



Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Catholic Parish

St Bernard's, Upper Mt Gravatt St Catherine's, Wishart St Martin's, Eight Mile Plains

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.

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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 & Public Holidays.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 / 18 October 2026

READINGS Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21

One in Christ, United in Mission

In the Gospel, Jesus is confronted by the Pharisees, who seek to trap Him with a political question: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" Perceiving their intention, Jesus asks them to show Him a coin and identify the image upon it. When they answer, "Caesar's," He declares, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Through this response, Jesus invites us to reflect on a deeper question: What truly belongs to God? The coin belongs to Caesar because it bears his image. But what bears the image of God? Genesis 1:27 reminds us that we are created in God's own image and likeness. Every human person, therefore, bears God's image and belongs to Him. We are called to give God not merely our offerings, but our very selves; our hearts, our actions, our gifts and our mission.

As we celebrate the centenary of World Mission Sunday, we reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV: "**One in Christ, United in Mission.**" To be one in Christ means setting aside the divisions that separate us and recognising that we are created in God's image and baptised into the one Body of Christ. This unity calls us to care for one another, especially the poor, the vulnerable and those on the margins of society.

Our unity in Christ leads us to be united in mission. Mission is at the heart of the Church, for the Church exists to proclaim the Good News, uplift the poor, heal the broken-hearted, teach the truth and carry Christ's love to the ends of the earth. Every Christian is called to participate in this mission; in the parish, in the family, in the workplace and in everyday encounters.

On this 100th World Mission Sunday, we gratefully remember the countless missionaries, past and present, who have dedicated their lives to the Gospel, both in their homelands and in foreign lands. May their witness inspire us to offer ourselves generously to God, becoming one in Christ and united in His mission of love.

Fr Arun

Catholic Mission Appeal



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

Our parish will be holding the World Mission Sunday Appeal on **31 October and 1 November**. We are very fortunate to have a Mission Ambassador at each of our Masses to share with us the story of how the Church in Malawai is transforming the lives of children and families.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Especially Francisca Aquino, Rose-Ann MacKenzie, Diane Broe, Therese Madsen, Killy Sweeney, Mark Frawley, Desley Hawkes, Grace Lai Lam recently deceased. Also, Patricia Ford, Leanne Davey, Therese Wharton, Valmai Wilson, David Galea, Darrel Petersen, Tom Begg, Mark Anthony Wong, Wai Yee Wong, Simon Tinh, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Ruth Garbett, Doreen Johnson, Wanda Molony, Jack Toohey, Sid Johnson, Harry Mole whom we remember.

UP COMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Tuesday 20 October

CRAFT GROUP

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

SCRIPTURE GROUP

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 21 October

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP

10.00am, St Martin's Church.

Thursday 22 October

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION

10.00am, ARCARE, Eight Mile Plains.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

Discover what's happening in our Archdiocese! Scan the QR code — you'll find something meaningful for you or your family.

ENTRANCE: *BE THOU MY VISION*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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: 95

Give the Lord glory and honour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Accl. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars: you are offering
it the word of life. Shine on the world like bright stars.
Accl.



BAPTISMS

We congratulate

Harper Smith, daughter of William & Emily.

She will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

ANNUAL PUBLIC ROSARY

Date & Time: Sunday 18 October at 3.00pm

Venue: DM Henderson Park

FEAST DAY

October 22 – St John Paul II

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP



Wednesday 28 October 2026

Departs St Catherine's Bus Stop 8.00am.

St Catherine's Seniors are visiting the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium on Wednesday 28th October 2026.

8.00 am: Leaving St. Catherine's Bus Stop for Brisbane Botanic Gardens for morning tea. BYO eats for Morning Tea. Coffee/Tea/Sugar/Milk are provided. Arrive at the Planetarium before 10 am.

Depart the Planetarium after the show to travel to Gaythorne RSL Club for lunch. Draw the Raffles after lunch if not done earlier.

