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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.*

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 / 2 August 2026

READINGS Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35, 37-39

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings invite us to place our trust in the abundance of God's generosity rather than in our own limited resources.

In the first reading from Isaiah, the Lord extends a gracious invitation: "Come, all you who are thirsty." God offers food and drink without cost, reminding us that His love, mercy, and salvation are priceless gifts. They cannot be earned, bought, or deserved through human effort. They are freely given because of God's infinite love and generosity. He alone can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart.

The Gospel beautifully fulfills this promise. After withdrawing to a lonely place, Jesus is followed by a large crowd eager to listen to His teaching. Seeing that the people are hungry, the disciples suggest sending them away to buy food for themselves. They see only the scarcity of five loaves and two fish. Jesus, however, sees an opportunity to reveal God's abundant providence. He blesses the little that is available, feeds the entire crowd. What seemed insufficient becomes more than enough in the hands of Christ.

This message remains relevant today. We often focus on what we lack: our time, strength, finances, or abilities and become discouraged. At times, it may even seem that the world is against us. Yet these readings remind us that God is always with us. When we entrust our lives and our limited resources to Him, He transforms our weakness into strength and our scarcity into abundance. Our task is not to have everything, but to trust the One who provides everything we truly need.

Let us introspect ourselves and see

What "hunger" in my life, is God inviting me to bring before Him?

Am I focused more on my limitations than on God's power to provide?

How can I share my time, talents, or resources to become a channel of God's generosity to others this week?

Fr Arun

Holiday Notice

Dear Parishioners,

It has been fifteen months since my last annual holiday, and it is now time for a good break. I will be away on **annual leave from 11 August to 8 September**, spending time with my family and taking part in a few family functions.

During my absence, **Fr Arun will look after the day-to-day running of the parish**, ensuring everything continues smoothly.

Fr Rony

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Nayagam and Katrina Nayagam, Graham Bambrick, Beverley Carmichael, Roberta Hoey, John Sumera recently deceased. Also Theo Jovellanos, Bernadette Devlin, Anthony D'Silva, Catheryn Walter, Una Monaghan, Tom Begg, Joseph Hien Pham, Simon Tinh, Darrel Petersen, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony Wong, Ray & Joan Hall, Mavis Barker, Terri Reeves, Nicholas Vallianos, Trevor Hawkins, Dennis Webb, Don Blendell, Rex & Brian Tully, Ron Tully, Beryl Tims, John Blanchfield, Eileen Armstrong, Vic Paull whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 4 August

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 5 August

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

10.00am, St Martin's Church.

Thursday 6 August

AGED CARE MASS

9.30am, Somerfield Street.

BETHANY GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

PARISH RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN GROUP

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

Contact Louise at lobell1770@gmail.com for more info.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION

As we celebrate the feast of **St Mary MacKillop** next week, our schools and college will also mark this special day on **Friday, 7 August**. Because our priests are committed to three Masses and a school Liturgy, the **9.30 am Mass at St Martin's** cannot be celebrated.

Please note: **On Friday, 7 August at 9.30 am**, there will be a **Liturgy of the Word with Communion**, not a Mass.

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS OF

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Parishioners,

Next Saturday is a very special day for our parish.

We will celebrate the **Confirmation** and **First Communion** of our children, together with the feast day of our National Patron Saint. This is a joyful and important moment for our whole community.

Please join us for the **solemn celebration on Saturday, 8 August at 9.30 am at St Catherine's Church**.

Your prayerful presence will be a great blessing.

CROSSROADS

Are you between 13 and 17 years old and interested in exploring the Catholic Faith more deeply for yourself? Fortnightly from Sunday 16 August, from 6:15pm to 7:00pm, in the St Bernard's Community Centre, we will start by exploring together the very basic ideas of our faith and build together from there. If you are interested, contact the parish office.

ENTRANCE: COME TO THE WATER

Come to the water, you who are thirsty!

Though you have nothing, I bid you come and be filled with the goodness I have to offer!

Come! Listen! Live!

Why spend your money on what cannot fill the emptiness deep in your heart?

Listen to my word and you will enjoy goodness and peace in your heart! **R.**

Just as the heavens are high above earth, my ways and thoughts beyond you!

