



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A — 19th January 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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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Readings for today: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; I Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

Dear friends,

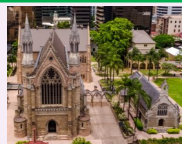
Ben Myers is a young Australian theologian. When he is not lecturing, or working as a Uniting Church lay preacher he writes a blog called, "Faith and Theology". A little while ago now, he published a little piece about why he goes to Church. He wrote, "I go to church sometimes not needing comfort for my own private griefs but seeking consolation for the slow unfolding trainwreck that is called human history. I go to church sometimes hoping to find forgiveness not for myself but for my ancestors, my parents, my children and their children who will one day be born and will have to live (who knows how?) in whatever diminished world that I bequeath to them. I go to church sometimes not to be reconciled to any of my personal acquaintances, but because for fifty thousand years the land beneath my feet was home to other peoples, and I am hoping by some miracle to be reconciled to them. I go to church sometimes not seeking peace within my own soul but hoping to find relief from the raging violence that has boiled in the blood of all my brothers and sisters since the time of Cain." And he finished off with, "I do not go to church because it is enjoyable (usually it's not), or because it is never dull (usually it is). I do not go to church because it satisfies my private needs and wishes (it seldom does). I do not go to church for myself. I go because of Adam." By "Adam," he means "Adam" from the Adam and Eve story. Adam is the one who represents our common human sin and shame; this complex reality that brings about and builds upon "the sins of the world."

In this sense, what does it mean to say that Jesus is the One "who takes away the sins of the world"? You and I are still caught in the grip of sin. The world continues to suffer under the weight of its own brokenness.

We don't know what Jesus thought the cross was all about because he didn't leave us a detailed theological explanation. That was for others such as St. Paul to ponder. He did, however, leave behind a pattern of living which takes a special account of those living on the edges of life and society. He left behind profound gestures of hospitality, forgiveness and compassion. He said tough things about being self-righteous frauds. Most profoundly, he left us a way of facing our suffering in hope. He also left behind a group of followers who became the church, and who themselves came to realise that Jesus didn't leave them "behind" to pick up the pieces, but who experienced Jesus as a living presence in the community of the church.

"The sins of the world" are the wounds of this world that need healing and mending. And Jesus comes as the great healer; and Jesus heals by calling us back into relationship, gently and slowly overcoming isolation and fear. Jesus enters into our hearts of darkness, lifting the "Adam" that we know so well out of a cold and lonely death. Yes, we know "Adam" - our "Adam" and the "Adam" of all humanity. We know that neither we nor this world is the way that it could be; the way that we might be. That's why we need the hope of the new Adam, Jesus Christ, to offer us the way out of our own dead ends of sin and into new life.

Fr. Anthony



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St. Stephen**
249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane



St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley



Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday 8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Cathedral; 12.30pm Cathedral; 5.10pm Chapel
Saturday: 9.30am Villa Maria; 11.30am Cathedral

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen

Saturday: 6.00pm (Mass in anticipation of Sunday)
Sunday: 8.00am; 10.00am (Solemn Mass); 12 noon; 7.30pm

St Patrick's 9.00am; 12 noon
Villa Maria 9.30am

Reconciliation: Monday to Friday 10.30-11.30am; 1.00-1.30pm; 4.30-5.00pm
Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm

Exposition: Monday to Friday 10.30am – 12.15pm

Benediction: Monday to Friday 12.15pm

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



AUSTRALIA DAY BUSH FIRE APPEAL

During the upcoming Australia Day weekend, parishes from across Australia will be taking up a special collection at Masses to raise funds for victims of the current bushfire crisis affecting so many in our nation. The fundraising initiative was instigated by The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference as part of the Church's national response to the ongoing disaster. Funds will be donated through the St Vincent de Paul Society, Queensland who will distribute to those most in need in areas most affected, including interstate. At the end of the Mass on 25/26th Jan, collectors will be present at the Cathedral entrances for those who would like to make a donation. Those who would like a **tax deductible receipt are best donating online via www.bushfireappeal.com.au**. Some specially marked Vinnies envelopes will also be available at the entrance of the Cathedral for those who would like to make a Credit Card donation and receive a receipt. Your support will be greatly appreciated by the many families and individuals affected.



POSITION VACANT- DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

The position of Director of Music has been advertised and information can be found on the Archdiocesan website – www.catholic.org.au/ Careers.

FR DAVID KING CP – SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2020

Fr David King is taking on a new position with the Passionists Community in Sydney and will be celebrating his last Mass in Brisbane at the Cathedral of St Stephen at 7.30pm on Sunday 26 January. Fr David has been supplying at the Cathedral since 2010 and we are very grateful for his ministry at the Cathedral.

