

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A – 23RD JULY 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: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-30



Dear friends,

“The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”

These words of St. Paul give us great reassurance that our most desperate prayers do not require the correct formula or perfect repetition of the right words, nor even the purest of intentions or a concentration of the mind for God to be open to our pleas. Our prayers begin from weakness; we are mere creatures of our Creator, human beings who constantly stand in need of God’s assistance and grace. If our prayers started from a position of strength or perfection, we would have no need of God and therefore no real need to pray. We pray because we need help, guidance and courage. Notice how St. Paul teaches us that it is God who does all the work when we pray in humility. We “do not

know how to pray as we ought,” so the “Spirit intercedes (for us) with sighs too deep for words.” In truth, our deepest prayers are God speaking to God. Sometimes, we can be so fearful that God is far away or ignoring us. In desperation, we turn our most anxious and earnest words into forms of “babbling like the pagans do”. Paul’s words are clear: we are never really able to find the right words, so let us simply present ourselves before God, allow the Spirit to do all the work and let “God speak to God”. God “searches our heart” with a searing love and reaches deeper than our clumsy words, and our fretting spirit. This Spirit of Prayer intercedes according “to the will of God”; our humbled and mumbled prayers are transformed into God speaking to God about God’s will for us. Authentic prayer becomes not a bombardment of intent, but a deep and quiet listening – an “overhearing” – of God’s loving conversation with God about us and for us.

Fr. Anthony



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Archbishop of Brisbane

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St Patrick's Church
58 Morgan Street
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Villa Maria Aged Care Chapel
171 St Paul's Tce
Spring Hill

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

* The 8.00am weekday and 10:00am Sunday Masses are livestreamed

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

Monday to Friday	10:30am-12:15pm
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Cathedral Benediction Times

Monday to Friday	12:15pm
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1300 304 550

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Welcome Fr Ejikeme Ntamaka

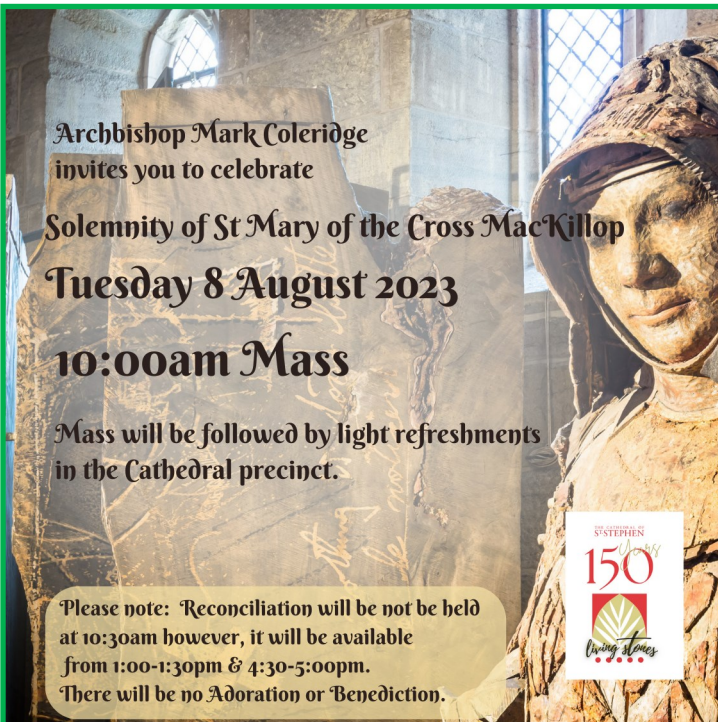
Fr Ejikeme will be assisting with Mass and Reconciliation in the Cathedral from 20 July to 15 August. Fr Ejikeme was with the Caloundra Parish and is on his way home to Nigeria for some recreation leave. On his return to Australia, Fr Ejikeme will be appointed to another Brisbane parish.



Cathedral of St Stephen
Sunday 6th August | 3pm

GIOVANI VOCI BASSANO & GIOVENTÙ IN CANTATA
TOUR
22 JULY - 14 AUGUST 2023
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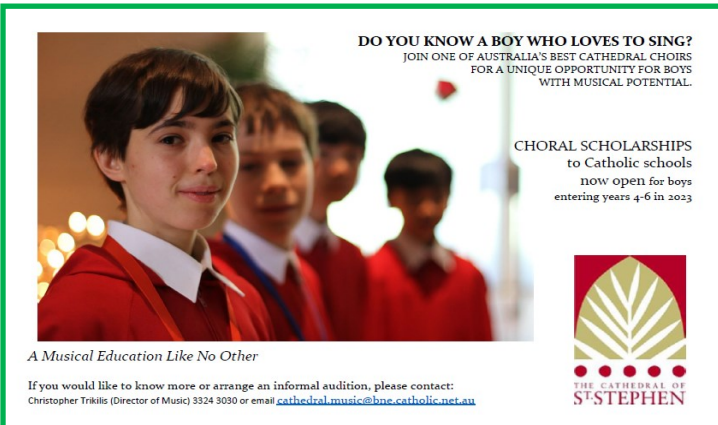


Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to celebrate

Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Tuesday 8 August 2023
10:00am Mass

Mass will be followed by light refreshments
in the Cathedral precinct.

