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.

ALL SAINTS

31 October / 1 November 2026
READINGS Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 1 John 3:1-3
GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel, Jesus begins His Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes, teaching us that God blesses those who live with humility, gentleness, mercy, and a desire to build His Kingdom. These virtues are not only lived through prayer and worship, but also through the quiet and faithful care we show for our parish community and the sacred places entrusted to us.

With that spirit in mind, I would like to provide an update on several parish maintenance projects.

Firstly, I am pleased to announce that new carpet tiles will be installed at St. Bernard's Church during the second week of November. Keeping our church clean, welcoming, and worthy of the sacred celebrations that take place within it is an important part of our stewardship. After careful discussion and consideration of various options, the Parish Finance Council decided that carpet tiles would be the most practical and sustainable choice, as they are easier to maintain and replace when needed.

During the installation period, there will be some temporary changes to the locations of our regular parish Masses. Please keep an eye on the parish newsletter and notices for further details.

Several parishioners have also raised concerns about the condition of the pews at St Bernard's. We investigated the possibility of professionally polishing them; however, the cost was beyond what could reasonably be justified. We are currently exploring alternative ways of improving and refreshing our pews.

Another significant project is planned during the December-January school holiday period. This involves repair and upgrade works to the retaining wall and walkway at St Catherine's C&K. We have submitted the necessary application to the Archdiocese and are awaiting approval before proceeding.

I am also happy to share that we hope to begin hiring out our parish halls (the Aspinall Centre and Rosenskjar Hall) from the beginning of next year. We hope these facilities will serve the wider community while also supporting the ongoing mission and maintenance of our parish.

The Beatitudes remind us that the work of building God's Kingdom often happens in simple and practical ways. Each improvement, whether large or small, is part of our commitment to creating welcoming, safe, and prayerful spaces where people can encounter Christ, grow in faith, and experience the support of a caring community.

As you can see, improvements are taking place step by step. While not every project can be completed at once, we continue to move forward with hope, patience, and good stewardship.

Thank you for your encouragement, support, and for bringing your concerns and suggestions to our attention. Together, let us continue to care for the parish that God has entrusted to us, so that it may remain a place where the Beatitudes are not only proclaimed but lived. ***Fr Rony***

Catholic Mission Appeal – THIS WEEKEND

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 Malawi is transforming the lives of children and families.

We Pray For Those Who Have Died

Especially Zeneida (Ned) Feril (wife of Arnold), Loreta Vergara Brillas, Lorenzo Sintos Jr, Ramon Del Carmen Sr, David Sharp, Chiem Thi Pham, Alan Casonati, Helen Hansen, Yvonne Tapsall recently deceased. Also, Phyllis Tunstall, Wee Toh Ang, Brian Richards, John Vass, Robertus Hendarto, Marjolein Eeltink, Peter Tsiamis, Brett Wiliams, Leanne Davey, David Galea, Darrel Petersen, Tom Begg, Mark Anthony Wong, Wai Yee Wong, Simon Tinh, Dominic Dinh Vuong Thach, Nita Harrington, Mary Tuite, Ron Duell, Mary Daly, Tully, Doniger, Paull, Gordon and McAllister families whom we remember.

Up Coming Events in the Parish

Monday 2 November

All Souls' Day Mass

9.15am, St Catherine's Church
Followed by Blessing of St Catherine's Columbarium.

Tuesday 3 November

Craft Group

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Scripture Group

6.30pm, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Wednesday 4 November

Mothers Prayer Group

10.00am, St Martin's Church.

Thursday 5 November

Bethany Meeting

10.00am, St Bernard's Community Centre.

Baptisms

We congratulate

Beau Dempsey, son of Jack & Katie;

Jameson Dempsey, son of Christian & Hilda;

Mario & Antonio Licastro, sons of Francesco & Stefania;

Katarina Mamic, daughter of Anthony & Belinda.