Call me your Father and know I am near!

I will be Father to you! **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

The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, no one lives on bread alone, but on ev'ry word that comes from the mouth of God. **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: *SHEPHERD OF SOULS*

Shepherd of souls, in love, come feed us,
life-giving bread for hungry hearts!
To those refreshing waters lead us
where dwells that grace your peace imparts.
May we, the wayward in your fold,
by your forgiveness rest consoled.

Life-giving vine, come, feed and nourish,
strengthen each branch with life divine;
ever in you O may we flourish,
fruitful the branches of the vine.
Lord, may our souls be purified
so that in Christ we may abide.

Following you, O Lord, who led them,
multitudes thronged the mountainside;
filled with compassion, Lord, you fed them,
fed them with loaves you multiplied.
Come, feed us now, O Lord, we pray:
life-giving bread give us this day.

Father, who fed the Hebrew nation,
giving them manna from the sky,
give now the bread of our salvation,
that we who eat shall never die.
We are your people, God, in need;
may we on living bread now feed.

SONG OF PRAISE: *IN THE LORD*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid,
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near. **Rpt.**

RECESSIONAL: *SING OUT, EARTH AND SKIES*

Come, O God of all the earth:
Come to us, O Righteous One;
Come, and bring our love to birth:
In the glory of your Son.

Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!

Come, O Justice, Come, O Peace:
Come and shape our hearts anew;
Come and make oppression cease:
Bring us all to life in you! **R.**

FEAST DAYS

August 3 - St Dominic
August 4 - St John Vianney
August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 8 - St Mary of the Cross

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.



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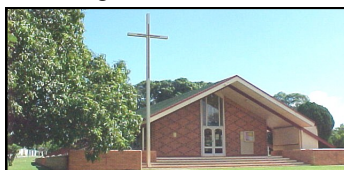
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NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

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

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Don't forget to collect your envelopes from the church. If you can't find them please contact the Parish Office on 3849 7158 or via email umg@bne.catholic.net.au
Thank you for your continued support of our parish.



REQUEST FOR PRE-ORDER FOR 2027

Due to the high demand of 'God's Word' the publishers are asking for pre-orders. Cost \$19.00 each.

If you would like to purchase a copy contact the Parish Office by **Thursday 13 August** on 3849 7158 or umg@bne.catholic.net.au

Called by Name

National Vocation Awareness Week

2-9 August 2026



SCAN TO
DISCERN
YOUR CALL



You are warmly invited



RETREAT

Christian Discipleship

- In the footsteps of Mary -

Organised by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) Sunnybank

Saturday, 15 August 2026
9:30am - 4:30pm

Mass at 9:30am at the Church,
followed by the Retreat program at
the **Paloma Centre** (Jacaranda Room)
concluded by 4:30pm

**Paloma Centre, Our Lady of
Lourdes Sunnybank**
(121 Mains Road, Sunnybank 4109)

- **Fr Ray Sanchez**
(Passionist Family Group Movement and Youth Retreat Team)
- **Fr Enoch Iheme**
(Our Lady of Lourdes Sunnybank, Parish Priest)
- **Deacon Hugo Silva**
(Faith Formation, Our Lady of Fatima Acacia Ridge)

FREE EVENT!
BYO lunch, tea/coffee provided
Love offering is appreciated

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ANNUAL UMGW PARISH ROMERO CENTRE PANTRY APPEAL

The Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish Social Justice Group thank you very much for your very generous response to the Appeal.

The donations have been collected from St Bernard's and St Catherine's. St Martin's pickup will be on Sunday 9 August and the goods will be delivered to the Romero Centre the following Monday.

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 OR CODE
FOR MORE INFO



The 'Spirit of Hope' Prayer Ministry

St Stephen's Chapel

(In the grounds of the Cathedral in Brisbane City Centre)
(We Meet every 1st Wednesday of the Month)

Next Meeting Wednesday 5th August 2026
10.45am - 12.15pm (after 10am Mass)

Join us for Prayer, Praise and Worship.
Looking forward to seeing you all.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Contact: Maureen 0403002199



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 / 9 August 2026

READINGS

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
Romans 9:1-5

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.