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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—CHAPEL
Morning Prayer Included in the 8.00am Mass on Friday in the Chapel
Saturday 9.30am Villa Maria; 11.30am Cathedral

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8.00am; 10.00am (Solemn Mass); 12 noon; 7.30pm

St Patrick's, Fortitude Valley Sunday 9.00am; 12 noon

Villa Maria, Spring Hill Sunday 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

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**.

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

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 Zelie. 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

GUIDED TOURS

Monday to Friday following 10am Mass a guided tour of the Cathedral and Precinct is available. Please meet the volunteer guide under the covered walkway between the Cathedral and Chapel.



THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST STEPHEN

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

WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

17—22 FEBRUARY 2020
6TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A

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

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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MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2020

Monday of the sixth week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: James 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 118:67-68, 71-72, 75-76

Before I was afflicted I went astray but now I keep your word.
You are good and your deeds are good; teach me your statutes.

It was good for me to be afflicted, to learn your statutes.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

Lord, I know that your decrees are right, that you afflicted me justly.
Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 8:11-13

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020

Tuesday of the sixth week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: James 1:12-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 93:12-15, 18-19

Happy the man whom you teach, O Lord, whom you train by means of your law: to him you give peace in evil days.

The Lord will not abandon his people nor forsake those who are his own; for judgement shall again be just and all true hearts shall uphold it.

When I think: 'I have lost my foothold', your mercy, Lord, holds me up.
When cares increase in my heart your consolation calms my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 8:14-21

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

CATHEDRAL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

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 Monday 17 February by emailing: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

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.

Benediction Hymns and Prayer

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

V. You have given them bread from heaven
R. Having in itself all delight.

SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be;
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
In death's dread moments make me only thine.
Call me and bid me come to thee on high,
When I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

*Lord Jesus Christ at your last supper
you prayed to the Father
that all should be one.*

*Send your Holy Spirit
upon all who bear your name
and seek to serve you.*

*Strengthen our faith in you, and make us
love one another in humility.*

*May we, who have been reborn in one
baptism, be united in one faith under one
shepherd.*

Amen



WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020

Wednesday of the sixth week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty
stronghold to save me. For you are my
rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me,
for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: James 1:19-2

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 14:2-5

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy
mountain? He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice and speaks the
truth from his heart; he who does not
slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
ù who holds the godless in disdain.
but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keep his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan and
accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart that we
might see how great is the hope to which
we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 8:22-26

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2020

Thursday of the sixth week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty
stronghold to save me. For you are my
rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me,
for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: James 2:1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33:2-7

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard
him and rescued him from all his
distress.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-33

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2020

Friday of the sixth week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: James 2:14-24, 26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 111:1-6

Happy the man who fears the Lord, who takes delight in his commands. His sons will be powerful on earth; the children of the upright are blessed.

Riches and wealth are in his house; his justice stands firm for ever. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you my friends, says the Lord for I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 8:34-9:1

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2020

The Chair of Saint Peter

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CWBII 432

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 5:1-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

COMMUNION HYMN: CWBII 514

RECESSIONAL HYMN: CWBII 406

SATURDAY MORNING

VISITATION

Blest be the Virgin Mary among women!
Blest be Jesus, her Child!
Supremely blest is God our Father,
source of all grace and all blessing!

When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth,
she brought her the presence of Jesus,
and was for her the source of joy.

Each time that we meet our brothers and sisters,
we can likewise bring them the presence of Jesus Christ
and enlighten them by the radiance of his joy.

God our Father, give us the same grace
that you bestowed through the Virgin Mary
on the day of the Visitation.

We ask this of you in the name of the love
that you have for your only Son, Jesus Christ,
and in memory of his beloved Mother.

Amen

At our Masses on Friday we have a collection to allow weekday parishioners to support the Cathedral. Thank you for your contribution.

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