



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B – 17th January 2021

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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Readings for today: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15; John 1:35-42

Dear Friends,

On the roller-coaster ride that is Covid-19, we face another series of restrictions as we monitor the possibility of an outbreak. Whatever inconveniences we face here, they are nothing compared to what is happening in USA, UK, Europe and parts of Africa. For us here, it is a matter of small acts of co-operation for a short time before we regain the regular rhythm that we are more familiar with.

We are learning in the Covid-era that life is unpredictable and it is this uncertainty that is more unsettling than the physical effects of the virus itself. It is difficult to look ahead and plan anything with confidence and this is a foreign experience for most of us. But it is the reality in which we live.

Until next Friday (22nd), our capacity will revert to the 4 square metre rule which limits the numbers at Mass in the Cathedral to 132 and at St. Pat's to 90. During this time, facemasks are to be worn at all times inside our churches. They can be removed to receive Communion but must immediately be re-worn. We ask everyone to be compliant with this health directive from the Queensland Government and we can supply you with a facemask if you don't have one.

It is interesting that wearing facemasks seems to bring out the cultural warrior in some people. I don't know too many

people who enjoy wearing them (they fog-up my glasses!) but they are about protecting ourselves and others. It's like wearing a hat and sun-screen. I suppose we can feel the effects of the sun but we can't see the invisible traces of a virus and perhaps the "mandatory" part makes some people bristle with the thought that the government is taking over every part of our life. We need to remember, for example, that here in Queensland we do have a "No hat, no play" policy for our children and I wish that was enforced when I was young. Sensible precautions can circumvent a lot of problems later on, and we need to understand that face masks are a sensible precaution for a limited time.

So we begin this year aware that we are in uncharted territory and we simply need to learn the great footballing cliché: "We are just taking it one week at a time". Hopefully, sometime in the year ahead, we will be on firmer ground but for now, we understand that things can change quickly. As restrictions are eased or are reintroduced, we will endeavor to keep you informed as quickly and as accurately as we can via our website: www.cathedralofststephen.org.au.

For now, let us co-operative with the health directives for the benefit of the common good so that we might come through all this sooner rather than later.

Fr. Anthony



Two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, "What do you want?" They answered, "Rabbi, where do you live?" "Come and see," he replied.



Cathedral of St. Stephen
249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane



St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley



Villa Maria Chapel
171 St Pauls Tce
Spring Hill
*No public Masses
until further notice.*

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

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

Saturday 11:30am (live-streamed suspended until the end of January)

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen

St Patrick's Church

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon & 7:30pm (8am & 10am live-streamed)

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

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Music at today's Mass is drawn from *Catholic Worship Book II*,
with congregational hymn texts on this sheet.

Processional Hymn O God, beyond all praising

Kyrie Chant mass

Gloria Chant mass

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10, 12.



℟ Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation John 1:41

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
We have found the Messiah,
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Offertory Motet Organ music

Sanctus Chant mass

**Memorial
Acclamation
(ICEL #1):** We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection,
until you come again.

Agnus Dei Chant mass

Communion Motet Organ music

Communion Hymn Soul of my Saviour

Recessional Hymn Holy Father, God of might

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast;
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
bloody 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,
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Holy Father, God of might,
throned amid the hosts of light,
take our life, our strength,
our love, King of earth and heav'n above.

Hear the songs your people raise,
songs of joyful thanks and praise,
calling all created things
to adore you, King of kings.

Christ, be with us as we go,
let this blind world see and know,
burning in our lives, the sight
of its only saving light.

So will all exalt your name,
and your kingship all proclaim,
heav'n and earth in unity
praise the blessed Trinity.

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