



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A – 16th February 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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On the mountain, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and he taught them, saying: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil."

Readings for today: Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37

Dear friends,

There is a rather straight forward, no nonsense introduction to our liturgy of the Word this week-end. The writer of the Book of Ecclesiasticus says without any equivocation:

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. God has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

In two concise sentences, we have both an analysis of the human condition and the antidote of the Divine cure. To behave faithfully is a possibility for each of us. Notice that the writer doesn't say that behaving *sinlessly* but rather *faithfully*. Living without sin is not a realistic option for any of us. The more realistic possibility for each of us is to live faithfully – to live fully in faith. To live faithfully is to grow in trust in our relationship with God; to be less harsh critics of our sisters and brothers and develop greater habits of generosity; to be of service to those in need. Trust, generosity and service are the practice of God's commandments and such habits are not beyond our capabilities. God does not ask us to do the impossible. God asks us to do what is necessary so that God's kingdom may come.

The next line describes our dilemma: we have a choice. We put out our hand for whichever we prefer. God may put before us commandments, but the choice is ours.

As every parent knows, there comes a time when children must be allowed to make their own choices if they are to walk that rocky road to adulthood. So too with us, if we are to mature in faith, we must take responsibility for our own lives, our faith and our decisions. Part of the process of growing-up is making mistakes and coming to understand the consequences of those mistakes and taking responsibility for who we are becoming.

This is what the author of our first reading is saying: the life that God offers us is possible but only if we choose to grow into it. This will necessarily include making mistakes and failed choices (we are not sinless) but we only become faithless when we give up. To respond to God faithfully is one of the choices that we have, but this needs to be a daily choice to grow in trust, generosity and service. It is possible to refuse this path and find ourselves cynical, selfish and self-serving.

The choice is ours.

Fr. Anthony



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St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley



Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Cathedral; 12.30pm Cathedral; 5.10pm Chapel
Wednesday 8.00am; 10.00am; 12.30pm; 5.10pm – **ALL MASSES IN THE 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.*



CATHEDRAL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

PPC Commissioning Mass is scheduled for today at 10am. All are welcome.

Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council recently enjoyed a fruitful meeting. Fr. Anthony's document "Truly this is an Exalted Place" was the focus of the formation segment. There was discussion about how to nurture the multidimensional nature of Cathedral parish life. Updates were shared regarding potential Maintenance and Development plans for the Cathedral Precinct and St Patrick's Church.

PPC welcomes new volunteers to assist with monthly Baptism preparation sessions. For enquiries please contact : cathedralppc@bne.catholic.net.au

MORNING TEA

Today following the 8.00am & 10.00am Masses our first Cathedral cuppa after Mass for 2020 will be held. Join us outside the Francis Rush Centre for fellowship with our parishioners. Visitors are very welcome to attend.

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Are you interested in attending a Lenten Discussion Group this year? Currently we have one group who will be meeting on a **Sunday after the 12 noon Mass**. If there is interest, another group will be organised for **Thursday morning following the 10am Mass**. Please register your interest for both groups by emailing cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au by **Monday 17 February**.

BRISBANE CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting is Tuesday 18 February 5pm in Hanly Room in the FRC. The guest speaker is Mr Peter Mylne with topic: *Patrick William Shannon: His Life and Times*. The AGM of the Society will follow. Non-members welcome - gold coin donation. Check website:

www.brisbanecatholichistoricalsociety.org.au.

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

Please note all Masses on **Wednesday 19th February** will be held in the Chapel.

Reconciliation will be in the Cathedral as normal.

CATHEDRAL COFFEE LOUNGE

The Cathedral Coffee Lounge, located on the lower ground floor of Penola Place in the Cathedral Precinct, is currently looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Sandra on 0407 791 833 or email:

sandra.odonohue@bigpond.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – WINE & CHESS NIGHT 2020

The 40 Days for Life team invites everyone to our annual Wine & Cheese Night. Come along to a night of wine, cheese & nibbles with fellow people of God who are committed to ending the **business** of Abortion which is now entrenched in Queensland's legal system. With a state election this year we are delighted to have Dr Mark Robinson MP as our guest speaker. If you have never been to our annual event please come because to end Abortion we need everyone's help. We look forward to seeing as always our existing supporters.

