



Solemnity of St Stephen, Protomartyr

December 26, 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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THE ARCHBISHOP'S
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
TO THE PEOPLE OF BRISBANE

Readings for today: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 30; Matthew 10:17-22

A Happy and Holy Christmas to all from Archbishop Mark, Father Anthony, and the Cathedral Clergy and Staff.

ST STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR

Saint Stephen, (died c. AD 36, Jerusalem), First Christian martyr.

As told in the Acts of the Apostles, he was a foreign-born Jew who lived in Jerusalem and joined the church at an early date. He was one of seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to care for elderly women, widows, and orphans.

As a Hellenised Jew, he was strongly opposed to the Temple cult of Judaism. For expressing his opposition, he was brought before the Sanhedrin. His defence of Christianity so outraged his hearers that he was condemned to be stoned to death. One of those who assented to the execution was Saul of Tarsus (later Saint Paul).

His final words, a prayer of forgiveness for his attackers (Acts 7:60), echo those of Jesus on the cross (Luke 23:34). Stephen is the patron saint of deacons and stonemasons.

Saint Stephen, pray for us!



Change to Cathedral Mass Schedule 27 December 2021 to 7 January 2022

Day	Date	Mass time	Reconciliation
Monday	27/12/2021	8.00am	
Tuesday	28/12/2021	8.00am	
Wednesday	29/12/2021	8.00am	8.30-9.30am
Thursday	30/12/2021	8.00am	8.30-9.30am
Friday	31/12/2021	8.00am	8.30-9.30am
Saturday	1/01/2022	11.30am	10.00-11.00am
Sunday	2/01/2022	Regular Sunday Schedule	
Monday	3/01/2022	8.00am	
Tuesday	4/01/2022	8.00am 12.30pm	1.00-1.30pm
Wednesday	5/01/2022	8.00am 12.30pm	1.00-1.30pm
Thursday	6/01/2022	8.00am 12.30pm	1.00-1.30pm
Friday	7/01/2022	8.00am 12.30pm	1.00-1.30pm

Regular Mass Schedule returns from Saturday 8/1/22



Cathedral of
St. Stephen
249 Elizabeth St
Brisbane



St. Patrick's
58 Morgan St
Fortitude Valley



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

Cathedral Parish Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday 8:00am only
(see box above for Mass times this week)
Saturday 11:30am

Sunday *St Patrick's Church* **Sunday:** 9:00am & 11:00am

Cathedral of St Stephen

Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon & 7:30pm (8am & 10am live-streamed)

Reconciliation: (see box above for times this week)

MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

Music at today's Mass is drawn from the Catholic Worship Book II, with congregational hymn texts on this sheet.
Please refer to Special Order of Service for this morning's 10:00am Solemn Patronal Mass, led by the Cathedral Schola.
All other Masses are led by a cantor.

- Processional Hymn** Holy Stephen, Protomartyr
- Kyrie** Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22a)
- Gloria** Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22b)
- Responsorial Psalm** *Psalm 30*



✠ Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit

- Gospel Acclamation** *Psalm 117*



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*Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

- Sanctus** Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22c)
- Memorial Acclamation (ICEL #1):** We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again. (CWBII 12a)
- Agnus Dei** Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22h)
- Communion Hymn** Christ is the heav'nly food (CWBII 466)
- Recessional Hymn** By all your saints (CWBII 423)

Holy Stephen, Protomartyr,
First to shed your blood for Him,
What bright glory now surrounds you,
Glory which no time can dim!
Oh, that we could share that glory;
Give for Him our life and blood!
Let us praise your noble story,
Told with life's own crimson flood.

Noble witness you did render
To the Passion of our Lord,
Bearing with a love courageous
Weight of stones more cruel than sword:
Mindful of our dying Saviour;
Begging mercy in death's throes
You did raise your eyes to heaven,
Craving mercy on your foes.

Ours it may not be to suffer
Like Saint Stephen unto death,
But a service we can render,
To our last and failing breath:
Ours to serve our loving Saviour;
Ours to help His sacrifice:
Ours to give Him daily homage:
Till He calls to Paradise.

Christ is the heav'nly food that gives
to ev'ry famished soul
new life and strength,
new joy and hope,
and faith to make them whole.
We all are made for God alone,
without whom we are dead;
no food suffices for the soul
but Christ, the living bread.

Christ is the unity that binds
in one the near and far;
for we who share his life divine
his living body are.
On earth and in the realms beyond,
one fellowship are we;
and at his table we are knit
in mystic unity.

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy Name, O Jesus, for evermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown
and ever shine in splendour reflected from our throne.

All praise, O Lord, for Stephen who, martyred, saw you stand
to help in time of torment to plead at God's right hand.
Like you, our suff'ring Saviour, his enemies he blessed,
with "Lord, receive my spirit," his faith, in death, confessed.

The let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne,
ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

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