3.30 pm onwards: return to St Catherine's Bus Stop
Passenger cost \$75.00 each. Possible fuel levy may still apply.

Bookings and the Lunch Selections are with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218.

Please bring used stamps for St. Columban's Mission Society.

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: *CHRIST OUR PEACE*

*Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that
divide us;*

Christ, our peace, come, make us one body in you.

Each time we eat this bread, each time we drink
this cup,
we share Christ's death and rising until the reign
of... **R.**

One is the bread we break, one is the cup we drink,
one is the body gathered here at the feast of... **R.**

All you with hungry hearts, who seek God's
gracious reign,
all you who thirst for justice, come to the feast of... **R.**

And all are welcome here; here there is food for all,
blessed meal of grace and mercy, gathered as one
in... **R.**

As once he broke the bread and opened eyes and
heart,
may we now see his presence as we remember... **R.**

No longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free,
no longer male or female, now you are one in... **R.**

SONG OF PRAISE: *BLESS THE LORD*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. **Rpt.**

RECESSIONAL: *SING A NEW SONG*

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.*

Shout with gladness, dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines
and let your trumpet sound. **Ant.**

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. **Ant.**

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES

Please record deceased names of family members and
friends, whom you wish to remember during November,
on an envelope available in the Church along with your
offering. Place on the collection plate or return to the
office by **Friday 6 November**.

NEWS FROM THE BETHANY TEAM

Our Books of Remembrance are updated each year
and displayed in St Bernard's Church, with pages
turned daily on each anniversary. Funerals held in our
parish are added automatically. To include loved ones
who passed away elsewhere, please fill out the forms in
our churches and place them in the box by Friday, 30
October.

- Name of the deceased
- Date of death in day/month/ year format
(eg. 4/8/1998)

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Save the date: Saturday, 7 November at 9.00 am —
Holy Mass, Columbarium Blessing, and Morning Tea at
St Bernard's Church. All are welcome.

PARISH RAP GROUP

The Parish Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Group
welcomes you to join us for morning tea as we discuss
'Jilya' by First Nations author Dr Tracy Westerman.
This is a story of how one Indigenous woman from the
remote Pilbara region transformed psychology.

11am on Sunday, 1 November, St Bernard's
Community Centre.

RSVP to Louise: lobell1770@gmail.com

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MASS CENTRES

St Bernard's

4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt



St Catherine's

388 Newnham Rd, Wishart



St Martin's

Cnr Logan & Chester Rds
Eight Mile Plains



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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

Collaborative leadership FOR THE FUTURE

A renewed leadership model will strengthen relationships among Catholic organisations and elevate our combined capacity to serve the mission of the Church in south-east Queensland.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is introducing a new Council of Vicars made up of skilled and knowledgeable leaders across the areas of Health, Social Services, Education, Pastoral Mission, Clergy, Religious and Administration who will coordinate and encourage collaboration, advocacy and stewardship with Catholic agencies in their respective fields. The aim is to strengthen how we serve together.



Scan the QR code for more detail.

Recruitment of Vicars

Recruitment is underway for the following part-time, executive-level Vicar roles that will serve as principal advisors to the Archbishop:

Vicar for Education (3 days/week)

Vicar for Social Services (2 days/week)

Vicar for Health (1 day/week).

We are seeking people with expertise in their fields, a grounding in Catholic teaching, a commitment to the Church's mission, and an ability for respectful listening and collaborative discernment.

For further information or to apply for a role, contact Ruth Buchanan on vicarrecruitment@bne.catholic.net.au or 0448 241 521.



CALLING EVERY MAN!

You are invited to attend *Stouthearted - Men of Sexual Integrity*.

Stouthearted is a men's program that covers some of the most important topics everyman faces!

www.stouthearted.com/brisweekend

DETAILS:

Friday, 30 Oct, 7pm - Sunday, 1 Nov - (Inc Mass)
@ Christmas Creek (90mins South of Brisbane)
\$199 inc all meals and materials



STOUTHEARTED



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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 / 25 October 2026

READINGS

Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.