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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.*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 / 19 July 2026

READINGS Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Romans 8:26-27

GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-43

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St. Paul, in his letter to Romans (Rom 8:26-27) says, never to underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul beautifully assures us that "the Spirit helps us in our weakness." There are moments in life when we feel lost, discouraged, or unable to find the right words to pray. At such times, it is the Holy Spirit who intercedes for us, praying from the depths of our hearts according to the will of God. The Spirit knows our innermost thoughts, our struggles, and our deepest desires even before we express them.

St. Paul challenges us to look beyond our human limitations and to recognize the active presence of God within us. This truth takes us back to the very beginning of creation. The Book of Genesis tells us that God "breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." Every breath we take is a reminder that our life is a gift sustained by God's own Spirit. Yet, how often do we pause to acknowledge this divine presence within us?

Sadly, for many of us, the Spirit of God remains in a passive state. We have received the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation, but daily worries, distractions, and sin often dim the flame of faith. Just as a lamp requires fresh oil to keep its flame burning brightly, our spiritual lives need constant renewal through prayer, the Word of God, the Eucharist, and a life of holiness. When we nourish our relationship with God, the Holy Spirit becomes active once again, filling us with wisdom, courage, peace, and love.

Let us not ignore or underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit. Instead, let us invite the Spirit each day to renew our hearts, strengthen our faith, and guide every step of our journey. A life led by the Spirit is a life filled with hope, purpose, and the transforming presence of God. **Fr Arun**

PARISH MULTICULTURAL DAY

We warmly invite you to save the date for our Parish Multicultural Day, to be celebrated on Sunday, 18 October 2026, beginning with the 10.00 am Holy Mass at St Bernard's Church, followed by a shared morning tea featuring food and refreshments from around the world.

Please tick your country's name on the list available in our churches and write your name and contact details beside it. If your country is not listed, please feel free to add it.

We are also looking for representatives from each country to help participate in the Mass and coordinate a contribution for the multicultural morning tea. If you would like to be involved, please send your contact details to Pauline Thomas at pa.umg@bne.catholic.net.au.

Your support and participation will help make this a joyful celebration of our unity in Christ through the richness of our many cultures. Please continue to follow the parish newsletter for further updates and details.

We look forward to celebrating this special day together!

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Robert Dieckmann (cousin of Maree Albrecht), Cherylyn Tempero, Edgar "Ross" Montgomery, Ed Manzi recently deceased. Also Robby McCormick, Anthony Nhon Ngo, Tom Begg, Joseph Hien Pham, Simon Tinh, Darrel Petersen, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony Wong, Rex & Brian Tully, Maud & Jack Tully, George & Ida Tully, Olga Faustini whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 21 July

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

FUNERAL MASS

10.30am, Cherylyn Tempera, St Bernard's Church.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 22 July

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

10.00am, St Martin's Church.

Friday 24 July

MEMORIAL MASS

11.00am, Ross Montgomery, St Bernard's Church.

SAVE THE DATE

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

CLERGY CONVOCATION

The **Archdiocese of Brisbane Clergy Convocation 2026** will take place from **22 July at 9:00 am** until **23 July at 4:00 pm** at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. Our priests will be away during these days, but **there will be no changes to the parish Mass schedule.**

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

ENTRANCE: *GATHER US IN*

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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: 85

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth; you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom. **Accl.**

APOSTLES 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 BROKEN, WINE SHARED*

Bread broken, wine shared; Jesus, here, taking our lives, opening our hearts, making us whole, setting our loving free.

Take all our dreams, all that we are, all we could ever be.

Lord of all life, we want to be Yours, we take Bread and eat. **Ch.**

Open our minds, open our hearts, let love set us free within.

Lord of all life, we want to be Yours, we pour wine and drink. **Ch.**

Make us alive, filled with Your hope, living what's really true.

Lord of all life, we want to be Yours, we know this is You. **Ch.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *BLESS THE LORD*

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

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.**

FEAST DAYS

July 22 Wednesday - St Mary Magdelene

July 25 Saturday - St James, Apostle

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.

TRANSFIGURATION

Praying for Vocations into the Future

**THURSDAY
6 AUGUST 2026**

5:30PM START

**CATHEDRAL
OF ST STEPHEN**

Evening Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration
with Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, featuring
music, vocations expo and refreshments.



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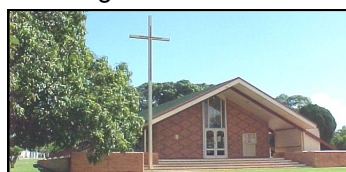
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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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

COUPLES FOR CHRIST AUSTRALIA (CFCA) PRAYER MEETING

SAVE THE DATE
CFCA CENTRAL CHAPTER GENERAL PRAYER MEETING
SATURDAY 1 AUGUST
At St Catherine's Parish Hall - Mt Gravatt from 1 pm - 4 pm.
Speaker: Fr Rodel Enriquez, Camillian Father
Topic: **Perfect Joy**
Matthew 11:28-30

You are warmly invited to the **CFCA Central Chapter General Prayer Meeting** on **Saturday, 1 August**, from **1:00 pm to 4:00 pm** at **St Catherine's Parish Hall, Mt Gravatt**. Fr Rodel Enriquez, a Camillian Father, will lead us in reflecting on the theme **"Perfect Joy"** (Matthew 11:28-30), reminding us of Jesus' loving invitation: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* Come and experience an afternoon of prayer, reflection, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. All are welcome.

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.

POSITION VACANT

Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish is seeking a Parish Secretary to support the Parish Priest and help ensure the smooth day-to-day operation of their parish. The role is Permanent Part-Time - 20 hours per week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm). To apply email hunterb@bne.catholic.net.au

INVITATION TO A ANOINTING MASS

You are invited to St Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon on Friday, 7th August 2026 at 7.30pm. Fr Thomas Varkey, PP Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass. Contact Len Airey 0421977 849 or lenpatairey@gmail.com Sponsored by CCR Bardon.

LUMINOUS
LANTERN PARADE 2026
31 July 2026 | From 5:30pm | South Bank Parklands
Walk in the parade with the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission.
Email beache@bne.catholic.net.au to register

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 / 26 July 2026

READINGS

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.