

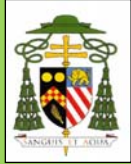


THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Year C – 23rd January 2022

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: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Dear friends,

Inclusivity can seem to be a modern phenomenon based in individual rights and claims. However, it is St. Paul in the First Century who grounds the Christian life in a theology of inclusivity. We hear one of St. Paul's most enduring images today. He writes:

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

This analogy is so familiar to us but it surely must have been very striking when Paul's words were first heard by the Corinthians – probably almost scandalous. This promise of a new equality brought about by Christ is a favourite of Paul's and he would say the same thing to the Galatians (3:26-28) - and included men and women in that list!

An inclusive vision of the human bonds created by the redemptive power of Christ is foundational to our understanding of Christianity. This is what make it so striking.

It is not just as an ideal, but describes a new reality which shapes our daily lives. Even our secular world has come to understand that we are more powerful, more creative, more representative when the many parts of society and culture work together as one whole. This has been the rhetoric of these last two years as we collectively face the challenges of the pandemic.

There are some who see a certain kind of reversion to a "tribal" culture in our world today and this can be seen in our politics, in our public discourse and even in the Church as well. It is difficult to discuss any issue of substance without people feeling the need to take sides, and make angry judgements about their opponents.

Paul understood that Christ comes not only to bring salvation to individuals, but also to the whole human family. None of us comes to salvation alone because following the way of Christ is a corporate endeavour. We need the gifts of others to discover our own gifts, and the faith of one another to strengthen and deepen our own. *Fr. Anthony*



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St. Stephen**
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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

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:00am (*live-streamed*); 10:00am; 12:30pm; 5:10pm
Wednesday 8.00am only (Australia Day) (*live streamed*)
Saturday 11:30am (*live-streamed*)

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 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10.30-11.30am; 1:00-1:30pm; 4.30-5.00pm
Saturday 10:00am-11:00am; 4:30-5:30pm

Exposition Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10:30am to 12:15pm; **Benediction** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 12:15pm



Australia Day – Wednesday 26 January 2022

Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am [only] on this public holiday. This Mass will also be livestreamed. All are invited to gather to pray for our Country and its peoples. The liturgy for Australia Day is specially designed for this prayer.

Order of Malta – First Friday Vigil

Commencing on **Thursday 3 February**, the Order of Malta will host a First Friday Vigil Mass. This Mass will take place each month in St Stephen's Chapel, commencing at 6.00pm, on the Thursday before First Friday. On these days, the 5.10pm Mass will not be celebrated.

Religious Instruction in State Schools

More people are needed to teach Religious Instruction in state schools so that children signed up for classes don't miss out.

Full support and materials are provided, including videos to show. Classroom teachers are present to handle discipline. All you need is the willingness to give a little time, eligibility for a blue card for working with children and (at present) a vaccine certificate or exemption.

For more information, please contact Genevieve 0434 284 251.

Calling all Choristers!

Do you love to sing, and have a love of sacred music? Would you like to be involved in music-making in our Cathedral of St Stephen?

The Cathedral is once again offering places for choristers in its three ensembles: the Cathedral Choir, Cathedral Schola and the Cathedral Chorale.

Commitment includes mid-week rehearsals (evenings), and Sunday Masses and other Feast Days. Choral experience is desirable though not necessary, and musical sight reading skills advantageous.

