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## MASS TIMES

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| <b>Monday</b>    | 9.15am St Catherine's                                                                                            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9.15am St Bernard's                                                                                              |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 7.00am St Catherine's                                                                                            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 7.00am St Bernard's                                                                                              |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 8.00am St Bernard's<br>9.30am St Martin's                                                                        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 5.00pm St Bernard's<br>6.15pm St Catherine's                                                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 6.30am St Bernard's<br>7.30am St Martin's<br>8.30am St Catherine's<br>9.30am St Bernard's<br>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.*

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 / 16 August 2026

**READINGS** Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

**GOSPEL** Matthew 15:21-28



The Gospel (Mt 15:21-28) of 20<sup>th</sup> ordinary Sunday, we meet a Canaanite woman who comes to Jesus with one simple request: **"Lord, help me. My daughter is tormented by a demon."** What is remarkable is her persistence. At first, Jesus does not answer her. She is ignored and seemingly neglected. Even the disciples want her to go away. Yet she does not give up. She continues to cry out to Jesus until finally He responds to her great faith.

Her story reminds us that **prayer is not always answered according to our timetable**. Sometimes we pray for something important, but nothing seems to happen. We may feel that God is silent or that our prayers are being ignored. We can become tired and ask ourselves, "Why should I keep praying?"

The Canaanite woman teaches us: **never give up on God**. Persistence in prayer is an expression of faith. She believed that Jesus could help her even when everything seemed to say otherwise.

Sometimes God may not give us exactly what we ask for, or He may not give it immediately. But we can trust that God knows what we truly need and will never abandon us. Our task is to keep asking, keep trusting, and keep believing.

## Questions for our reflection:

- Do I become discouraged when God does not answer my prayers immediately?
- What prayer have I almost given up on?
- Can I continue to trust God even when I cannot see an answer?
- Do I believe that God knows what I truly need?

**Let us learn from this woman: keep praying, keep trusting, and never become tired of asking God.**

*Fr Arun*

### WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Margaret Beiers, Ramon Teruel (father of Sandra Jovellanos), Bob Horton, Gracilda Balos, Rejane Hoarau, Ethel Hopper, Eileen O'Brien, Frank Innes, Lilia Cruzado recently deceased. Also Peter Quinn, Neville Lilly, Antonio Diaz, James (Jim) Ryan, Barry Cairns, Tony & Sylvia Anton, Maria Trinh Hoa, Joseph Nguyen Ninh, Tom Begg, Joseph Hien Pham, Simon Tinh, Darrel Petersen, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony Wong, Wilson Wilde, Ben Tracey, Shirley Partridge, Netta O'Reily, Thelma Mottram, Kevin Bunce, Tammy & Rod Rushton whom we remember.

### UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

#### Monday 17 August

##### FUNERAL MASS

Bob Horton, 10.30am Rosary, 11.00am Mass, St Catherine's Church.

#### Tuesday 18 August

##### CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

##### SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

#### Wednesday 19 August

##### AGED CARE MASS

9.00am, Terrigal Lodge, Mt Gravatt.

##### MOTHER'S PRAYERS

10.00am, St Martin's Church.

#### Thursday 20 August

##### ST BERNARD'S FEAST DAY ADORATION & MASS

5.30pm, St Bernard's Church, Adoration followed by Mass.

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Next weekend, our parish will support the Annual Catholic Campaign. The Campaign supports the holistic formation of our future priests, care for our elderly and retired priests, provides access to a Catholic education to children in need and hope to those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it here next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection, or scan the QR code on the envelope to make your gift online.

### 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.

### Sunday Night BBQ

We want to start up the BBQ after Sunday night Mass once a month, but we need volunteers to help us do that. If you are willing to help cook sausages at the 5pm Sunday night Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

### THE ORDER OF MASS CARDS

The cards are available in each church and include the words for the parts of the Mass. Please ask the Mass Coordinator if you are unable to locate one.

Please return card to the table when leaving the Church.

### ENTRANCE: *ALL ARE WELCOME*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to dream  
God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness and as  
symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine, and wheat:

a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

### 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: 66

O God, let all the nations praise you!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Accl.** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed those who were sick.

