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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 & 7.30pm

(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; **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

Organ Maintenance

**The Cathedral remains closed from approx. 2.00pm Monday to Friday for organ maintenance.**



THE CATHEDRAL OF  
**ST. STEPHEN**

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

# WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

**16 - 21 NOVEMBER 2020**  
**33RD 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,*

In Foydor Dostoyevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*, Ivan complains to his brother, Alyosha that he cannot accept the concept of forgiveness if it means ignoring justice and letting people go free without consequence. Ivan says to his brother that he chooses to stay outraged and resentful rather than seek reconciliation and be at peace. He says, "I would rather remain with my unavenged suffering and unsatisfied indignation, even if I were wrong. Besides, too high a price is asked for harmony; it's beyond our means to pay so much to enter it. ... It's not God that I don't accept, Alyosha, only I most respectfully return him the ticket."

Most of us at some stage have felt like Ivan and wished to "return our ticket" to God. Is this what happens in today's parable: the poor man with only one talent returns it intact and, in effect, "returns his ticket" to his master? Nothing is lost but nothing is gained either.

This parable sounds unfair and the treatment of the idle servant seems unjust. He was given less to begin with and he handed back the same amount. Why then did the master get so angry? Our contemporary workplace bullying laws wouldn't accept this kind of behaviour from any boss or master.

With our market-based economy and embrace of capitalism, how might we understand this parable? The Lectionary provides a shorter version and a longer version, so that gives us a hint about how the church is attempting to aid our understanding. The short version ends with the master praising the work of the first servant who doubles his five talents. We don't really know how the servant did this (there's no mention of the casino) but we do know that the master is pleased that his investment paid off. In the shorter version, it's at this point we all say, "Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ". The longer version ends with the hapless, "good for nothing" third servant handing back what he was given and being treated harshly as a result. The shorter version means that we don't have to contend with an image of God as a mean-spirited, money-hungry investor. Perhaps the most straightforward understanding is the traditional interpretation – make the most of what you have been given! Regardless of what we consider our gifts to be, God does expect us to be generous givers more than simply passive receivers.

The shorter version of this gospel is more generous in its interpretation, proving the point that the smallest of gifts can often be the grandest.

*Fr. Anthony*



Christmas Masses

**Cathedral of St Stephen**

Christmas Eve:

4pm; 6pm; 8pm; 12 midnight

Christmas Day:

8am; 10am; 12 noon

**St Patrick's**

Christmas Eve:

5pm; 7pm

Christmas Day:

9am

The registration for Christmas Masses will be available on our website from **8am on Monday 2 November**. If you do not have the ability to register on-line, please phone the office after 10.00am on Monday. Please also advise family and friends, if they wish to attend a Christmas Mass in the Cathedral Parish that **registration is essential**.

**Registration at the door of the cathedral for Christmas Masses will not be available.**

We are still restricted to 132 people in the Cathedral and 100 at St Patrick's. If restrictions ease we will increase the number of tickets available on the website.

You will see that we have added two extra Masses to the regular Christmas schedule. A 4pm Mass at the Cathedral and a 5pm Mass at St Patrick's.

We are also going to require at least four (4) marshal volunteers for each Mass. If you would like to volunteer to marshal for a Christmas Mass, please contact the Cathedral Office. E : [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au) P: 3324 3030

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## **MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020**

*Monday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### **FIRST READING:**

Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 1:1-4, 6

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord: whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 18:35-43

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

## **TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2020**

*St Elizabeth of Hungary*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren you did it for me.

### **FIRST READING:**

Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 14:2-5

Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent? 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, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

He 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!

God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 19:1-10

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends.

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

other special celebrations. Set hours and days of work will be discussed in more detail with the appropriate candidate. Prior experience of preparing liturgical celebrations is essential. For more information please contact the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030 or by email [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au).

### **Held in God's Loving Hands - A Quiet Weekend Retreat for Women**

*What do God's hands look like? How can we reimagine our lives held in lovingly cupped hands and held close? Comfort, compassion, mercy, nurture, deep love.....*

A weekend opportunity for women to leave behind the chaos and clutter that can be a part of life and enter into quiet in community. Come and experience a time of prayerful reflection.

Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries).

Two opportunities to choose from:

Friday 11 December 6pm to Sunday 13 December 3pm

OR Friday 15 January 6pm to Sunday 17 January 3pm

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals, resources and facilitation. Santa Teresa requires an additional \$30 fee for those with special diets. To register or enquire contact: 0409 524 283 or [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au).

### **Songs of Advent Joy**

Each Thursday in December (December 3, 10 and 17) at 7:30pm

Following the success of 'Songs of Easter Hope' series earlier this year, the Cathedral of St Stephen will again be filled with sound to celebrate the Season of Advent.

Come and explore hymns, prayers and motets rejoicing in the coming of Christ at Christmas, all led by the Cathedral Schola.

Entry is by donation 'notes for notes' (with all money raised supporting the Cathedral

Music program).

Registration for the three evenings is via the Cathedral website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/christmas.html>

The Archdiocese live-streaming will also be used for those who are unable to attend in person.

