

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A – 15TH JANUARY 2023

The community of the Cathedral of St Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands.

The Cathedral Parish has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Readings for today: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34



The Catholic Church in Australia has known few more extraordinary figures than George Pell. A product and priest of the rural diocese of Ballarat, he rose to be not only Archbishop of Melbourne but, extraordinarily, Archbishop of Sydney as well. With the move to Sydney he was named Cardinal, which brought with it a further enhancement of his Vatican profile. This led eventually to his appointment as Prefect of the Secretariat of the Economy of the Holy See, charged with leading the financial reforms begun by Pope Benedict and pursued by Pope Francis.

Then his legal troubles erupted in Australia in circumstances that remain unclear. Pell became the victim of an outrageous injustice as he was convicted and jailed for 13 months before a final vindication. The spiritual poise and strength he showed through all of this was extraordinary. It revealed a depth to George Pell that often went unrecognised.

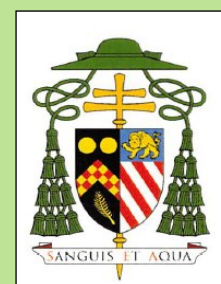
Through his legal troubles, he was identified wholly with the Catholic Church and vice versa. Pell was the Church and the Church was Pell – big, powerful and heartless in the eyes of many. Partly this was because, in his public persona in Australia, Pell had presented himself self-consciously as the voice of the Catholic Church. Those who didn't know him thought Pell heartless and humourless, and his media persona could suggest this. Yet if George Pell had anything they were a good heart and a sense of humour. He didn't claim to be a saint; he knew he was flawed. But he did claim – and

rightly – to be a man of faith and a man of the Church. There was nothing bland or half-hearted about George Pell: he was strong, even vehement in his faith, his convictions, his likes and dislikes. He could be a fierce opponent, unafraid to enter the battle. At times this could make him seem an ideological warrior, which did not serve him well.

He was always a polarising figure, stirring strongly contrasting reactions. He had both passionate friends and passionate foes. In part this was because his deepest instincts were those of a politician who thrived on opposition and conflict. There wasn't much middle ground for George Pell.

But that he had unusual gifts of leadership is certain – intelligence, courage, conviction, self-confidence, political nous and tenacity among them. Though he chose a life in the Church, George Pell would have been a leader in any field he had chosen.

It will take time to assess his legacy in the Church in Australia, which will prove as complex, even as contradictory as the man himself. For now we give thanks for the gifts George Pell brought to us and the challenges he posed. And we pray that, beyond all the struggles and sorrows he knew, this extraordinary man of faith and of the Church, our brother George, will come now before the Lord of mercy who will say to him simply (as Julian of Norwich predicts for each of us), "Thanks for all you've done". *Archbishop Mark Coleridge*



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171 St Paul's Terrace
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No public Masses until further notice.

Cathedral of St Stephen Mass Times

Mon to Fri	8:00am	10:00am	12:30pm	5:10pm
Saturday	11:30am			6:00pm Vigil
Sunday	8:00am	10:00am	12:00pm	7:30pm

Cathedral Reconciliation Times

Mon to Fri	10:30-11:30am	1:00-1:30pm	4:30-5:00pm
Saturday	10:00-11:00am		4:30-5:30pm

St Patrick's Mass Times

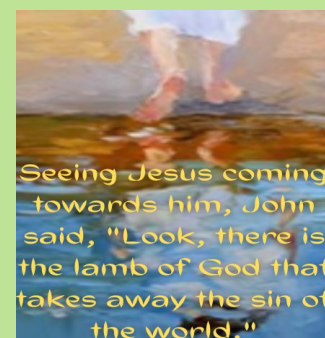
Sunday	9:00am	11:00am
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Cathedral Exposition Times

Mon to Fri	10:30am-12:15pm
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Cathedral Benediction Times

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MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

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

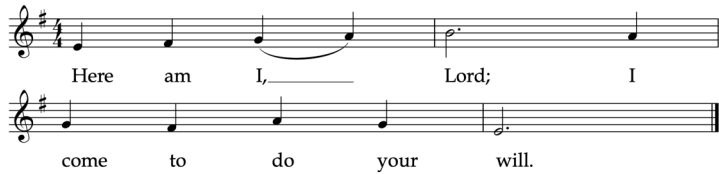
All masses are led by a cantor.

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

Kyrie Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22a)

Gloria Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22b)

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



Here am I, Lord; I
come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation John 1:14, 12



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

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.*

Offertory 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 Organ music

Communion Hymn Be still, for the presence of the Lord
(CWBII 454)

Recessional Hymn All creatures of our God and King
(CWBII 446)

Thus says the Lord of hosts to his belov'd creation,
"My servant I commend, a light for ev'ry nation.
My people he will call from ev'ry 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 pow'r 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!

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.

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam
and silver moon with softer gleam;
O sing praises, O sing praises,
alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Swift rushing wind, you are so strong,
white clouds that sail in heav'n along:
O sing praises, alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
and lights of ev'ning find a voice;
O sing praises, O sing praises,
alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

O flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O fire, so masterful and bright,
providing us with warmth and light;
O sing praises, O sing praises,
alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

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