



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A – 25th October 2020

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

*Embracing
Villa Maria Centre
and
St Patrick's
Fortitude Valley*



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*For the Common Good:
Love is Stronger than Death*

Readings for today: Exodus 22:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

A couple of Sundays ago across Queensland we celebrated Dying Peacefully – No Euthanasia Sunday. Last Sunday, with impeccable timing, the Premier announced out of the blue that, if re-elected, the Labor government would rush euthanasia legislation before the parliament in February next year.

In May this year Anastacia Palaszczuk made a clear announcement to the parliament that she would refer the report of the parliamentary enquiry to the Queensland Law Reform Commission which would present its report to the Attorney General by 1 March 2021 for final consideration by the government before putting the proposed legislation to the parliament. She said in May that it was important to “get this right” and therefore not to rush the process.

So the question now is: Why the rush? The Premier says it’s because so many people asked her to hasten the process – but that doesn’t convince. It’s more likely that the Premier has succumbed to political pressure of one kind or another, and one can only speculate as to what that might be.

But the larger question concerns the politicisation of what the Premier has acknowledged is a complex and delicate issue. Of course it was always going to be political, but to make it front and centre in the maelstrom of an electoral campaign makes it intensely political in a way that does no justice to the complexity and

delicacy of the issue. Inevitably too it makes people like me and Anglican Archbishop Phillip Aspinall who joined me in a public statement seem partisan in the electoral context when neither of us wants to play the partisan game.

The question of euthanasia is quite literally a matter of life and death; and there are no issues more important for a community and for individuals than those that touch life and death. They matter even more than politics. But the Premier’s decision suggests that politics trumps all else, that votes or support from key constituencies matter more than human life and human dignity.

The contradictions abound. A government which has set great political store on closing borders to protect life now pushes legislation which jeopardises life. At a time when suicide is a national problem – especially among youth and First Nations people – the government wants to sanction suicide in law, saying that suicide in some contexts is an acceptable solution. The government may also claim that they want both better palliative care and voluntary assisted dying. But the assumptions underlying palliative care and VAD are so utterly different that they are in the end incompatible. A choice has to be made, and the one really human choice is properly funded palliative care.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge



**Cathedral of
St. Stephen**
249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane



St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley



Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill
*No public Masses
until further notice.*

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

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

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen

St Patrick's Church

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon & 7:30pm (*8am & 10am 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

Mass Registration

The preferred way to register for Mass is on-line via the Cathedral website:

<https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html>

If you do not have access to register on-line, please telephone the Cathedral Office **before 12noon on Friday**. For administration purposes, **registration closes at lunchtime on Friday**.

When registering for Mass, please note the following:

- Please register only for the Mass you will attend. Registering for more than one Mass prevents other people from attending.
- If you are registering for more than one person, please put all names in the registration. Multiple entries in the same name will be deleted, leaving only one entry.
- We understand that you may register for a Mass and then, on the day, not be able to attend, however please do not register on the off chance that you may attend.

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.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Congratulations to Fr. Odinaka

Archbishop Coleridge has appointed Fr. Odinaka as Parish Priest of Nambour from 4th January, 2021. While we are sad to say farewell to Fr. Odinaka, this new appointment will be a wonderful opportunity for a priest of his abilities. We wish him well and we will have an opportunity in coming weeks to say "thank you" for his 3 and a half years of service at St. Stephen's as Associate Pastor and Master of Ceremonies. In the meantime, we hope that he has a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday during the month of November.

Ways to financially support your parish

- Direct debit via the online payment system on the Cathedral's website:

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/ststephencathedralbrisbane>

- The "Tap & Go" facility at the door of the church;
- Place your donation in the collection bags during or after Mass;
- **The Parish Giving app**
Hover the camera on your smart phone over the QR code and tap on the link to the Parish Giving facility.



Volunteer Marshalls for the 7.30pm Mass

If you regularly attend the 7.30pm Mass on a Sunday and would be available to volunteer for marshal duties for this Mass, please email the Cathedral office at cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au for further details.

Children's Sacramental Program

Today at the 10.00am Mass, children who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion over the last couple of months will receive the Sacrament. We welcome Lola Burke, Grace Camuglia, Allegra Fotheringham, Connor Guinea, Hunter Henderson, Cecilia Josey, Luciana Josey, Riley Klupp, Grant Lupig, Alexander Merrett, Amelia Parry, Darcy Yates, Anya Zietek and their family and friends. Please keep these children in your prayers. Most of these children attend school at St Joseph's Primary School, Kangaroo Point and we also pray for their classmates who are receiving their First Holy Communion at St Joseph's.

Formant in Concert Sunday 1 November commencing at 2.00pm, St Patrick's Fortitude Valley

Brisbane's newest vocal sextet, Formant, presents its debut concert of choral classics and a cappella favourites. Tickets \$20 adults/\$15 student/concessions. Limited seating available due to COVID-19 restrictions. Pre-booking is essential. Reserve online at trybooking.com/ BLSTA or scan the QR code.



