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Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

**Monday to Friday** Cathedral: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12:30pm; Chapel: 5:10pm  
(On Monday 7/9 the 12.30pm Mass will be livestreamed. Tues-Fri – 8.00am livestreamed)

**Saturday** 11:30am – Mass (also live-streamed)

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen

**Saturday:** 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon & 5:00pm  
(8am & 10am also live-streamed)

**Reconciliation: Monday to Friday:** Cathedral: 10:30-11:30am; 1:00-1:30pm;  
Chapel: 4:30-5:00pm

**Saturday:** 10:00am-11:00am; 4:30-5:30pm

**Exposition:** Monday to Friday 10:30am – 12:15pm

**Benediction:** Monday to Friday 12:15pm

St Patrick's Church

**Sunday:** 9:00am & 11:00am



THE CATHEDRAL OF  
**ST. STEPHEN**  
Embracing Villa Maria and  
St Patrick's Fortitude Valley

# WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

**7 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2020**  
**23RD 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,*

Once again, one of our special family days is disrupted by border restrictions, quarantined Nursing Homes and limits on how many can gather in the family home. Such is the reality of this year that Father's Day 2020 will be celebrated at a distance for many.

There is a strange confluence in the readings today. Jesus reminds us that limited gatherings are no obstacle to the power of God: "I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." It only takes two or three to spark a wave of grace.

If we find ourselves constantly lamenting what we are missing this year, perhaps we can ask, "What is still possible?" And what is still possible is that we can continue to be a blessing to one another and this is especially true for families. If you can't be physically present to your father today, read him this blessing and open your hearts together to the bonds alive through grace:

*God of Abraham, Moses and Aaron, of Peter, James and John, God of Joseph, family father of Jesus, bless the fathers of all families:*

*Fathers who have an abundance of love, a happy heart and home; Bless them with a desire to spread their joy.*

*Bless the fathers who are hurt or angry; Bless them with the healing of your peace.*

*Bless those fathers who struggle to make ends meet; those who know what unemployment and empty pockets feel like. Gift them with good friends and family.*

*Bless the fathers who grieve the good-bye of a loved one, or the separation from family. Bless them with serenity and hope for the future.*

*Bless young fathers with the gift of faith, love, commitment and gratitude.*

*Bless those whose lives speak of growing old; Let them know what gentle witnesses they are to us, we who still ponder the meaning of life and growth.*

*God of love, bless all men.  
Raise in their hearts a yearning for you which will not cease.*

*Bless them today and always. Amen.*

Resumption of 7.30pm Mass

The 5.00pm Sunday Mass at the Cathedral, which has been celebrated during the winter months, will cease on the last Sunday in September. The 7.30pm Sunday evening Mass will resume on **Sunday 4th October 2020.**

Nativity Scene

Christmas is less than 4 months away and will be here before we know it. With COVID restrictions, it will be a different Christmas for most of us this year. One of the causalities of this time will our annual Christmas light display which will not be possible this year. To brighten our spirits this Christmas season, the Cathedral Parish is hoping to purchase a new and vibrant Nativity scene. These don't come cheap, of course, and we are hoping some generous donors may assist us in the purchase of a high quality Nativity scene. If it is to be here by beginning of Advent, we will need to act quickly, so if you are able to support us, please contact the Cathedral office as soon as possible.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

COVID restrictions are preventing the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, held each year at the Cathedral of St Stephen, in the usual way. However, on **Saturday 26th September at the 11.30am Mass**, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage. Attendance of Mass at the Cathedral is restricted to 132, if however, any couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary are in good health and wish to attend the Mass in person, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via the Cathedral website:

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

The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website for those who are unable to attend in person.

✚ Telephone: 07 3324 3030 Mass Information: 07 3324 3011  
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## MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2020

*Monday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**FIRST READING:** 1 Corinthians 5:1-8

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 5:5-7, 12

You are no God who loves evil; no sinner is your guest. The boastful shall not stand their ground before your face.

You hate all who do evil; you destroy all who lie. The deceitful and bloodthirsty man the Lord detests.

All those you protect shall be glad and ring out their joy. You shelter them, in you they rejoice, those who love your name.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

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

**GOSPEL:** Luke 6:6-11

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

## TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

**FIRST READING:** Micah 5:1-4

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Lord, I trust in your merciful love. Let my heart rejoice in your saving help.

Let me sing to the Lord for his goodness to me, singing psalms to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, deserving of all praise; from you rose the sun of justice, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold, the Virgin will bear a son, who will save his people from their sins.

## SATURDAY MORNING

### Marian Prayer

Hail, most gracious Mother of Mercy, through whom we obtain forgiveness!

Who would not love you?

You are our light in uncertainty,  
our comfort in sorrow,  
our consolation in trial,  
our refuge from every danger and temptation.

You are our sure hope of salvation, second only to your only-begotten Son.

Happy are they who love you, Our Lady!

I beg you to listen to my prayers, even though I am a poor sinner.

Scatter the darkness of my sins by the bright beams of your holiness so that I may be pleasing to you. Amen.

