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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 7.30am Holy Adoration
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.*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 / 12 July 2026

READINGS Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8: 18-23

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings remind us that God's Word has the power to change our lives when we read it, listen to it, and try to live it each day. They also teach us not to be discouraged when we don't see quick results. God works quietly and patiently, and our mission is simply to keep sharing His message with hope and trust.

In the Gospel, the parable of the Sower shows that God is always speaking to us. The real question is whether our hearts are ready to receive His Word. Jesus teaches that the fruitfulness of God's message depends on the condition of our heart — whether it is open, willing, and ready to grow.

We need to keep the soil of our hearts ready for God's Word.

First, we keep our hearts open instead of closing them with pride, fear, prejudice, or laziness. Second, we ask God to remove anything that blocks His Word — worries, anxiety, hatred, jealousy, or unconfessed sins. Third, we pull out the weeds in our lives: bad habits, addictions, anger, greed, and anything that leads us away from God. Fourth, we try not to let the pressures of life — stress, ambition, or the desire for success — choke the message God wants to plant in us. Finally, we keep our hearts fertile through prayer, daily repentance, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Holy Eucharist. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we ask Him to change us so we can see Him in others and share His love, mercy, and forgiveness.

PARISH MULTICULTURAL DAY



Our parish is blessed with a rich and vibrant multicultural community, a true reflection of God's diverse creation. Each person brings a unique story, heritage, and faith experience, and it is a joy to celebrate this diversity together.

This year, we are pleased to resume our Multicultural Day. Please mark your calendar: **Sunday, 18 October 2026 at 10.00am, at St Bernard's Church**, beginning with Mass and followed by morning tea featuring dishes from various cultures.

From this weekend, you will find sheets at the church doors listing various countries. We kindly ask you to indicate your nationality and write your contact details next to it, so we can recognise the many cultures represented in our parish and include as many as possible in our liturgy and celebrations. If your country is not listed, please add it along with your contact details. Your participation will greatly assist the organising committee as we prepare for this special day.

Please continue to follow the parish newsletters for further details.

Fr Rony

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Ed Manzi, Patrick O'Sullivan, Fr Patrick McKenna, Aelred Murphy recently deceased. Also Anthony Albrecht, Joan Larkin, Patricia Milley, Monica Benedick, Theodore Jovellanos, Joseph Jacques, Tom Begg, Joseph Hien Pham, Simon Tinh, Darrel Petersen, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony Wong, Michael, Manuela, Santo, Rodolfo & Luisa Cassarino, Charles & Caterina Doyle, Filomena Portlock, Robert & Natalina Woods, Josephine Hanmore, Fred & Maria Manson, Jim & Mary-Clare Michie, Tanya Walker, Harriet Beane, William, May, Elizabeth, Bill, Norine, Bill, Katharine, John & Pat Ingham, Ted & Doris Humphreys, Joy Womack, Gloria Jolly, Ron & Linda Scantlebury, Joseph & Margareta Szpaczek, Dot Gallop, Trevor Jones, Anne Szpaczek, Trevor & Daphne List, Gerardina & Eddie Manzi & Relatives & Friends of the Woods & Ingham Families whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 14 July

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 15 July

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

10.00am, St Martin's Church.

SAVE THE DATE

Holy Adoration: every Thursday 7.30 am to 8.30 am starting on 16 July.

Anointing Mass: 31 July, 9.30 am - St Martin's Church.

PARISH BUDGET 2026

Attached is a fund statement for 2025 which again displays the strong sense of support and ownership by our Parishioners through our collections and planned giving. This much appreciated financial support has funded our pastoral services and future capital works. Thank you all sincerely for your continued contributions. Parish Finance Council

INCOME		
	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
Collections & Giving	\$ 425,775.00	\$ 430,000.00
Liturgy Offerings	\$ 18,049.00	\$ 15,200.00
Rent	\$ 108,490.00	\$ 112,556.00
Ministry & Evangelisation	\$ 30,508.00	\$ 21,000.00
Operating Activities	\$ 398,329.00	\$ 376,500.00
Other Income	\$ 79,844.00	\$ 82,000.00
Total	\$ 1,060,995.00	\$1,037,256.00
EXPENDITURE		
	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
Office	\$ 27,099.00	\$ 25,650.00
Property & Occupancy	\$ 288,765.00	\$ 249,950.00
Liturgy	\$ 13,793.00	\$ 15,150.00
Ministry & Evangelisation	\$ 5,072.00	\$ 5,200.00
Clergy	\$ 105,117.00	\$ 102,500.00
Motor Vehicle	\$ 12,646.00	\$ 14,000.00
Staff	\$ 236,782.00	\$ 243,550.00
Diocesan Levies	\$ 72,856.00	\$ 76,638.00
Other Expenses	\$ 24,289.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$ 786,419.00	\$ 733,638.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 274,576.00	\$ 303,618.00

ENTRANCE: *YOUR WORDS ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE*

*Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:
Richer than gold, stronger than death.
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;
Life everlasting.*

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul,
reviving the weary spirit.

