Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A — 13th September 2020

The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

The Archbishop of Brisbane

10 September 2020

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with you.

The Queensland Parliament this week passed an important piece of legislation, namely the Criminal Code (Child Sexual Offences Reform) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. It will soon become law. Much of the Bill was strongly supported by the Archdiocese of Brisbane as we remain unequivocally committed to the protection of children.

The legislation enacts some recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. It creates two new crimes in relation to how people and institutions respond when they have knowledge of possible child sexual offences.

Firstly, it requires all adults with information relating to a child sexual offence to report it to the police. The law covers the Sacrament of Penance.

This was one part of the Bill which the Archdiocese found unacceptable. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse did much to make for safer environments for young people. For that we are all grateful. However, with many others I have said that one point which the Royal Commission failed to understand was the nature of the Sacrament of Penance and the importance of the seal. The Archdiocese has previously provided its feedback on this to the State Government.

Secondly, the Bill requires an accountable person (in an institution) who knows there is a significant risk of a sexual offence against a child, and the person has the power or responsibility to remove or reduce the risk, the person must act to reduce or remove the risk.

The Archdiocese is working to develop a co-ordinated approach to police reporting of possible child sexual offences. Priests will receive further information to assist their understanding of the civil and canonical requirements they now face. You will all receive more information about this as we strive to make our parishes, schools and agencies as safe as possible for our young people and all who are vulnerable.

Further information on the Church’s position on the seal of the Sacrament of Penance can be found here:

1. Submission to legislative enquiry
2. Holy See observations on the recommendations of the Royal Commission

As always in the Lord,

[Signature]
Archbishop of Brisbane

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday: 8:00am (also live-streamed); 10:00am; 12:30pm; 5:10pm (Chapel)
Saturday: 11:30am (also live-streamed)

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Cathedral of St Stephen
St Patrick’s Church
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon & 5:00pm
(8am & 10am also live-streamed)

Reconciliation: Monday to Friday: 10:30-11:30am; 1:00-1:30pm; 4:30-5:00pm (Chapel)
Saturday: 10:00am-11:00am; 4:30-5:30pm

Exposition: Monday to Friday 10:30am-12:15pm
Benediction: Monday to Friday 12:15pm

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God is “Mercy within mercy within mercy”
Restrictions for places of worship
Registration for all Masses is essential (especially the Sunday Masses). Registration can be done via the Cathedral website. Registration for Sunday Mass closes at midday on Friday. If you do not have the resources to register on-line, please contact us on 3324 3030. The following guidelines remain in place:

- If you are feeling unwell, please stay home and participate in Mass on-line via the Cathedral website;
- Physical distancing of 1.5m, whilst standing in the queue to check-in, during Mass and whilst in the Communion procession, is essential;
- Hand hygiene (sanitising your hands before entering the church and when exiting);
- Respiratory hygiene (coughing/sneezing into elbow);
- The number of people in our churches at any one time must be strictly adhered to;
- If you have registered for a particular Sunday Mass but have not checked in by the end of the Processional Hymn, your place may be re-allocated.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Organ Maintenance
The Cathedral Jubilee Pipe Organ is undergoing major maintenance. To enable maintenance to proceed as smoothly and quickly as possible, the Cathedral and Chapel will be closed from approx. 2.00pm each afternoon Monday to Friday. The Chapel will re-open at 4.00pm to enable the 4.30pm Reconciliation and 5.10pm Mass to be held in St Stephen’s Chapel. Moving into the future, we may need to adjust the opening times of the Cathedral and Chapel depending upon the availability of volunteer marshals.

Pontifical Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection
The Pontifical Holy Land Collection that usually takes place as a retiring collection on Good Friday will be taken up today. Please place your donation for the Holy Land in the container at the door.