### **SVDP Christmas Hamper Appeal**

During December, the Cathedral SVDP Conference will distribute Christmas hampers to the poor and needy who live within the Cathedral parish. Donations of Christmas goods, eg, tinned hams, Christmas cakes & puddings etc may be left in the box located near the sacristy. Your generosity is appreciated.

### **Organ Maintenance**

The Cathedral remains closed from approx. 2.00pm each afternoon Monday to Friday for organ maintenance.

START YOUR DAY WITH GOD

# PRAY

RECEIVE GOSPEL REFLECTIONS  
IN YOUR INBOX DAILY

or go to:  
[evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections](http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections)

### Mass Registration

The preferred way to register for Mass is on-line via the Cathedral website:

<https://www.cathedralofstephen.org.au/mass--reconciliation-times.html>. If you do not

have access to register on-line, please telephone the Cathedral Office before 12noon on Friday. For administration purposes,

**registration closes at lunchtime on Friday.**

**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.
- Thank you for your co-operation.

### Ways to financially support your parish

- Direct debit via the online payment system on the Cathedral's website:  
<https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/ststephenscathedralbrisbane>
- The "Tap & Go" facility at the door of the church;
- Place your donation in the collection bags;
- **The Parish Giving app**



Hover the camera on your smart phone over the QR code and tap on the link to the Parish Giving facility.

### Congratulations to Fr. Odina

Fr. Odina has been appointed as Parish Priest of Nambour from 4 January, 2021. Fr. Odina will celebrate the 10am Mass on Sunday 13 December and we will take the opportunity to thank him for his 3½ years of service at St Stephen's Parish at that Mass

and present him with a parish farewell gift. If you would like to contribute to the parish gift for Fr. Odina, please place your donation in the envelopes available at the door of the church, return it via the collection plate, hand it to the Sacristan or bring it to the office during business hours.

### Break Open the Word" - 2021

An excellent resource for Readers is available at the subsidised cost of \$10, from the Sacristy.

### Book of Remembrance

Throughout November you are invited to inscribe the names of those who you want to remember in the **Book of Remembrance**, which helps us focus our prayers as we pray for our deceased sisters and brothers. May they all *rest in peace*.

### Red Wednesday + Red November

**Red Wednesday** is a day when the world's persecuted Christians are remembered and prayed for in a special way. In union with cathedrals throughout the world, in 2020 **Red Wednesday** will be held on **Wednesday 25 November**. The Cathedral of St Stephen is participating in **Red November** by lighting the Cathedral red for the month of November.

### Position Vacant – Sacristan – Cathedral of St Stephen

St Stephen's Cathedral is currently seeking to appoint a new Cathedral Sacristan. The Cathedral Sacristan plays a key role in ensuring full, active and prayerful participation at Mass and is responsible for preparing liturgical celebrations, including co-ordination with the Cathedral Master of Ceremonies and assistant sacristans. Tasks include the preparation of the liturgical space, books and vessels and liaising with appropriate ministries and Cathedral personnel. The position of sacristan necessarily requires an individual who is available at short notice or to cover additional hours during Holy Week and Easter and

### WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2020

*Wednesday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**FIRST READING:** Revelation 4:1-11

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 150

Praise God in his holy place,  
praise him in his mighty heavens.  
Praise him for his powerful deeds,  
praise his surpassing greatness.

O praise him with sound of trumpet,  
praise him with lute and harp.  
Praise him with timbrel and dance,  
praise him with strings and pipes.

O praise him with resounding cymbals,  
praise him with clashing cymbals.  
Let everything that lives and that breathes  
give praise to the Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,  
to go and bear fruit that will last.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 19:11-28

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

### THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020

*Thursday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**FIRST READING:** Revelation 5:1-10

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 149:1-6, 9

Sing a new song to the Lord,  
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
Let Israel rejoice in its Maker,  
let Zion's sons exult in their king.

Let them praise his name with dancing  
and make music with timbrel and harp.  
For the Lord takes delight in his people.  
He crowns the poor with salvation.

Let the faithful rejoice in their glory,  
shout for joy and take their rest.  
Let the praise of God be on their lips:  
this honour is for all his faithful

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 19:41-44

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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

**FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2020**

*Friday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**FIRST READING:** Revelation 10:8-11

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 118:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

I rejoiced to do your will as though all riches were mine. Your will is my delight; your statutes are my counsellors.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. Your promise is sweeter to my taste than honey in the mouth.

Your will is my heritage for ever, the joy of my heart. I open my mouth and I sight as I yearn for your commands.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

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

**GOSPEL:** Luke 19:45-48

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2020**

*The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** CWBII442

**Holy light on earth's horizon**

**FIRST READING:** Revelation 11:4-12

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 143:1-2, 9-10

*R. Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!*

Blessed be the Lord, my rock who trains my arms for battle, who prepares my hands for war. **R**

He is my love, my fortress; he is my stronghold, my saviour, my shield, my place of refuge. He brings peoples under my rule. **R**

To you, O God, will I sing a new song; I will play on the ten-stringed lute to you who give kings their victory, who set David your servant free. **R**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 20:27-40

**COMMUNION HYMN:** CWBII481

**Do not be afraid, I am with you**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** CWBII410

**Holy Virgin, by God's decree**

# 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

**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*



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