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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.*

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 / 28 June 2026

READINGS 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

GOSPEL Matthew 10:37-42

Dear Friends,

The Gospel reading (Matthew 10:37-42) delivers a radical call to reorder our priorities. Jesus demands our ultimate allegiance, stating that anyone who loves family more than Him is not worthy of Him. This is not a rejection of earthly relationships, but a reminder that our love for others must flow from our supreme love for God.

This passage reminds me of my own journey to Priesthood. I studied in a boarding school run by the Salesian Fathers (SDB). From a young age, I was deeply inspired by their dedication to serving the poor and marginalized. When I was about ten years old, I witnessed firsthand the remarkable work they were doing to uplift underprivileged children and families. Their compassion, commitment, and selfless service awakened in me a desire to dedicate my own life to a similar mission.

After completing Grade 12, I decided to join the seminary to discern and pursue my vocation to the priesthood. Seminary formation was a long and transformative journey that lasted twelve years. During this period, I faced many challenges, including opposition from within my own family. My father often discouraged me from becoming a priest and hoped that I would choose a different path in life. However, my mother remained a constant source of encouragement and support. Her faith in my vocation gave me strength whenever I felt uncertain or discouraged.

Choosing the priesthood required sacrifice. At times, I had to place my commitment to my vocation above personal and family expectations. This was not always easy, but I believed that God was calling me to serve Him and His people in a special way. My dedication to this calling helped me persevere through the years of formation and discernment.

The life of a priest is not a bed of roses. It is a life marked by struggle, sacrifice, dedication, and unwavering commitment. Priests are called to serve others, often putting the needs of their communities before their own. The vocation demands perseverance, humility, and a willingness to face difficulties with faith and courage. Yet, despite its challenges, the priesthood is a deeply fulfilling and meaningful way of life, offering the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of others and to serve God wholeheartedly.

When Christ occupies the centre of our lives, our human relationships are not diminished; rather, they are elevated and anchored in divine grace.

The Gospel invites us to examine ourselves: what is our priority in life? Are we ready and willing to face hardships for the sake of the gospel? Do we show kindness to others? Do we treat others with dignity and respect?

As today's gospel calls us for authentic discipleship, let us place God above all else and serve others with generosity and compassion, and live a life of dedication to Christ and His mission.

Fr Arun

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Antonio Garbati (husband of late Gina), Brian Lenz, Kirsty Deering, Paul Lenarduzzi, Valerie Trevisan, Kay Elford, Linda Scantlebury recently deceased. Also Candelario Castro, Domenico Settimo Fontana, Tom Begg, Joseph Hien Pham, Stephen & Edith Gomez, Simon Tinh, Darrel Petersen, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony Wong, Olga Faustini, Maud & Jack Tully, Olga & Joe Doniger, Rex & Brian Tully, Jack & Heath Johnson whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH.

Monday 29 June

FUNERAL LITURGY

10.30am, Brian Lenz, St Catherine's Church.

Tuesday 30 June

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

FUNERAL - GRAVESIDE

11.00am, Kirsty Keering, Mt Gravatt Cemetery.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 27 / 28 JUNE

*Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane and around the world take up the **Peter's Pence** collection on the feast of **Sts Peter and Paul**.*

The collection is used to support the Holy See's activities and its apostolic mission.

It enables the Holy Father to respond to requests for emergency aid and to support projects of direct assistance to those most in need.

*The collection will be taken up as a **retiring collection (as we exit the church) at all Masses this weekend.***

ENTRANCE: *THE SUMMONS*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known?

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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: 88

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. **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,

Archdiocese of Brisbane

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

Walking Together in Christ:
A Celebration of Faith and Culture

Sunday 5 July 2026

9:45am at the Cathedral of St Stephen

Marking 40 years of Pope St John Paul II's visit and 50 years of NAIDOC

Followed by a celebration of culture, community and faith in the Hanly Room



This event has been made possible by funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

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: *MAY WE COME TO KNOW THE LORD*

In the bread may we be broken.

In the cup may we be outpoured.