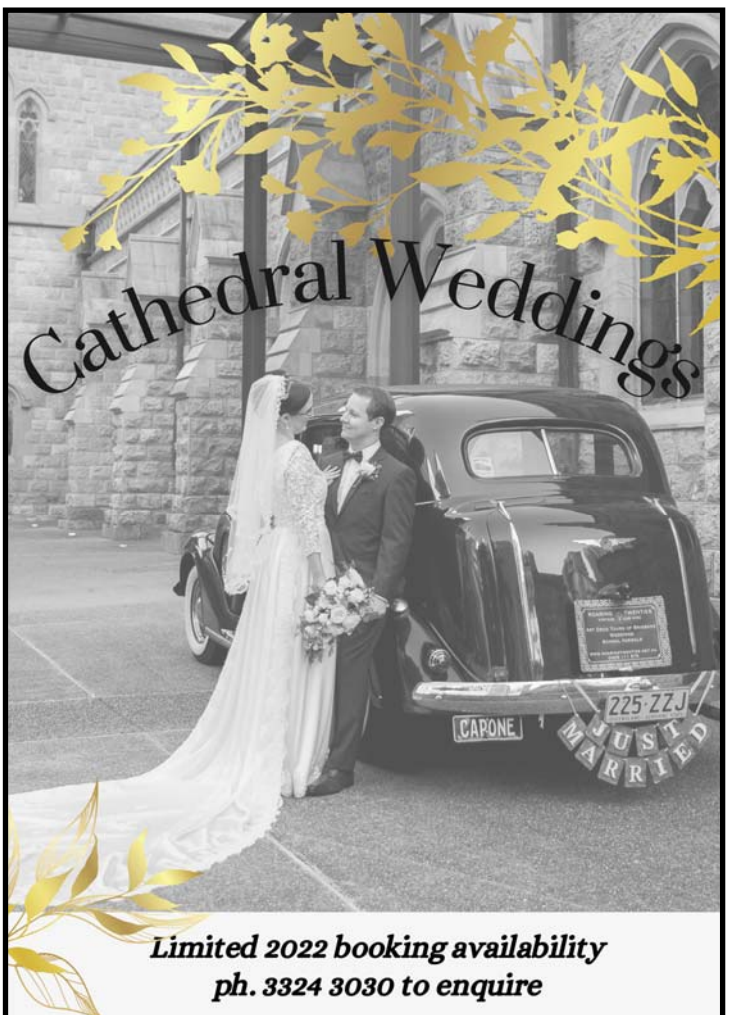
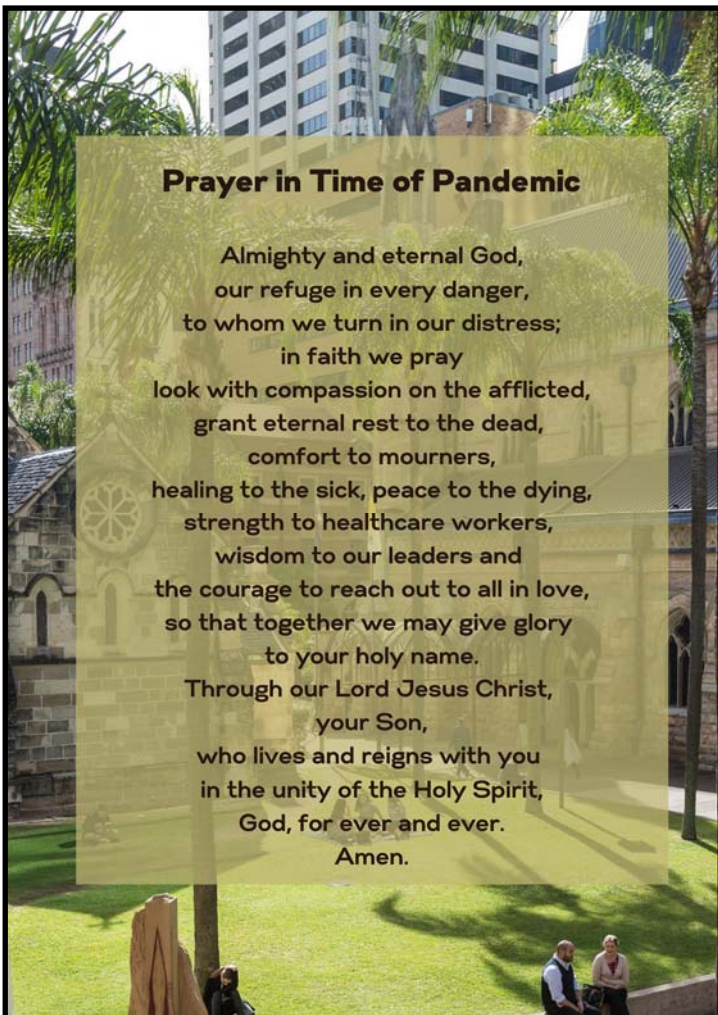
Audition applications close January 30, before choirs resume again in 2022.

Contact Christopher Trikilis (Director of Music) at cathedral.music@bne.catholic.org.au or 3324 3030.

