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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 / 25 October 2026
READINGS Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-40

Last Sunday's Multicultural Mass was a truly joyful and grace-filled celebration of faith, unity, and community. As we gathered from many cultures, languages, and traditions, we witnessed the beauty of God's family coming together as one body in Christ.

On behalf of our parish, I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who attended and contributed to making this celebration such a memorable and meaningful occasion. Thank you to all our parishioners, volunteers, ministry members, choir and musicians, readers, altar servers, hospitality teams, cultural groups, organisers, and all who worked behind the scenes. Your generosity, dedication, and countless hours of preparation made the day both beautiful and welcoming.

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us of the greatest commandments: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbour as yourself". Last Sunday, we saw these words come alive among us. Through your service, kindness, and willingness to share your gifts, you showed love for God and love for one another. The diversity of our cultures became a wonderful expression of the unity we share in Christ.

The success of this celebration was not measured simply by the number of people present or the beauty of the event, but by the spirit of welcome, friendship, and mutual respect that filled our church and parish community. It was a powerful reminder that, despite our different backgrounds, we are one family journeying together in faith.

Thank you once again for your enthusiasm, hard work, and generous hearts. May God bless each of you and your families abundantly. Let us continue to build a parish where God's love is lived, shared, and celebrated by all.

PLEASE NOTE: Please join us on Saturday 31 October at St Bernard's for the End of Rosary Month Celebration. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9.00 am, followed by a Rosary Procession and morning tea.

We warmly invite all parishioners to gather in prayer and thanksgiving for the gift of Our Blessed Mother Mary.

Fr Rony

Catholic Mission Appeal



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 David Sharp, Chiem Thi Pham, Alan Casonati, Helen Hansen, Yvonne Tapsall, Francisca Aquino, Rose-Ann MacKenzie, Diane Broe recently deceased. Also, Albino Lenarduzzi, John Wilson, Peter Tsiamis, Tony Roe, Brett Williams, Leanne Davey, David Galea, Darrel Petersen, Tom Begg, Mark Anthony Wong, Wai Yee Wong, Simon Tinh, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Matt Sauer, Ken Warden, Joyce Kilburn, Allan McGowam, Norm Girvan, Jack Brinkley, Bryan Langfelt, Paul Davies, Warren Gould, Grant Jenkins whom we remember.

Up Coming Events in the Parish

Tuesday 27 October

Craft Group
10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Funeral Liturgy
11.00am, Helen Hansen, St Bernard's Church.

Scripture Group
6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 28 October

Mothers Prayer Group
10.00am, St Martin's Church.

Funeral Liturgy
10.30am, Yvonne Tapsall, St Bernard's Church.

Thursday 29 October

Liturgy of the Word with Communion
10.00am, ElderlyCare, Agay Street.

Friday 30 October

Funeral Mass
10.00am, Chiem Thi Pham, St Bernard's Church.

Rosary Devotion

Monday 26 October – Saturday 31 October

Monday: 8.45am Rosary followed by 9.15am Mass St Catherine's Church.
Tuesday: 8.45am Rosary followed by 9.15am Mass St Bernard's Church.
Wednesday: 7.00am Mass followed by Rosary St Catherine's Church.
Thursday: 7.00am Mass followed by Rosary St Bernard's Church.
Friday: 9.00am Rosary followed by 9.30am Mass St Martin's Church.
Saturday: 9.00am Mass followed by Rosary Procession at St Bernard's Church.

Baptisms

We congratulate
Rupert McKay, son of Andrew & Claire;
Indigo Scahill, daughter of Jock & Laura;
Bailey Webster, son of James & Rebecca;
Jayson Lapuz, son of Rommel & Allyson;
Amelia Gerbich, daughter of Ryan & Jane.
They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

St Bernard's
Sunday 1 November, 9.30am Mass
Children in Prep to Year 5 invited.

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.

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Entrance: *Your words are Spirit and Life*

Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:
Richer than gold, stronger than death.
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;
Life everlasting.

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul,
reviving the weary spirit.
God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom,
bringing God's wisdom to birth. ***R.***

Living by God's truth is holy and sure;
God's presence is everlasting.
God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice;
bringing God's justice to earth. ***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: 17

I love you Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation

Accl. *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alle, 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.

Eucharistic Acclamation

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again.

Communion: *May We Come to Know the Lord*

In the bread may we be broken.
In the cup may we be outpoured
May we come to the know the healer,
may we come to know the Lord.

Though many are we, we are one in the Lord.
We are all welcome to his table of new life. ***R.***

We come to the table to remember the Lord,
who gave his life that we might live forevermore. ***R.***

In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup,
may we be filled as we come to know the Lord. ***R.***

Song of Praise: *A New Commandment*

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.
By this shall others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another. ***Rpt.***

Recessional: *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the Kingdom of God! ***R.***

We are blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! ***R.***

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Feast Days

October 28 – Saints Simon and Jude

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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Clairvaux MacKillop College
Principal: Wayne Chapman
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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

ST CATHERINE'S SENIORS COACH TRIP

Wednesday 28 October 2026 Departs St Catherine's Bus Stop 8.00am.

Visiting Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium. Morning tea at Brisbane Botanic Gardens. Lunch at Gaythorne RSL Club. Cost $75.00 each.

Bookings with Ros on Ph. 3349 9218.

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**.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane



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- *Explore our fantastic facilities*

Learn about our:
- *Extra-curricular activites*
- *Instrumental Program*
- *Technology Program*



Join a Principal Tour at St Catherine's!

ALL SAINTS
31 October / 1 November 2026

READINGS

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14	*I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*
1 John 3:1-3	*We shall see God as he really is.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12	*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*