### Restrictions for places of worship

Registration for all Masses is **essential** (especially the Sunday Masses). Registration can be done via the Cathedral website. **Registration for Sunday Mass closes at midday on Friday.** If you do not have the resources to register on-line, please contact us on 3324 3030. **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.
- If you have registered for a particular Sunday Mass but have not checked in by the end of the Processional Hymn, your place may be re-allocated.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Organ Maintenance

To enable maintenance of the Jubilee Pipe Organ to proceed as smoothly and quickly as possible, the Cathedral and Chapel will be closed from approx. 2.00pm each afternoon Monday to Friday. The Chapel will re-open at 4.00pm to enable the 4.30pm Reconciliation and 5.10pm Mass to be held in St Stephen's Chapel.

### National Child Protection Week – September 6-12 2020

This year National Child Protection Week will celebrate its 30th year with the theme 'Putting children first'.

Putting children first means prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children. To grow up well children need to feel safe and loved, have a chance to play and explore, have a say in decisions that affect them, and access to essential things like food, shelter and healthcare.

### Interested in becoming a Catholic?

If you or someone you know is not Catholic, but are interested in finding out more about this life of richness and meaning, you are invited to an enquiry evening for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The meeting will be held on **Wednesday 23 September at 6:00pm, in the Francis Rush Centre (Hanly Room).**

*At our week day Masses we have a retiring collection to allow weekday parishioners to support the Cathedral. Thank you for your contribution.*

# 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.

## **GOD WITH HIDDEN MAJESTY** (Gather Aust. 388)

God with hidden majesty, lies in presence here,  
I with deep devotion my true God revere:  
Whom this outward shape and form secretly contains,  
Christ in his divinity manhood still retains.

All my other senses, cannot now perceive,  
But my hearing, taught by faith, always will believe:  
I accept whatever God the Son has said:  
Those who hear the word of God, by the truth are fed.

Blest reminder of the death suffered for the world,  
Sacrament of living bread, health to every mind,  
Let my soul approach you, live within your grace,  
Let me taste the perfect joys time shall not efface.

## **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 9 SEPTEMBER 2020**

*Wednesday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement  
is right; treat your servant in accord with  
your merciful love.

### **FIRST READING:**

1 Corinthians 7:25-31

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:  
forget your own people and your  
father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty:  
He is your lord, pay homage to him.

The daughter of the king is clothed with  
splendour, her robes embroidered with  
pearls set in gold.  
She is led to the king with her maiden  
companions.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;  
they pass within the palace of the king.  
Sons shall be yours in place of your  
fathers; you will make them princes over  
all the earth.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:**

Luke 6:20-26

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Like the deer that yearns for running  
streams, so my soul is yearning for you,  
my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the  
living God.

## **THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2020**

*Thursday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

You are just, O Lord, and your  
judgement is right; treat your servant in  
accord with your merciful love.

### **FIRST READING:**

1 Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 138:1-3, 13-14, 23-24

O Lord, you search me and you know  
me, you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways lie open to you.

For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation.

O search me, God, and know my heart.  
O test me and know my thoughts.  
See that I follow not the wrong path  
and lead me in the path of life eternal.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.  
Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:**

Luke 6:27-38

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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streams, so my soul is yearning for you,  
my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the  
living God.

PLEASE TAKE THIS COPY OF THE  
PRAYER SHEET WITH YOU AT THE  
CONCLUSION OF MASS TODAY.

**FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2020**

*Friday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**FIRST READING:**

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 83:3-6, 12

My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

The sparrow herself finds a home and the swallow a nest for her brood; she lays her young by your altars, Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you, in whose hearts are the roads to Zion.

For the Lord God is a rampart, a shield; he will give us his favour and glory. The Lord will not refuse any good to those who walk without blame.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

Luke 6:39-42

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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**SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2020**

*Saturday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**FIRST READING:**

1 Corinthians 10:14-22

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 115:12-13, 17-18

*R. To you, Lord, I will offer a sacrifice of praise.*

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. **R**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. **R**

**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:**

Luke 6:43-49

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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**SATURDAY MORNING HYMNS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

**CWBII442**

Holy light on earth's horizon, hope to all the fallen bring; light amid a world of shadows, dawns of God's redemption, sing. Chosen from eternal

Sun and Moon and stars adorn you, Sinless Eve, triumphant sign; You are she who crushes the serpent, Mary, pledge of life divine.

Hail, beloved of the Father, Mother of his only Son, Mystic bride of Love eternal, Hail, most fair and spotless one!

**COMMUNION HYMN:**

**CWBII649**

You are the Way: In you alone from sin and death we rise: Without your grace we nothing are, In you all goodness lies.

You are the Truth: Your Word alone full wisdom can impart; Your Word alone transforms the mind And purifies the heart.

You are the Life: The empty tomb proclaims your victory. And those who put their trust in you Shall ever more be free.

You are the Way, The Truth, the life: Grant us that Way to see That Truth to keep, that Life to live, That we your friends may be.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

**CWBII417**

Sing we of the blessed Mother Who received the angel's word, And obedient to the summons Bore in love the infant Lord; Sing we of the joys of Mary At whose breast that child was fed Who is Son of God eternal And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows, Of the sword that pierced her through, When beneath the cross of Jesus She his weight of suffering knew, Looked upon her Son and Saviour Reigning high on Calvary's tree, Saw the price of our redemption Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary When she saw the risen Lord, And in prayer with Christ's apostles, Waited on his promised word: From on high the blazing glory Of the Spirit's presence came, Heavenly breath of God's own being, Manifest through wind and flame.

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