You are invited to attend this Mass and offer your personal thanks to Fr David at supper in the Hanly Room, following the Mass.

YAM MASS – FEBRUARY 2020

To coincide with the Pilgrimage of the Relics of St Therese and Sts Louis & Zelie Martin, the February Young Adult Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 9th February. The Young Adult ministry will also provide the music for the Evening Prayer at 6.30pm.

DEATH NOTICE – FR RAY BRAIN CP – RIP

We sadly advise of the sudden death of Fr Ray Brain CP, who was well known in the Archdiocese through his ministry over a 15 year period which included the Cathedral of St Stephen. Fr David King CP, the Superior of the Congregation of the Passionists at Oxley, has written these words which reflect Fr Ray's association with the Brisbane Archdiocese.

He will be remembered as a wonderful, pastoral priest with a special place in his ministry for the poor and marginalized of society. From my time at the Cathedral I have heard the parishioners and sacristans mention always in glowing terms his pastoral approach in and out of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and his warm greetings at Mass. Any who knew him will remember he always had time for a chat and a vibrant sense of humour. He will be greatly missed.

Fr Ray's Mass of Christian Burial will be in his home town of Hobart, Tasmania. We extend to Fr Ray's family and to Fr David King CP together with the members of the Passionists Community our deepest sympathy and prayers at this time.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Wednesday 5 February 2020 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre.

If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered.


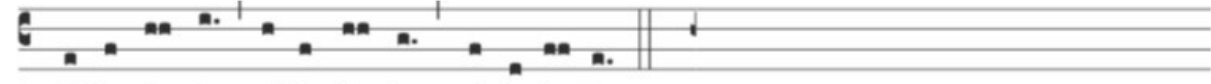
If this ministry appeals to you, please email the Cathedral cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au, or phone 3324 3030 by Friday 24 January 2020.

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The music is drawn from the Catholic Worship Book II for all Masses, available from our Welcomers at the entrances or on the pew seats. All Masses will be led by a Cantor.

The Cathedral Choirs are in recess.

	<p>6:00pm (Sat) (Sun) 8:00am, 10:00am 12:00pm 7.30pm</p>
Processional Hymn	<p>CWB 457 7:30PM: CWB 388</p>
Kyrie	CWB 22a
Gloria	CWB 22b
First Reading	<i>Isaiah 49:3, 5-6</i>
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10</i>
 <p>☩ Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.</p>	
Second Reading	<i>1 Corinthians 1:1-3</i>
Gospel Acclamation	
 <p>☩ Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.</p>	
Gospel	<i>John 1:29-34</i>
Offertory	CWB 582
Sanctus	CWB 22c
Agnus Dei	CWB 22h
Communion Hymn	<p>CWB 282 7:30PM: 482</p>
Recessional Hymn	<p>CWB 464 7:30PM: 587</p>

ART & PRAYER

A practical, engaging and prayerful course offered to help you discover art as a disposition to contemplative prayer through the process of writing an icon. Course offered in two forms: 1) 5 x Tuesday afternoons, Feb 11th-March 10th, 2-5.30pm. 2) 2 x Saturdays, 15th & 22nd Feb, 9am-5.30pm. Held at 202 Waterworks Rd, Ashgrove. Class limited to 8 participants. Suggested donation: \$200 (\$150 for students). For more info or to register please contact sister Josephine Marie: 0414 810 712, mariastella.brisbane@gmail.com. Course offered by the Sisters of Mary Morning Star.

Relics of St Therese and Sts Louis and Zelig Martin—2020 Pilgrimage



As part of the 2020 Pilgrimage of the Relics of St Therese and Sts Louis and Zelig Martin, will be visiting the Cathedral of St Stephen from Saturday 8 February until Monday 10 February.

A brief itinerary for the time the Relics are at the Cathedral

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY

- 11.00am Bishop Ken will greet the arrival of the Relics
- 11.30am Celebration of Mass with Bishop Ken
- 12noon Veneration of the Relics
- 6.00pm Celebration of Mass
- 7.30pm The Cathedral will be closed

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY

- 7.00am Veneration of the Relics
- 8.00am Celebration of Mass
- 10.00am Celebration of Mass with Archbishop Mark
- 12 noon Celebration of Mass
- 1.00pm Veneration of the Relics
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer
- 7.30pm Celebration of Mass
- 9.00pm The Cathedral will be closed

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY

- 7.00am Veneration of the Relics
- 8.00am Celebration of Mass with Fr Anthony
- 9.00am Relics will be farewelled from the Cathedral

Safeguarding Children And Vulnerable Adults—Archdiocesan Prevention and Protection Policy

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and visitors to our sites.