*May we come to the know the healer,
may we come to know the Lord.*

Though many are we, we are one in the Lord.
We are all welcome to his table of new life. **R.**

We come to the table to remember the Lord,
who gave his life that we might live
forevermore. **R.**

In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup,
may we be filled as we come to know the Lord.
R.

SONG OF PRAISE: *TO YOU, O GOD, I LIFT MY SOUL*

*To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
lift up my spirit to my Lord.*

To you I lift up my soul.

Make me to know your ways, O God;
teach me your paths, guide me.
You are my saviour. **R.**

Good and upright our gracious God;
showing the way
guiding the humble to justice. **R**

RECESSIONAL: *ALLELUIA! LOVE IS ALIVE*

People of God, see the morning is new;
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

*Alleluia! Love is alive;
conquered the grave and defeated the night.*

Alleluia! Love is alive!

The Son has arisen for all.

Your people sing alleluia!

People of God, let your fear fall away.

our chains have been broken;

abandon your shame.

Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!

Here now is mercy embracing your soul;
here the fulfilment that once was foretold.

It is true! It is true! He is alive! **R.**

We celebrate the **Feast of Saints Peter and Paul** on 29 June, Monday. On this day, we reflect on two extraordinary pillars of our Church — two very different men united by one mission and one Lord. Peter, the humble fisherman chosen to be the rock, reminds us of the power of faith even in our weakness. Paul, the passionate apostle to the nations, shows us how God can transform a heart and set it on fire for the Gospel. Together, they teach us that God works through ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. Their feast calls us to renew our own commitment to Christ, to stand firm in faith like Peter, and to share the Good News with courage like Paul. Please join the feast day Mass on Monday 9.15 am at St Catherine's Church.

Dear parishioners,

As mentioned last week, the planned work near **St Bernard's Columbarium** will begin this Tuesday during the school holidays. Please be mindful that **construction work** will be in progress as you enter the parish grounds from Klumpp Road. Your patience and care during this time will help keep everyone safe while this important work is completed.

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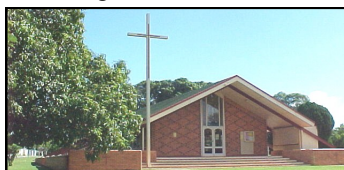
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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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

Invitation to Discuss Pope Leo's First Encyclical Letter

In a 5-week series, members of the Parish team will lead us in an exploration of the recent letter from Pope Leo XIV on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence (AI), *Magnifica Humanitas* (Magnificent Humanity).

The first session started on 25 June and will continue at the St Bernard's Community Centre every Thursday evening from 6:30pm.

The letter is available online (link below) or printed copies will be available from the Parish Office for \$5.

For more information & RSVP, please email Louise lobell1770@gmail.com.
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

RCIA PROCESS 2026-27

The RCIA Process is now open for adults who wish to be baptised, as well as for those who are already baptised but have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Communion. Anyone interested is most welcome to join; simply speak with one of our Mass coordinators or priests, and we will guide you through the process.

As the community is an essential part of the Catholic faith journey, we encourage you to begin attending Mass regularly. Workshops for the new RCIA group will officially begin in August.

PARISH RAP GROUP

All are welcome to join a movie and morning tea event hosted by the Parish RAP Group at 11am on Sunday, 5 July in the Aspinall Centre.

We will watch a documentary which follows the story of a young boy forcibly removed from his family in Nambour and sent to a remote island in North Queensland in 1945 due to a skin condition, along with many other First Nations and Pacific Islander children.

The documentary also features the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, the Catholic nuns who lived on the island and dedicated their lives to caring for children on the island.

For more information or to RSVP please contact Louise at lobell1770@gmail.com.



The Spirit of Hope Prayer Ministry

St Stephen's Chapel

In the grounds of the Cathedral in Brisbane City Centre

We meet every first Wednesday of the month

Next Meeting Wednesday 1st July 2026

10.45am – 12.15pm (after 10am Mass)

Join us to Pray, Praise and Worship the Lord

Prayer Ministry will be available.

Contact 0403002199 for information

EVERYONE WELCOME



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 / 5 July 2026

READINGS

Zechariah 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

Romans 8-9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.