Dear friends,

In a land so desperately in need of rain, today we celebrate the power of water to give us life. These past weeks have given us image after image of the dry land exploding into fire, smoke and ash and leaving behind its cindered remains. Fire is not new to our summers or our landscape, but the size and reach of this summer’s fires is, as we have heard often, “unprecedented”. Fire is threatening us in new and destructive ways. In Australia, we are not used to seeing summer beaches become evacuation zones, or clear summer skies choked with smoke, or long queues at village supermarkets, or navy ships moored in otherwise calm harbours. This summer feels different and our usual January distractions of cricket, tennis and BBQs seem less important. Perhaps this summer is a tipping-point, at least in our consciousness and relationship with the natural environment.

It is interesting to note that the baptism of Jesus took place outdoors, and not in a cute little chapel. It is harder to see the heavens thrown open with a roof over your head. The baptism of Jesus, although not a baptism of initiation as we understand it, is the prototype for all Christian baptisms. The baptism that John was offering was not initiation but spiritual renewal and bodily cleansing, and hence, Matthew’s rather coy note in retelling the encounter. Both Jesus and John accept that “this is the way it should be for now”, but nonetheless, the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan becomes a pivotal moment in his public ministry. Rather ironically, the waters of the Jordan seem to light a fire in Jesus. Baptism is indication that we thirst: we thirst for meaning, for purpose, for identity, for vocation, for love. Our thirsty land cries out with the same lament that our thirsty souls cry out: “Come down from the heavens and renew the face of the earth!” May the power of water to offer life become a reality for all in our land soon. May our parched soil and bush be quenched by the waters of life.

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

Fr. Anthony.
MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020
Monday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:1-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 115:1-10

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise, I will call on the Lord's name.

My heart exults in the Lord. I find my strength in my God; my mouth laughs at my enemies as I rejoice in your saving help.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 115:12-19

The bows of the mighty are broken, but the weak are clothed with strength. Those with plenty must labour for bread, but the hungry need work no more. The childless wife has children now but the fruitful wife bears no more.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosed my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord's name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 115:12-19

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GOSPEL ACCOLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-15

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TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020
Tuesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

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The Cathedral of St Stephen strongly encourages the vocal participation of the assembly in its worship. Its organists, cantors and choirs provide effective leadership in the congregational singing of hymns, psalms, responses and parts of the mass. The Cathedral is unusual in serving three purposes: it is a cathedral, a parish church and an inner-city church; and the music repertoire needs to take account of each of these purposes. The Cathedral Director of Music, through the Cathedral Music Department, also supports the liturgical music for St. Patrick’s, Fortitude Valley, which forms part of the Cathedral parish.

The Director of Music is responsible for the organisation of the Cathedral Music Program including organ performance and accompaniment, choir direction, rehearsal and accompaniment, organ and other instrument maintenance, general music related administration, and assistance with the coordination and support for special events and concerts in consultation with the Dean and other presiding clergy.

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O SAVING VICTIM
O saving victim opening wide
The gate of heaven to us below.
Our foes press on from every side
Thy strength supply, thine aid bestow.
All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore blest three in one,
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee
AMEN.

HYMN OF ADORATION
Down in adoration falling,
This great sacrament we hail;
Ancient types have long departed
Newer rites of grace prevail
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.
Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing
while eternal ages run;
Equal praise to him confessing
who proceeds from both as one.
AMEN.

SWEET SACRAMENT DIVINE
Sweet Sacrament Divine,
hid in thy earthly home,
Lo! Round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come.
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,
Sweet Sacrament Divine.

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2020
Wednesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
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whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Ps 39:2, 5, 7-10

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord and has not gone over to the rebels who follow false gods.
You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.
In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.
Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:
Mark 1:29-39

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.

THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020
Thursday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated,
whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 4:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Ps 43:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

Yet now you have rejected us, disgraced us: you no longer go forth with our armies. You make us retreat from the foe and our enemies plunder us at will.
You make us the taunt of our neighbours, the mockery and scorn of all who are near.
Among the nations, you make us a byword, among the peoples a thing of derision.
Awake, O Lord, why do you sleep? Arise, do not reject us for ever! Why do you hide your face and forget our oppression and misery.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL:
Mark 1:40-45

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.
FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2020
St Anthony

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
The just will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a Lebanon cedar, planted
in the house of the Lord, in the courts of
the house of our God.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 88:16-19
Happy the people who acclaim such a
king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of
your face, who find their joy every day
in your name, who make your justice the
source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory
of their strength; it is by your favour that
our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the
Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy
One of Israel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 2:1-12

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
If you would be perfect, go, sell what
you have, give to the poor, and follow
me, says the Lord.

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2020
Saturday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CWBII 411

FIRST READING:
1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 20:2-7
R. Lord, your strength gives joy to the
king.
O Lord, your strength gives joy to the
king; how your saving help makes him
 glad! You have granted him his heart's
desire; you have not refused the prayer
of his lips. R
You came to meet him with the blessings
of success, you have set on his head a
crown of pure gold. He asked you for
life and this you have given, days that
will last from age to age. R
Your saving help has given him glory.
You have laid upon him majesty and
splendour, you have granted your
blessings to him for ever. You have
made him rejoice with the joy of your
presence. R

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to
the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 2:13-17

COMMUNION HYMN: CWBII 508

RECESSIONAL HYMN: CWBII 213

SATURDAY MORNING

Holy Virgin,
turn a look of kindness,
upon those who are in suffering,
who are in the midst of difficulties,
and who struggle against
the misfortunes of this life.

Have pity on those who love and are separated.

Have pity on the feebleness of our faith,
have pity on the objects of our tenderness.

Have pity on those who weep,
on those who pray,
on those who fear.

Give us the hope of peace
in this troubled world of ours.

Amen

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a collection to allow weekday parishioners
to support the Cathedral.
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