority, misconceptions, and misinformation.

Lend us Your courage, so we can continue to bring to
light the reality of who is impacted, and how
widespread domestic and family violence is.

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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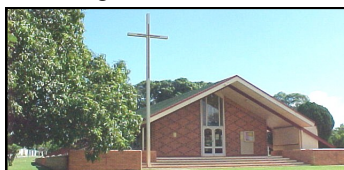
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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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

Marriage Encounter Notices

"The Vow" Mini Retreat - All couples welcome.

- **Date and Time:** Saturday 30th May 2026 from 9am to 12:30pm
- **Venue:** St Oliver Plunkett Church Hall, 21 Beauvardia St, Cannon Hill.
- **RSVP to:** Cathy and Vince Agius - vinceandcathywwme@gmail.com

Marriage Encounter Live Out Retreat is traditionally a weekend away, offering married couples, a special kind of "time out", a different kind of "weekend get-away".

- **Date:** Saturday 4th to Sunday 5th July 2026
- **Venue:** Our Lady of The Southern Cross Parish, Springfield Lakes.

Bookings & Enquiries contact: Joseph and Lisha Deseam on 0481 307 821 or email qldbookings@wwme.org.au or go to the web site www.wwme.org.au

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

The Queensland Government has designated May as Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. Many may not realise how widespread this issue is in Australia. In the first three months of this year alone, 14 women and 5 children have tragically lost their lives due to domestic or family violence. In 2025, more than 22,000 Domestic Violence Orders (DVOs) were issued across the state. As we observe this month, let us hold in prayer all who carry the wounds of violence—may God bring healing, protection, and hope. And may hearts that choose violence be transformed toward peace, respect, and compassion.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9/10 May 2026

READINGS

Acts 8:5-8,14-17 *They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

1 Peter 3:15-18 *In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21 *I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*