They will be baptised in the Parish this weekend.

PLEASE NOTE:

The final date for submitting November Mass envelopes is **Friday, 6 November.**

Feast Days

November 1 – All Saints Day
November 2 – All Souls' Day
November 4 – St Charles Borromeo

St Bernard's SVdP Piety Store

From this weekend the Piety Store will be selling

- 2027 Columban Calendars ($11);
- Christmas Cards (pkt of 8 for $4)

Unfortunately, The Josephite Calendars are no longer available.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR YOU

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Entrance: *For All the Saints*

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who to the world their faith in you confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress and their might;
their noble captain in the well-fought fight;
and in the darkest hour their one true light.
Alleluia, alleluia!

So may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
fight like the saints who bravely fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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: 23

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Gospel Acclamation

Accl. *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. 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: *Table of Plenty*

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

O, come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love. ***R.***

O, come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life. ***R.***

My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul. ***R.***

Song of Praise: *Saints of God*

Saints of God abiding in the arms of mercy,
pray for us.
Saints of God abiding in the arms of mercy,
pray for us.

Cantor sings verse 2

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pray for us.

Recessional: *For all the Saints*

And when the strife is fierce, the battle long,
softly we hear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, alleluia!

But see, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,
from the ocean's farthest coast,
through heaven's gate streams
now the countless host,
who sing to Father, Son and holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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All Souls' Day: Remembering Our Faithful Departed

The month of November holds a special place in the life of the Church as a time dedicated to praying for our faithful departed. The Catholic Church teaches in the Apostles' Creed that we believe in the Communion of Saints, which unites the faithful on earth, the souls being purified after death, and the saints in heaven. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1030–1032), those who die in God's grace but are not yet fully purified undergo purification before entering heaven. We can help the faithful departed by offering the Holy Mass, praying for them, and offering almsgiving, penance and indulgences (CCC 1032, 1479). Through these acts of faith and charity, we commend the departed to God's mercy, trusting in the hope of eternal life.

On 2 November, All Souls' Day, a Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, may be gained by visiting a church on All Souls' Day and praying the Our Father and the Creed, together with the usual conditions of: Sacramental Confession, Holy Communion and Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. Let's pray for our departed faithful.

Please save the Dates:

All Souls' Day Mass and Columbarium Blessing: Monday, 2 November, 9.15 am, at St Catherine's Church.

Parish Bethany Team led Parish Mass of Remembrance, Columbarium Blessing and Morning Tea: Saturday, 7 November 9.00 am at St Bernard's Church.

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St Catherine's
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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

ST MARTIN'S FEAST DAY & REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMEMORATION

Our St Martin's Community will celebrate the Feast of St Martin of Tours on 11 November, which also coincides with Remembrance Day. This occasion is particularly significant as St Martin's Church is a War Memorial Church, making it a meaningful time to honour both our patron saint and those who have served and sacrificed in times of war.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join the St Martin's community for this special celebration on

Wednesday 11 November

5.30 pm Holy Adoration, 6.30 pm Holy Mass

The celebration will conclude with a light supper, providing an opportunity for fellowship and community gathering.

Training for Extra Ordinary Ministers and Volunteers:

All current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMCs), Communion Ministers to the Sick, Mass Coordinators, and those wishing to volunteer in these ministries are warmly invited to attend a training and renewal session on **Saturday 21 November at 10.00 am at St Bernard's Church**. As it has been several years since our last formation session, this gathering will provide an opportunity to refresh our understanding of these important ministries and ensure that we continue to serve our community with reverence, confidence, and care.

Those recently registered, may please attend this training session. If you are not yet registered as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Communion Minister to the Sick, please contact the Parish Office before the training.

Please mark this date in your calendar and make every effort to attend.

Thank you for your generous commitment to our parish community.





THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7 / 8 November 2026

READINGS

Wisdom 6:12-16	*Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	*Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13	*Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*