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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.*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 / 26 July 2026

READINGS 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 Romans 8:28-30

GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-52

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY

Each year, the Church marks the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which was established five years ago by Pope Francis, and which is celebrated close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This day invites us to recognise the presence and contribution of older people in the Church and in our communities. This year, Pope Leo has given us a theme from the prophet Isaiah - "I will never forget you." These words speak of the faithful, constant and enduring love of God. They are a comfort to grandparents and the elderly, and a reminder to all of us of the responsibility we share to value and remain close to those who have given so much.

To the grandparents and elderly members of our Archdiocese, I want to say thank you. Thank you for your faith and your perseverance. Thank you for the care you have shown to your families, and for the many contributions you have made to our parishes and communities over the years. May God strengthen you in your unique vocation, to treasure our faith, to share it with new generations, and to intercede for the Church as we live out the mission of Jesus. This commemoration is an invitation to respond in practical ways. We're encouraged to celebrate the Eucharist together with grandparents and the elderly, and to reach out to those who may be experiencing loneliness or isolation. This might be quite simple, making time for a visit, a phone call, an invitation to Mass, or offering help where it is needed. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment in our families, our parishes

and communities, to foster a genuine connection between young and old, and to recognise the elderly as a precious presence and a blessing, by noticing, by reaching out, and by accompanying. May God bless our grandparents and elderly and may we all continue to walk together in faith, recognising the gift that each generation brings.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Roberta Hoey (sister of Mary Smith), John Sumera, Robert Dieckmann, Cherylyn Tempero, Ross Montgomery recently deceased. Also Doris Buchanan, Katrina Nayagam, Eliena Esparon, Ivanka Kostic, Una Monaghan, Robby McCormick, om Begg, Joseph Hien Pham, Simon Tinh, Darrel Petersen, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, James Toomath, Mitchell Collins, Robert Parkes, Carmel Dwyer, John Dwyer, Kathleen Dwyer, Merle & George Davidson, Mia Rose, Susy & Syd Johnson, Bonnie Blanchfield, Trish McGuire, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony Wong whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 28 July

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 29 July

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

10.00am, St Martin's Church.

ANOINTING MASS

You are warmly invited to join us for our first Anointing Mass of the year this Friday, 31 July at 9.30am at St Martin's Church. This sacred celebration is a grace-filled moment for healing, strength, and peace. After the Mass, we will gather for morning tea, a simple time of fellowship and hospitality where we can enjoy one another's company.

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Parishioners,

As you know some of our children are joyfully preparing to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion in our parish. Their journey is a reminder of the beautiful responsibility we share in nurturing the next generation of believers. The celebration of these sacraments will take place on **Saturday, 8 August at 9.30am at St Catherine's Church**. This day is especially meaningful for us in Australia, as it falls on the Solemnity of St Mary MacKillop, a woman of deep faith, courage, and compassion who dedicated her life to the spiritual and educational care of children. Her feast invites us to reflect on the gift of our own young people, and the grace God continues to pour into our parish through them. I warmly invite each of you to join us for this special celebration - an important moment not only for the children and their families, but for our entire parish and the wider Australian Church. Let us come together as one family of faith, inspired by St Mary MacKillop's example, and celebrate the beautiful work God is doing in our parish.

ENTRANCE: CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber!

Arise from your sleep!

A new day is dawning for all those who weep.

The people in darkness

have seen a great light.

The Lord of our longing

has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

For the Lord, our light and our love,

has turned the night into day!

We are sons of the morning;

we are daughters of day.

The one who has loved us

has brightened our way.

The Lord of all kindness has called us to be

a light for his people to set their hearts free. **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: 118

Lord, I love your commands.

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: *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.**

RECESSIONAL: *GOD SENDS US FORTH*

God sends us forth to love and serve,
make known God's name, and live God's word,
mirror God's love, reflect God's grace
till all have seen the Saviour's face.

Nourished by Christ with word and bread,
burning with love and Spirit-led,
sent to embrace a world in need,
to make God known in word and deed.

So with the cross to lead the way,
let us go forth in peace today
till ev'ry end of earth has known
the saving love of God alone.

FEAST DAYS

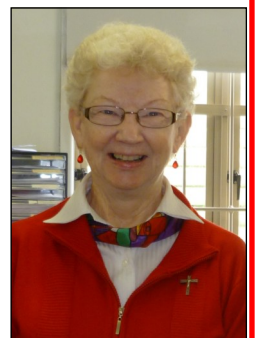
July 29 - Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

July 31 - St Ignatius of Loyola

August 1 - St Alphonsus Liguori

CELEBRATING SR MAREE'S 60 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS LIFE

Our parishioner Sr Maree Byron
OSU celebrates 60 years of her
Religious Profession. You are
warmly invited to join us on
Sunday, 9th August at 8.30am
at St Catherine's Church as we
thank God together for her life
and ministry. A morning tea will
follow the Mass, and all are
kindly welcome.



MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR ARUN'S PARENTS

Many of you know that Fr Arun lost both of his parents
in 2024, within just a month of each other. It was a
deeply painful and challenging time for him, yet with
faith and trust in the God of comfort and healing, he
lovingly entrusted them into God's hands. His father,
Nayagam, passed away on 7 June 2024, and his
mother, Katrina, on 29 July 2024. This year marks the
second anniversary of their passing. To pray for their
souls Fr Arun will offer our regular Wednesday 7.00am
Mass at St Catherine's Church as a Memorial Mass for
his parents.

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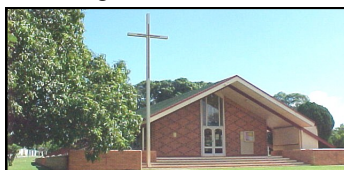
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Eight Mile Plains



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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

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection from this weekend. Please use these envelopes only from their start date in the first week of August, as some of the envelope numbers have been changed.

Thank you for your understanding and for your continued support of our parish.

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

PARISH RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP) GROUP

Group will meet at 11am on Sunday, 2 August in the St Bernard's Community Centre. All are welcome.

To find out more, please contact Louise at lobell1770@gmail.com.

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.

Handmaids of the Lord
Christian Life Program
7 Weeks | Starts Sunday 2 August
12 Noon | St Catherine's Hall
388 Newnham Rd, Wishart

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.
SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 / 2 August 2026

READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Romans 8:35, 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.