**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 WE COME TO YOUR TABLE /WHERE TWO OR THREE*

Lord, we come to your table.

Lord, we hear your Word.

Lord, you are our Bread of Life  
and we, the Body of Christ.

Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
know I am with you, I am with you!

Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
know I am there to be with you.

## SONG OF PRAISE: *THERE IS ONE LORD*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
there is one God who is Father of all. **Rpt.**

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## RECESSIONAL: *GOD OF PEACE*

Lord of life and Lord of nations,  
giving peace, you make us one,  
heart of flesh for heart of stone,  
break the walls of all divisions.  
Your Kingdom come, with this its sign:  
our song, this prayer: let peace now reign!  
Lengths of love beyond all measure,  
heights of love which now do call,  
breadth of love as room for all,  
depths of love where hides the treasure;  
through Christ, our Way, we find true peace,  
a world made whole in God's embrace.  
Visions new and ancient dreaming,  
see the love beyond all death;  
new the heavens, new the earth,  
promise of the Kingdom coming.  
Through Christ, the wounds of all this world,  
in God's own peace will then be healed.

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We will be celebrating St Bernard of Clair-  
vaux's Feast Day on Thursday 20 August at  
St Bernard's Church starting with Adoration  
at 5.30pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm.

**Please Note:** There will be no Adoration  
after the 7.00am Mass on Thursday morning  
20 August.

### FEAST DAYS

August 20 - St Bernard

August 21 - St Pius X

August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Safeguarding is  
everyone's  
responsibility.**

Respect & Protect.



Zero tolerance.  
No excuse for abuse.

The Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart  
Parish and the Archdiocese of  
Brisbane are committed to  
the safety and wellbeing of  
children and adults-at-risk.



## MASS CENTRES

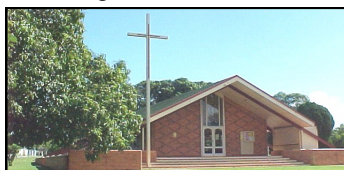
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Upper Mt Gravatt



**St Catherine's**  
388 Newnham Rd, Wishart



**St Martin's**  
Cnr Logan & Chester Rds,  
Eight Mile Plains



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## SCHOOLS

**St Bernard's School**  
Principal: Daniel Hodge  
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Upper Mt Gravatt  
Phone: 3849 4800

**St Catherine's School**  
Principal: Paul Mitchell  
388 Newnham Rd, Wishart  
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**Clairvaux MacKillop College**  
Principal: Wayne Chapman  
24 Klumpp Rd,  
Upper Mt Gravatt  
Phone: 3347 9200

## 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](mailto:umg@bne.catholic.net.au)

## ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

**Wednesday 26 August 2026**

**Departs St Catherine's Bus Stop 8.00am.**

St Catherine's Seniors are visiting Summerland Camel Farm at Harrisville. Leaving St Catherine's Bus Stop for Summerland Camel Farm, stopping first for morning tea at Warrill View Park. Bring your own eats for Morning Tea. Coffee/Tea/Sugar/Milk are provided. Heading next to the Camel Farm where we'll enjoy a Tour, Taste and Camel Experience. Lunch will be at the Rising Sun Hotel in Rosewood. Possible arrival time home between 4.00 to 4.45 pm. Passenger cost likely to be about \$75.00. Possible fuel levy may still apply. Bookings and Lunch Selections are with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218. Please bring any used stamps along for the St. Columban's Mission Society.

## Congratulations to the children who are now fully initiated into the Catholic Church



Thank you everyone for joining us in giving thanks to God for the 60 years of Religious Profession of Sr Maree Byron OSU.



## CATHOLIC MISSION WE ARE HIRING

### Diocesan Administrative Assistant

- Part-time 3 days per week
- Based in Brisbane
- Supporting Dioceses in QLD



APPLICATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED AS SOON AS THEY ARE SUBMITTED.  
IN YOUR BEST INTERESTS TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

For more information regarding the role, pls visit our website below.  
<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>

**catholic mission**  
Reach out. Give life.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**22 / 21 August 2026**

### READINGS

**Isaiah 22:19-23**

*I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.  
From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

**Romans 11:33-36**

### GOSPEL

**Matthew 16:13-20**

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*