When: **Friday 21 February 2020 @ 7pm**

Where: Mary Immaculate School, 616 Ipswich Rd, Annerley (courtyard between Marymac Centre & May Immaculate School Building) Enquiries to: 40daysbrisbane@gmail.com

VILLA MARIA OPEN DAY

The grand heritage, newly refurbished residential aged care home at Villa Maria, offers exciting programs and activities for residents in relaxed community spaces. Home Care services can also be provided, tailoring care to every stage of your life's journey. An Open Day will be held on **Saturday 22 February 2020, 10.00am-2.00pm**. RSVP or for more information: 1300 951 501.

TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY – LAUNCH OF PROJECT COMPASSION

At **10.00am** on **Tuesday 25th February**, Project Compassion 2020 will be launched in the Cathedral by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, therefore the **10am Mass & Reconciliation will be held in the Chapel**. There will be no Adoration or Benediction.

ASH WEDNESDAY – EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS

Would you please advise which Ash Wednesday Mass you will be attending, so that rosters can be compiled for the **Distribution of Ashes, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**. Please telephone 3324 3006 or email: sacristan@bne.catholic.net.au.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 26 FEBRUARY 2020

Mass times for Ash Wednesday in the Cathedral Parish: St Patrick's, Fortitude Valley – 7.00am
Cathedral – 8.00am; 10.00am; 12.30pm; **5.30pm**
Please note the later time for the afternoon Mass. The car park will be available from 5.00pm for the **5.30pm Mass only**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral will be held every Friday during Lent at 10.30am commencing **Friday 28 February**.

WHAT NOW AFTER THE RELICS?

Our parish had the wonderful privilege of hosting the pilgrimage of the relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Sts Louis and Zelig. Following this special encounter, Catholic Mission would like to reach out and hear about your experience during the pilgrimage of the saintly family. Please share about your experience by contacting David McGovern, Director of Catholic Mission for the Archdiocese of Brisbane on 0431 481 731 or via email: DMcGovern@catholicmission.org.au.

MASS FOR THE DEAF

The next Auslan-Supported Mass at St Michael's Catholic Church, 250 Banks Street, Dorrington/Ashgrove will be held on **Sunday 1 March at 8.30 am**. A warm invitation is extended to all who would like to attend this special Mass, with morning tea afterwards. Enquiries to dorrington@bne.catholic.edu.au

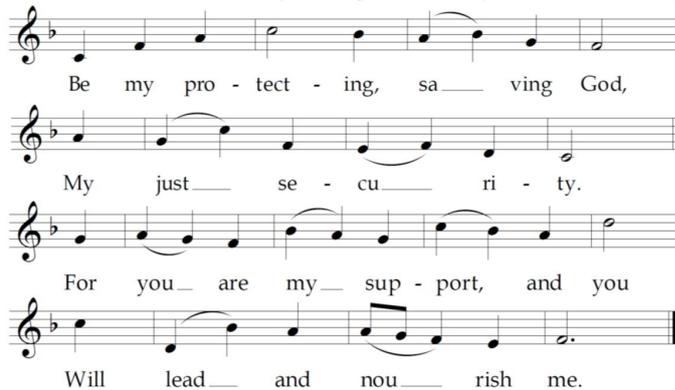
Music at the 10.00am Solemn Mass

Celebrant: Fr Anthony Mellor

ENTRANCE SONG

Ps 95: 6 – 7.

At the sound of the bell, the Cathedral Choir processes from the Sacristy singing the Introit. 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 third verse.



Be my pro - tect - ing, sa - ving God,
My just - se - cu - ri - ty.
For you - are my sup - port, and you
Will lead - and nou - rish me.