Cathedral Choral Scholarships 2021 'A Musical Education Like No Other' Choral Scholarships are available for boys entering years 5-7 in 2021 to join the Cathedral Choir. Excellent training is offered. All enquiries to Christopher Trikalis (Director of Music) on 3324 3030 or cathedral.music@bne.catholic.net.au

Cathedral Closure

The Cathedral remains closed from approx. 2.00pm each afternoon Monday to Friday for organ maintenance. The Chapel is also closed from 2.00-4.00pm.

World Mission Sunday

"You must love your neighbour as yourself..."

Last week, the Universal Church, including St Stephen's Cathedral parish, celebrated World Mission Sunday. It was a time in the liturgical calendar when Catholics acknowledge, and give thanks for, the selfless sacrifice made by priests, brothers and religious sisters around the world, as they look to serve people in need by bringing hope, faith and love. It is these people that model the compassion of Christ and the grace of God and who you were invited to support, by contributing to the Catholic Mission appeal campaign. If you have not yet made a donation, you can still do so, in any of the following three ways: **Text** the word *GIVE* to 0488 854 436, enter your parish name in the notes and follow the prompts; donate online (catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia) or give via the traditional appeal envelope that is still available from the church. To all those who did contribute, by donating or offering prayers, we thank you. May the Lord bless all of you and sustain your community at this challenging social time, just as you have sustained other communities around the world.

Dying Peacefully – No Euthanasia Sunday

Links to the documents distributed on No Euthanasia Sunday are available on the Cathedral website:

<https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/for-the-common-good.html>



Queensland is seeing an alarming increase in people experiencing mental health problems, especially among the young. Resourcing for mental health services is just one important issue to consider when casting our vote in the Queensland State Election on October 31. Our democracy needs the active, thoughtful, respectful participation of all citizens. You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at <https://bit.ly/3bXbvTw>

ENTRANCE SONG

Psalm 129

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:

Let every heart who seeks the Lord rejoice;
Come, glorify his everlasting name.
Hope in the Lord, and find your strength in him;
Desire with him forever to remain.

Give thanks to God, invoke his holy name.
Proclaim his wondrous deeds to all the earth.
Sing praises to the Lord, lift up your voice;
Make melody, recount his marvelous works.

Give praise to God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, ever Three-in-One,
Who was from the beginning without end,
Is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

KYRIE & GLORIA

Missa Saecula Saeculorum Amen F. Guerrero (1528-1599)

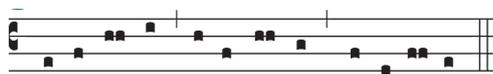
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 17



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23



✠ Al-l e-l u - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia .

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

OFFERTORY MOTET

Psalm 118

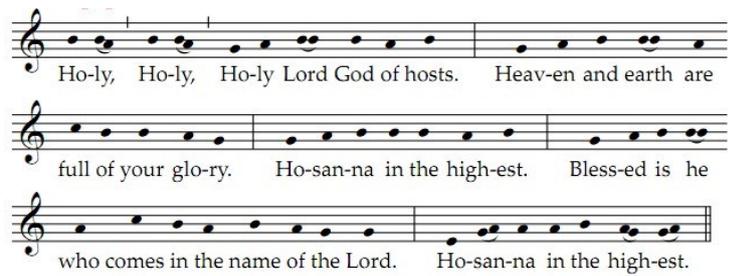
Domine, vivifica me
secundum eloquium tuum:
ut sciam testimonia tua.

O Lord, grant me life
according to your word,
so that I may learn your

Music: Orlandus Lassus (1532-1594)

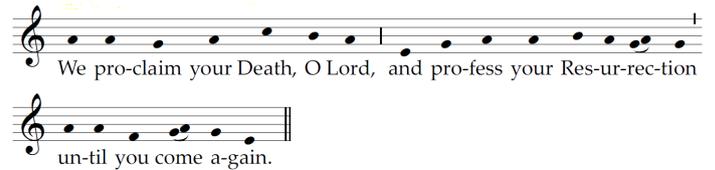
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Mass XVIII



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

ICEL #1



LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Missa Saecula Saeculorum Amen F. Guerrero (1528-1599)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 19

Laetabimur in salutari tuo:
et in nomine Domini Dei
nostri magnificabimur.

We shall rejoice in your
salvation: and in the name of
the Lord our God shall we laud.

COMMUNION HYMN

CWB 552

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in A Major
- 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 Choir, 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.

- Processional Hymn** A new commandment
Kyrie Chant Mass
(12pm mass) *Missa Vidi Speciosum – Victoria*
Gloria Chant Mass
(12pm mass) *Missa Vidi Speciosum – Victoria*
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 17*



Gospel Acclamation *John 14:23*



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

- Offertory Motet** *If ye love me – Tallis*
(12pm only)
Sanctus Chant Mass
Memorial Acclamation We proclaim your death, O Lord,
(ICEL #1): and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.
Agnus Dei Chant Mass
(12pm Mass) *Missa Vidi Speciosum – Victoria*
Communion Motet *Draw us in the Spirit's Tether –*
(12pm only) *Freidell*
Communion Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling
Recessional Hymn Holy God, we praise thy name

OFFERTORY MOTET, 12pm Mass

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever; even the spirit of truth.*

John 14:15-17

Music: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

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,
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Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
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Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Holy God, we praise Thy Name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising,
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God, we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

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