God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom,
bringing God's wisdom to birth. **R.**

God's precepts keep us; their purpose is right.
they gladden the hearts of people.

God's command is so clear it brings us new
vision; bringing God's light to our eyes. **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: 64

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a
fruitful harvest.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the
sower; all who come to him will live forever. The
seed is the word of God. **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: *SEED, SCATTERED AND SOWN*

*Seed scattered and sown, wheat, gathered and
grown, bread, broken and shared as one,
the Living Bread of God.*

*Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands,
one cup that is shared by all; the Living Cup,
the Living Bread of God.*

Is not the bread we break a sharing in our
Lord?

Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ
outpoured? **R.**

The seed which falls on rock will wither and will
die.

The seed within good ground will flower and
have life. **R.**

As wheat upon the hills was gathered and was
grown.

So may the Church of God be gathered into
one. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *OPEN MY EYES*

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your
face. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your
voice. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like
you. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you, deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.

RECESSIONAL: *BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM*

You are a seed of the Word, O people:

Bring forth the Kingdom of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,

Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;

Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,

Bring forth the City of God!

We are blest and a pilgrim people:

Bound for the Kingdom of God!

Love our journey and love our homeland:

Second Sunday of July celebrates Seafarers Sunday



A day when the Church prays
for and supports the men and
women who work at sea, rec-
ognising their hard work, long

absences from family, and
the challenges they face. On this day, we also hon-
our the mission of **Stella Maris**, which provides care
and pastoral support to seafarers around the world.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Thank you to everyone who let us know about joining
or stepping out of the Planned Giving envelopes for
other modes of offering. We've also received enquiries
about the new envelopes. Please keep an eye on the
parish newsletter for updates on when they will be
available.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Arya & Leroy Bahrs, children of Erin;

Liliana Hopkins, daughter of Harley & Natasha.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ST CATHERINE'S

SUNDAY 19 JULY, 8.30am Mass

Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

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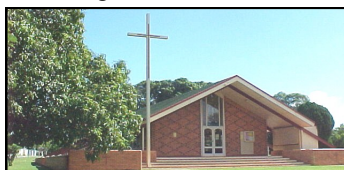
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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 22 July 2026

Departs St Catherine's Bus Stop 8.00am.



St Catherine's Seniors are visiting Maleny Township. Leaving St Catherine's Bus Stop for Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve Park for Morning Tea. Bring your own eats for Morning Tea. Coffee/Tea/sugar/milk are provided.

Heading next to Maleny where you are free to investigate Ice Creams, shopping, photos, and visiting the Main Street area.

Returning from Maleny, we'll have a Christmas in July themed lunch at Glasshouse Mountains RSL Club. After lunch, we'll draw the Raffles before starting on the homewards journey. We are planning on visiting a Fruit Stall on the way home. Possible arrival time home at 4.30 to 4.45 pm.

Passenger cost likely to be about \$70.00. Possible fuel levy may still apply. Bookings are with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218.

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

ANNUAL UMGW PARISH ROMERO CENTRE PANTRY APPEAL

The Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish Social Justice Group are seeking assistance to help with goods for the Romero Centre. The Centre assists refugees and asylum seekers within our community. Goods needed: full cream longlife milk, rice, cooking oil, tea, coffee, laundry powder, nappies, non perishable pantry items, toiletry items, Coles, Woolworths vouchers, GoCards Please place items in boxes in churches until 2/08/2026.

Book Club

Our study of Pope Leo's first Encyclical has been running for three weeks. If you would still like to join, you are most welcome. We meet every Thursday at **6:30 pm** at the **St Bernard's Church Community Centre**. For more information, please email Louise at lobell1770@mail.com.

RCIA PROCESS

The 2026-27 RCIA program is now open. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or completing your Sacraments, please speak with one of the priests, a Mass Coordinator, or contact the parish office. We will guide you through each step of the process.



LUMINOUS Lantern Parade

At the centre of Queensland Multi-cultural Month celebrations is the LUMINOUS Lantern Parade, where thousands gather at South Bank to walk together through the parklands carrying lanterns that reflect their culture, stories and hopes for the future. Community organisations, sporting clubs and schools march with their banners, with cultural performers filling the evening with music and dance. **When:** Friday 31 July | 5:30pm (parade from 6pm) **Where:** South Bank **To register,** email: beache@bne.catholic.net.au

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 / 19 July 2026

READINGS

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 *In the place of sin, you give repentance..*

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.