



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

10 September 2020

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD
OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace be with you.

The Queensland Parliament this week passed an important piece of legislation, namely the Criminal Code (Child Sexual Offences Reform) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019. It will soon become law. Much of the Bill was strongly supported by the Archdiocese of Brisbane as we remain unequivocally committed to the protection of children.

The legislation enacts some recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. It creates two new crimes in relation to how people and institutions respond when they have knowledge of possible child sexual offences.

Firstly, it requires all adults with information relating to a child sexual offence to report it to the police. The law covers the Sacrament of Penance.

This was one part of the Bill which the Archdiocese found unacceptable. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse did much to make for safer environments for young people. For that we are all grateful. However, with many others I have said that one point which the Royal Commission failed to understand was the nature of the Sacrament of Penance and the importance of the seal. The Archdiocese has previously provided its feedback on this to the State Government.

Secondly, the Bill requires an accountable person (in an institution) who knows there is a significant risk of a sexual offence against a child, and the person has the power or responsibility to remove or reduce the risk, the person must act to reduce or remove the risk.

The Archdiocese is working to develop a co-ordinated approach to police reporting of possible child sexual offences. Priests will receive further information to assist their understanding of the civil and canonical requirements they now face. You will all receive more information about this as we strive to make our parishes, schools and agencies as safe as possible for our young people and all who are vulnerable.

Further information on the Church's position on the seal of the Sacrament of Penance can be found here:

1. Submission to legislative enquiry
<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/committees/LACSC/2019/CriminalCodeChild2019/submissions/010.pdf>
2. Holy See observations on the recommendations of the Royal Commission
<https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/media-centre/media-releases-new>

As always in the Lord,

Archbishop of Brisbane



THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST. STEPHEN

Embracing Villa Maria and
St Patrick's Fortitude Valley

WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

14 - 19 SEPTEMBER 2020
24TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
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The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

Dear friends,

In a few weeks time, Pope Francis will travel to Assisi to sign a new papal encyclical called *Fratelli Tutti* ("Brothers and sisters all"). The new encyclical will speak of the social, political and economic obligations that flow from a belief that all people are children of God and therefore brothers and sisters to one another. In these COVID days, human solidarity must be understood in a whole new context and, no doubt, that Pope Francis will address this.

A few years ago, Pope Francis travelled to Assisi during the Year of Mercy and preached on today's gospel. As we await Pope Francis latest word from Assisi, it is worthwhile revisiting these words which break-open Jesus' parable of mercy:

Forgiveness – pardon – is surely our direct route to that place in heaven. What a great gift the Lord has given us in teaching us to forgive and in this way to touch the Father's mercy! We have just heard the parable where Jesus teaches us to forgive. Why should we forgive someone who has offended us? Because we were forgiven first, and of infinitely more. The parable says exactly this: just as God has forgiven us, so we too should

forgive those who do us harm. So too does the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Our Father, in which we say: "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors". The debts are our sins in the sight of God, and our debtors are those whom we, for our part, must forgive.

Each of us might be that servant in the parable burdened with so great a debt that he could never repay it...We are well aware of our many faults and the fact that we often fall back into the same sins. Yet God never tires of offering us his forgiveness each time we ask for it... The problem, unfortunately, comes whenever we have to deal with a brother or sister who has even slightly offended us. When we are indebted to others, we expect mercy; but when others are indebted to us, we demand justice!

To offer today's world the witness of mercy is a task from which none of us can feel exempted. The world needs forgiveness; too many people are caught up in resentment and harbor hatred, because they are incapable of forgiving. They ruin their own lives and the lives of those around them rather than finding the joy of serenity and peace.

Fr. Anthony

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MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 77:1-2, 34-38

Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past.

When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer.

But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant.

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2020

Our Lady of Sorrows

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Simeon said to Mary: Behold, this child is destined for the ruin and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign of contradiction; and your own soul a sword will pierce.

FIRST READING: Hebrews 5:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 30:2-6, 15-16, 20

In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame. In your justice, set me free, hear me and speedily rescue me.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a mighty stronghold to save me, for you are my rock, my stronghold, For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Release me from the snares they have hidden for you are my refuge, Lord. Into your hands I commend my spirit. It is you who will redeem me, Lord.

As for me, I trust in you, Lord, I say: 'You are my God. My life is in your hands, deliver me from the hands of those who hate me.'

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you, that you show to those who trust you in the sight of men.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are you, O blessed Virgin Mary; without dying you won the martyr's crown beside the cross of the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 19:25-27

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Rejoice when you share in the sufferings of Christ, that you may also rejoice exultantly when his glory is revealed.

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.

Most Reverend Mark Coleridge

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Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday Cathedral: 8:00am (*also live-streamed*); 10:00am; 12:30pm; **Chapel:** 5:10pm
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*)

St Patrick's Church

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Reconciliation: Monday to Friday: 10:30-11:30am; 1:00-1:30pm; 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

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.

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.

Sweet Sacrament of Peace,
dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart.
There in thine ear, all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery
Sweet Sacrament of Peace.

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 16 SEPTEMBER 2020

Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ for ever.

FIRST READING:

1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 32:2-5, 12, 22

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
O sing him a song that is new,
play loudly, with all your skill.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL:

Luke 7:31-35

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

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to support the Cathedral.
Thank you for your contribution.*

THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020

Thursday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 117:1-2, 15-17, 28

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

You are my God, I thank you.
My God, I praise you. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 7:36-50

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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PRAYER SHEET WITH YOU AT THE
CONCLUSION OF MASS TODAY.**

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2020*Friday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING:

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 16:1, 6-8, 15

Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips.

I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. Display your great love, you whose right hand saves your friends from those who rebel against them.

Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 8:1-3

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2020*Saturday of the 24th Week in Ordinary Time***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING:

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 55:10-14

R. I will walk in the presence of God, with the light of the living.

My foes will be put to flight on the day that I call to you.

This I know, that God is on my side. **R**

In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not fear:

what can mortal man do to me? **R**

I am bound by the vows I have made you. O God, I will offer you praise for you rescued my soul from death, you kept my feet from stumbling that I may walk in the presence of God in the light of the living. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 8:4-15

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

SATURDAY MORNING HYMNS**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

.Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you: his pow'r and his mercy, his grace giv'n to you.

(R) Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.**Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.**

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree, God willed you both virgin and mother to be.

In glory for ever now close to your Son, All ages will praise you for all God has done.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:

in him no sin is found we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned;
how awesome is the sight our radiant king of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace;
no work too hard for him in faith receive from him.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae;
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exules, filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia ergo, advocata nostra,
Illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.

Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.

O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

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