The retiring collection for the Cathedral parish will also be taken up at the door. Your gift to the Cathedral can be placed in the collection bag or you can use the tap & go facility at the door.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass
COVID restrictions are preventing the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, held each year at the Cathedral of St Stephen, in the usual way. However, on Saturday 26th September at the 11.30am Mass, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage. Attendance of Mass at the Cathedral is restricted to 132, if however, any couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary are in good health and wish to attend the Mass in person, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via the Cathedral website: https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html

The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website for those who are unable to attend in person.

Annual Catholic Campaign
Next weekend, we will be supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and local community. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly, retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

For your health, and in-line with our COVID-safe plan, we are not sharing brochures and pencils this year. Please take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. Of course, if you have a pen in your bag, feel free to fill it in today and place it in the collection. Thank you.

Multicultural Mass – 2020 Theme “Forced like Jesus Christ to Flee”
Multicultural Mass is an opportunity to celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity and the richness that this diversity brings to the life of the Australian church. It also presents an opportunity to reflect on the timely message of Pope Francis as he urges us to respond to the needs of vulnerable migrants, refugees and internally displaced people around the world. This year, the Mass will be livestreamed from the Cathedral from 2.20pm on Sunday 27 September.

Nativity Scene
Christmas is less than 4 months away and will be here before we know it. With COVID restrictions, it will be a different Christmas for most of us this year. One of the causalities of this time will our annual Christmas light display which will not be possible this year. To brighten our spirits this Christmas season, the Cathedral Parish is hoping to purchase a new and vibrant Nativity scene. These don’t come cheap, of course, and we are hoping some generous donors may assist us in the purchase of a high quality Nativity scene. If it is to be here by beginning of Advent, we will need to act quickly, so if you are able to support us, please contact the Cathedral office as soon as possible.

Resumption of 7.30pm Mass
The 5.00pm Sunday Mass at the Cathedral, which has been celebrated during the winter months, will cease on the last Sunday in September. The 7.30pm Sunday evening Mass will resume on Sunday 4th October 2020.

Children’s Sacramental Program
Please keep the parish children, who are about to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, in your prayers. We wish them and their families every blessing as they celebrate this special time.
Music at the 10.00am Solemn Mass  

Celebrant: The Archbishop

ENTRANCE SONG  
Sirach 36:18

At the conclusion of the Introit, a bell is sounded. The assembly responds as the Choir and Ministers process towards the altar with the following translation of the Introit text. The first verse (which is the Antiphon) is repeated after the final verse.

Antiphon:
Grant peace to those who wait for you,
And prove your prophets worthy still.
O gracious God, attend my prayer
And hear your people, Israel.

Jerusalem: with what great joy
I heard them say, "Let us go there!"
And now at last we take our stand
Within her gates to make our prayer.

Jerusalem: a city built
To be a place of unity,
The tribes go up, the tribes of God,
To praise God's name eternally.

To God, the Triune One, we raise
Eternal songs of joyful praise,
O Father, Son and Paraclete,
We praise your name in word and deed.

KYRIE & GLORIA  
Short Mass in C  Richard. R. Terry (1865-1938)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Re The Lord is compassion and love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  
Mt 24:42

I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have loved you.

OFFERTORY MOTET  
Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The lord lift up the light of his countenance
upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,
where there is injury your pardon, Lord,
and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there’s despair in life let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there’s sadness ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro (II) from Concerto in B Minor 'after Vivaldi' LV133
– Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)
**MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL**

Music at today’s Mass is drawn from the Catholic Worship Book II, with congregational hymn texts on this sheet. The 10:00am Solemn Mass is led by the Cathedral Trebles, the music for this mass is inside this bulletin. The 12:00pm Mass is usually led by the Cathedral Schola. All other Masses are led by a cantor.

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(Translation) **COMMUNION MOTET, 12pm Mass**


Music: Edward Elgar (c.1857 – 1934)

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste to us in the trial of Death. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, son of Mary. Amen.

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Please take this copy of the bulletin with you at the conclusion of mass today.