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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.*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22 / 23 August 2026

READINGS Isaiah 22:19-23 Romans 11:32-36

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

The Gospel of the 21st Sunday invites us to reflect on a deeply personal question: **"Who do you say that I am?"** Identity is important in our lives. As citizens of a country, we have an identity that tells us where we belong. In the same way, as Christians, our identity is rooted in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

At first, Jesus asks His disciples, **"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"** They give different answers: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. Jesus is not satisfied with what others say about Him. Therefore, He asks the more personal question: **"But who do you say that I am?"** Peter responds, **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

This question is addressed not only to Peter and the disciples but also to each one of us. It is not enough to know what others say about Jesus. We may attend Mass, listen to the Gospel, pray, and remain close to the Church, but simply being around Jesus does not necessarily mean that we truly know Him. **It is through a personal encounter and relationship with Christ that we discover who He really is.**

Questions for Personal Reflection

- **Who is Jesus to me personally?**
- Do I know Jesus only through what others tell me, or have I personally encountered Him?
- Is Jesus truly the centre of my life?
- Do my daily decisions reflect my belief that Jesus is the Son of God?
- When I face difficulties, do I turn to Jesus with trust?
- How faithfully do I live my Christian identity?
- Do my words and actions help others discover who Jesus is?

Today, let us renew Peter's profession of faith: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** May this confession become more than words on our lips. May it become the foundation of our lives. If Jesus is truly our Lord, then He must influence our choices, relationships, priorities, and the way we treat others.

Let us therefore ask ourselves every day: **Who is Jesus to me? Where does He stand in my life?** May our encounter with Christ deepen our faith, strengthen our identity as Christians, and help us become faithful witnesses of His love. Like Peter, may we have the courage to recognise Jesus, trust Him, remain faithful to His Church, and build our lives upon Him.

Fr Arun

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Margaret Beiers, Giuseppe Vecchio (father of Maria Vecchio-Perkins, Rita Copelin, Frances Petersen), Ramon Teruel recently deceased. Also Ilgo Antonangeli, Pauline Wilson, Therese & Tony Wharton, Neil O'Neil, Wilson Wilde, Tom Begg, Joseph Hien Pham, Simon Tinh, Darrel Petersen, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Wai Yee Wong, Mark Anthony Wong, Rita and Harry Stewart, Catherine Sammon, George & Merle Davidson, Alec Tosh, Gert Gordon, Sr. Census PBVM, Joe O'Sullivan whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Monday 24 August

FUNERAL MASS

11.00am, Margaret Beiers, St Bernard's Church.

Tuesday 25 August

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 26 August

AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, Agay Street, Upper Mt Gravatt.

MOTHER'S PRAYERS

10.00am, St Martin's Church.

Thursday 27 August

AGED CARE MASS

10.00am, ARCARE Warrigal Rd, Eight Mile Plains.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

This weekend, our parish will support the Annual Catholic Campaign. The Campaign supports training 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, supporting community-driven ministries that make a profound impact in our own parish and immediate social groups.

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: *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.

Bless this moment, take our hearts,
use our hands to honour you,
with our voices, we will sing,
come among us with your grace.

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: 137

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the
work of your hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I'll build my
Church; the gates of hell will not hold out
against it. Alleluia! **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: *BREAD OF LIFE*

Bread of life and cup of hope,
we come as gift to you.
Change our hearts; fill us with peace.
Transform our lives anew.
Open our eyes so that we might see
your presence in one another.
Your life, poured out in love today,
unites us all in you.
Loving Lord, Creator God,
open our eyes to see
the good that lives in each of us,
that called the world to be.
And when we fail to see the good,
when friendships falter and crumble,
give us the courage to forgive
that we may live in peace.

Living Word, O Son of God,
your love shows us the way
that we may live in harmony,
and from you never stray.
Wipe all oppression from our midst;
give us a love for all people.
Your song of justice sing in us,
to live for peace today.

SONG OF PRAISE: *GOD OF MERCY*

Eternal is your love. Faithful is your Word.
Holy is your name, God of mercy. **Rpt.**

RECESSIONAL: *THE FULLNESS OF GOD*

Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He
can give!

May your hidden self grow strong!
And may you live strong in faith and built on
love until you know how high and long,
how wide and deep the fullness of God!

May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we
serve fill your mind that you may see,
deep in your heart what hope his call now holds
for you: His promise true:
to fill your heart with power to live the fullness of
God!

Know the way you learnt from Christ:
to live life anew!

Let your heart be drawn to Him;
let Christ renew the hope in you to grow into
Goodness and Truth!
And living so you'll come to know the fullness of
God!

FEAST DAYS

August 24 - St Bartholomew
August 27 - St Monica
August 28 - St Augustine

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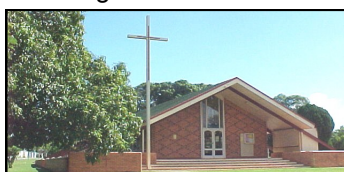
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Phone: 3347 9200

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

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.



IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Living Water Season of Creation 2026

SAVE THE DATE

Ecumenical Season of Creation Prayer Evening

Date: Wednesday 9 September at 6.30pm

Venue: St Bernard's Catholic Church

MULTICULTURAL MASS

**2PM SUNDAY
30 AUGUST 2026**

Queen of Vietnamese
Martyrs Catholic Church,
54 Flint St, Inala

*"Even just one of
these children"*
Pope Leo

CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY
Mass will be followed by refreshments, cultural performances and activities.

For more info contact email ortizl@bne.catholic.net.au



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TO REGISTER

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 / 30 August 2026

READINGS

Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.