2. In you, O Lord, I seek support;
Let me not be disgraced.
For you are my support, and you
Will lead and nourish me.

3. Give glory to our loving God,
The Father and the Son,
And also to the Paraclete,
Eternal Three-in-One.

KYRIE & GLORIA

Missa in G

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839 – 1901)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

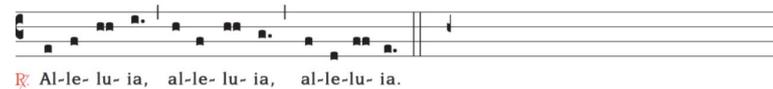
Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34



⌘ They are happy who follow God's law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Matthew 11:25



⌘ Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Ps 118:12 – 13.

Benedictus es Domine, doce me justificationes tuas. In labiis meis pronuntiavi omnia iudicia oris tui.

Blessed are you, O Lord: teach me your statutes. With my lips I have pronounced all the judgments of your mouth.

Orlando di Lasso (1532 – 1594)

SANCTUS

CWB 11a

The cantor and assembly *sing together* to the end of 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord'; the Cathedral Choir then sings a choral extension 'Hosanna in excelsis' from Missa in G (Rheinberger).

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CWB 12a

AGNUS DEI

CWB 77

The Agnus Dei is sung in *alternation* with the choir: the cantor and assembly sing the *first and last* invocations; the Cathedral Choir sings the remaining invocation to a setting from Missa in G (Rheinberger).

COMMUNION ANTIPHON & PSALM

Ps 77: 29 – 30.

Manducaverunt et saturati sunt nimis, et desiderium eorum attulit eis Dominus: non sunt fraudati a desiderio suo.

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord of creation, to you be all praise

CWB 543

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation sur le 'Te Deum'

Charles Tournemire (1870 – 1939)

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Cathedral Coffee Lounge

Lower Ground Floor,
Penola Place, 143 Edward St (entry also from the Cathedral Precinct)
Morning Tea; Light Meals; catering for small functions

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Monday – Friday
9.00am – 2.00pm

Phone: 3211 8080

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

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. The 10:00am Solemn Mass is led by the Cathedral Choir.

The 12:00pm Mass is led by the Cathedral Schola. All other Masses are led by a cantor.

	6:00PM 8:00AM	12:00PM	7:30PM
Processional	CWB 585	CWB 585	CWB 476
Kyrie	CWB 23a	Missa en sol majeur	CWB 23a
Gloria	CWB 23b	– Francis Poulenc	CWB 23b
First Reading	Sirach 15:15-20		
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34		
 <p>☞ They are happy who follow God's law.</p>			
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 2:6-10		
Gospel Acclamation	cf Matthew 11:25		
 <p>☞ Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.</p>			
Gospel	Matthew 5:17-37		
Offertory		In Spiritu Humilitatis – Croce	CWB 291
Sanctus	CWB 23c	CWB 11a	CWB 23c
Memorial Acclamation	CWB 12a		
Agnus Dei	CWB 23f	CWB 77 Missa en sol majeur – Poulenc	CWB 23f
Communion Hymn	CWB 543	Ave Verum – Mawby CWB 543	CWB 592
Recessional	CWB 621	CWB 621	CWB 543

OFFERTORY MOTET, 12pm Mass

Daniel 3:39b, 40b.

In spiritu humilitatis et in animo contrito suscipiamur ad te Domine, et sic fiat sacrificium nostrum in conspectu tuo hodie ut placeat tibi Domine Deus.

In the spirit of humility and with a contrite heart may we be accepted to thee, O Lord, and let it thus be done in our sacrifice in thy sight this day that it might please you, O Lord God.

Giovanni Croce (1557–1609)

COMMUNION MOTET, 12pm Mass

Pope Innocent VI

Ave verum corpus, natum Ex Maria virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum In cruce pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum Vero fluxit sanguine;
Esto nobis praegustatum, Mortis in examine.
O clemens, o pie, o dulcis Iesu, Fili Mariae.

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate Of the Virgin Mary Born,
On the cross thy sacred body For us men with nails was torn
Cleanse us, by the blood and water Streaming from thy pierced
side Feed us with thy body broken, Now, in death's agony!
O clement, O sweet Jesu, hear us, Son of Mary.

Colin Mawby (1936–)

Safeguarding Children And Vulnerable Adults—Archdiocesan Prevention and Protection Policy

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

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