"Spirit of Hope" City Monthly Prayer Meeting

The Prayer Meeting which was to be held in St Stephen's Chapel, on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 has been Cancelled. Due to the Omicron Virus flooding our State, we feel it is wise to take precautions at this time. We look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 2nd March if things have improved.**

Enq:- Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901



Tonga blanketed in ash after volcanic eruption

18 January 2022



Major eruption: The plume of smoke reached as high as 20 kilometres above sea level, spanning a radius of 240 kilometres. Photo: Tongan Geological Services

Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications and contaminated water supplies in the small Pacific Island nation.

Coastal communities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu have been impacted by tsunami waves, along with communities as far afield as Australia, Japan and the Americas.

The Tongan government has said that "immediate assistance" is needed to deal with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption.

Despite early videos of islanders rushing to higher ground as the first tsunami waves hit, telecommunications are now down as the undersea internet cables were damaged by the eruption.

"This volcanic eruption was up there with the likes of Krakatoa in terms of scale, so we are extremely concerned about the impacts of the eruption and tsunami in Tonga," said Damaris Pfenndt, Caritas Australia's Pacific Humanitarian Coordinator.

"Volcanic ash and saltwater inundation from the tsunami waves have contaminated water supplies, so many communities will be left without clean water. Tonga already struggles with clean water supplies because it relies on groundwater and rainwater, so this will put communities in a really difficult position."

"From the few updates that have come through, we know that the devastation is significant, especially for the outer lying islands. There is an urgent need for fresh water and shelter, especially for the communities on the coastline whose homes were damaged by the tsunami waves. Roads and bridges have also been damaged."

"Thankfully Caritas Tonga already has emergency supplies pre-positioned in the capital and Ha'apai, so they will be able to respond quickly to immediate needs with these supplies. However, it's crucial that we step up and support our neighbours in Tonga, as they recover from this devastating volcanic eruption."

Caritas Australia is currently working to restore communications with our local partner, Caritas Tonga, to assess the situation on the ground and determine the most urgent needs.

Caritas Australia is currently raising funds to support communities impacted by the eruption and tsunami in Tonga.

Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.



MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

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

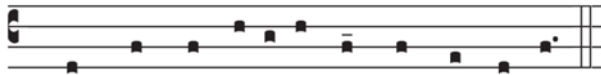
All masses are led by a cantor.

Processional Hymn Blessed Jesus, at your word
(CWBII 457)

Kyrie Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22a)

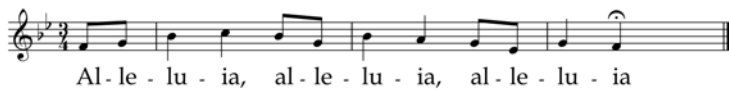
Gloria Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22b)

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18 (19): 8-10, 15



R Your words are spirit, O Lord, and they are life.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 4:18



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

*The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.*

Offertory Motet Organ music

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 Motet Organ music

Communion Hymn Thus says the Lord of hosts
(CWBII 629)

Recessional Hymn Christ our Lord, the Prince
of ages (CWBII 399)

Blessed Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;
let our hearts and minds be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your gospel pure and holy teach us,
Lord, to love you solely.

All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded;
you alone to God can win us,
you must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light from God proceeding;
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading;
hear the cry your Church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to his belov'd creation,
"My servant I commend, a light for every nation.
My people he will call from every time and place,
and wholeness my desire this broken world embrace."

Behold, the Lamb of God, our sinful souls befriending.
The Spirit is his sign, in power and grace descending.
Of higher nature he than all who went before,
to lost and guilty come, with perfect grace in store.

Now may the Father's grace, to all the world be given,
through his eternal Son, with perfect peace of heaven.
O fellowship divine, and love's eternal spring,
your never-ending praise let all creation sing!

Christ, our Lord, the Prince of ages,
Christ, the nations' glorious King,
whom we praise with exultation,
saints and angels answering,
to your throne with true devotion,
hearts and minds and senses bring.

Come, O Lord, and claim your kingdom,
rebel hearts your grace can gain;
bend the stubborn will of rulers
who from homage still refrain:
in the home as in the city
be supreme, O Christ, and reign.

On our own dear land, Australia,
let the light of mercy shine,
that, in holy Church united,
all may know the saving sign:
Christ, up on the cross up lifted,
drawing all with love divine.

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