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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.*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 / 5 July 2026

READINGS Zechariah 9:9-10 Romans 8-9, 11-13

GOSPEL Matthew 11:25-30

My dear friends,

As we celebrate NAIDOC Week, today's Gospel offers a powerful starting point. Jesus praises the Father for revealing truth not to the learned and clever, but to the childlike — those with open hearts, humility, and the ability to see with simplicity. This reminds us that wisdom is not only found in books or study, but in the human gifts of listening deeply, compassion, presence, and respect.

Children show us this naturally. They welcome without judgement and remind us of the gentle heart of Christ. In the same way, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, with their ancient connection to land and spirit, teach us to recognise God in silence, in creation, and in relationships. Like the prophet Elijah discovering God in the "sound of sheer silence," First Nations spirituality reveals a way of seeing the world that is attentive, patient, and deeply relational.

Saint John Paul II, speaking in Alice Springs in 1986, honoured this gift. He said the silence of the bush teaches a "quietness of soul," and that First Nations Peoples have always understood the dignity of kinship, the joy of children, and the sacredness of belonging. These values echo the Gospel long before the Gospel was preached here.

Jesus' invitation — "*Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened*" — speaks directly to those who have carried heavy histories. Many First Nations families endured displacement, loss, and deep wounds. Healing takes time, truth, and companionship.

As Christians in Australia, we are called to walk together — not ahead or behind, but beside First Nations Peoples — with humility, openness, and love.

If we can live with hearts open to one another, Australia will always be a nation of hope, light, and peace for all.



*(This reflection is adapted from the full homily
by Bishop Michael Morrissey, Bishop of
Geraldton, for **National Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Sunday**. To read the full ver-
sion, please scan the QR code)*

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Patrick O'Sullivan (nephew of Maureen Hore), Fr Patrick McKenna, Aelred Murphy, Antonio Garbati, Brian Lenz, Kirsty Deering, recently deceased. Also Theodore Jovellanos, Joseph Jacques, 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 whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH.

Tuesday 7 July

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Thursday 9 July

SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETING

7.00pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.



Quo Vadis for Men & Women 2026: Vocation Brisbane invites young men and women to explore their vocational calling through guided weekends retreat experience. Participants spend quality time with like-minded individuals on the same journey of discernment, whilst enjoying good food, meaningful conversations, and social activities. The weekend features dynamic talks, small group discussions, and prayer opportunities designed to help you discover where God may be calling you.

Quo Vadis for Men:

Friday 31 July- Sunday 2 August, 4:30pm-2:00pm @ Holy Spirit Seminary

Find out more here:

tinyurl.com/QuoVadisMen2026

Quo Vadis for Women 2026:

Saturday 8 August - Sunday 9 August, 8:30am - 3:00pm @ Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Find out more here:

tinyurl.com/QuoVadisWomen2026

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services.

The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

ENTRANCE: *GATHER YOUR PEOPLE*

Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one spirit of love.

Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:

brothers and sisters,

each of us called to walk in

your light. **R.**

We are parts of the body of Christ,

needing each other,

each of the gifts the Spirit provides. **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: 144

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

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.**

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.

ABORIGINAL OUR FATHER (SUNG)

You are our Father, you live in heaven, we talk to you. Father you are good. **R.**

We believe your word, Father, we are your children, give us bread today. **R.**

We have done wrong, we are sorry, teach us, Father all about your word. **R.**

Others have done wrong to us, and we are sorry for them, Father, today. **R.**

Stop us from doing wrong, Father, save us all from the evil one. **R.**

You are our Father, you live in heaven, we talk to you. Father you are good. **R.**

COMMUNION: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. **R.**

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **R.**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all. **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: WITH YOUR GRACE

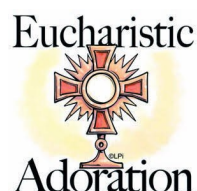
God of mercy, God of grace,
come among us, fill this place,
heal our hurting, mend our wounds,
come among us with your grace.

Pour your love upon us now,
Touch our Spirits, make us new,
See our longing, hear our prayer,
Come among us with your grace.

RECESSIONAL: A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD

*Create a new heart, Holy Lord,
beckon our lives through your word,
Open our eyes to your call,
united as one for the your world.
Heighten our minds to your thoughts,
heal us of pride and of hurt,
may we go forth in your name
we pray our hearts change.*

Restless, the hearts that yearn
for your peace in this land.
Deepen the dream, justice brings life,
justice redeems. **R.**



Holy Adoration and Anointing Mass

Dear Parishioners, I am pleased to share that we will begin One-hour Holy Adoration in our parish from July, held every Thursday immediately after the 7.00am Mass at St Bernard's Church. Considering our weekly commitments — school Masses on Mondays and Tuesdays, Parish office meetings on Wednesdays, and two Masses on Fridays — Thursday is the most practical option at present. We will begin this timing as a trial, and if another day proves more practical, we will review the options together.

In addition, we will commence quarterly Anointing Mass at St Martin's Church, celebrated on the last Friday of each quarter. The first Anointing Mass will be on Friday, 31 July at 9.30am, during the usual Friday Mass at St Martin's.

Fr Rony

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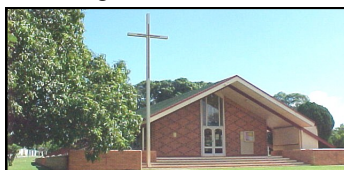
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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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.

God of All Generations,

As we honour NAIDOC Week, we give thanks for the enduring legacy of culture, faith and tradition carried through the lives of Elders past - storytellers, trailblazers and wisdom-keepers.

We pray with gratitude too for Elders present, who continue to lead with courage and compassion, guiding us on the path of truth-telling and reconciliation, nurturing the next generation with strength and grace.

And we lift our eyes in hope to the promise of Elders emerging - visionaries of a future yet to be shaped, a future of justice, unity and healing. A future where the next generation walks forward in strength, with purpose and pride. **Amen.**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11 / 12 July 2026

READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.