Please note: Reconciliation will be not be held at 10:30am however, it will be available from 1:00-1:30pm & 4:30-5:00pm. There will be no Adoration or Benediction.




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Christopher Trkalis (Director of Music) 3324 3030 or email cathedral.music@bne.catholic.net.au


Cathedral of St Stephen Guides and Welcomers Celebrating 25 years on 27 August 2023.



The Cathedral Guides and Welcomers will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on **27 August** this year and all current and former Guides and Welcomers are invited to join the festivities. We will mark the occasion on **Sunday, 27 August with Mass in the Cathedral at 10am**, followed by a function in The Hanly Room in the Francis Rush Centre. If you would like to celebrate with us on 27 August, and rekindle old friendships and memories with former Guide and Welcomers, please let us know via email to cathedralguidesandwelcomers@gmail.com



Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation



After a successful launch of the first module by the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation, Theology in Context, an invitation is now extended for people to participate in the second unit offering from the Centre.

This module engages participants in the scriptures, exploring their inspiration, canonisation, unity, and how to interpret scripture within the Catholic tradition. Beyond the mechanics, this module provides an experience of listening to the voice of God in scripture, ensuring that scripture moves beyond words on a page to words that change lives.

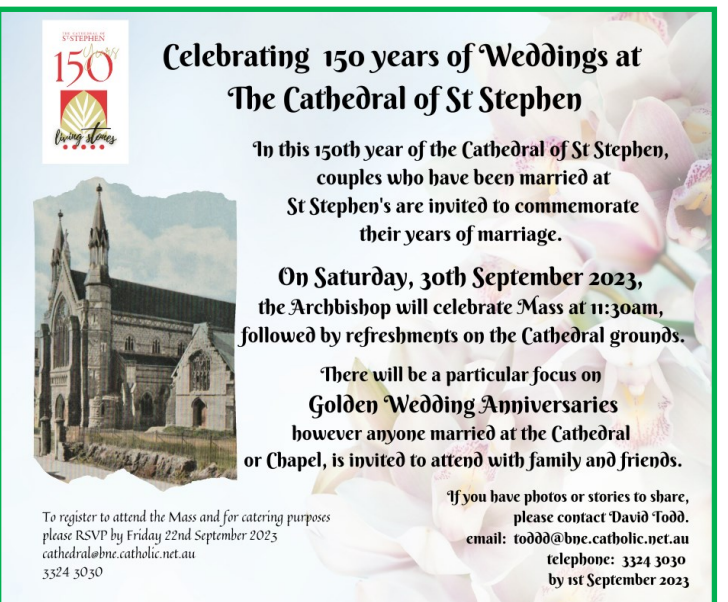
When: 7pm, Mondays commencing 21st August

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary
(487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo)

Cost: Individual \$250 | \$150pp for groups of 5+

For more information or to register please go to:

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/accf/>



Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on **Golden Wedding Anniversaries** however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend with family and friends.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd.
email: todd00@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
by 1st September 2023

To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023
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Support for the Cathedral Parish

You may place your donations in the collection plate during the Offertory, "Tap & Go" at the doors of the church or donate on-line by scanning the QR Code which will direct you to the donation page on the Cathedral website.

EFTPOS machines also are available at the doors of the church and have the capacity to enable us to select the amount we wish to contribute. As we become an increasingly cashless society, this facility gives us the opportunity to continue to financially support the Cathedral and St Patrick's.

Your support for the Cathedral Parish is appreciated.



ENTRANCE SONG

Psalm 53

At the conclusion of the Introit the assembly **responds** with the following translation of the Introit text. The first verse (which is the Antiphon) is repeated after the final verse.



Antiphon:

It is the Lord who keeps my life,
God is the help on whom I call;
Repel the evil of my foes;
In faithfulness, destroy them all.

In your great might and by your name,
Defend me, save me from despair;
Give ear to all the words I speak
My Saviour, listen to my prayer.

For arrogant and ruthless foes
Have risen up and press me hard;
The ruthless ones who sought my life,
Who hold the Lord in disregard.

All glory to the Father, Son,
And to the Holy Spirit be;
As from the first it was, is now,
And will be for eternity.

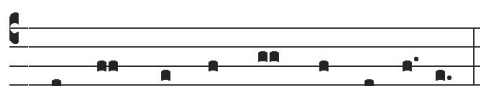
KYRIE & GLORIA

Messe Breve in C

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85



☩ **O Lord, you are good and forgiving.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 11:25



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

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*

OFFERTORY MOTET

Psalm 29

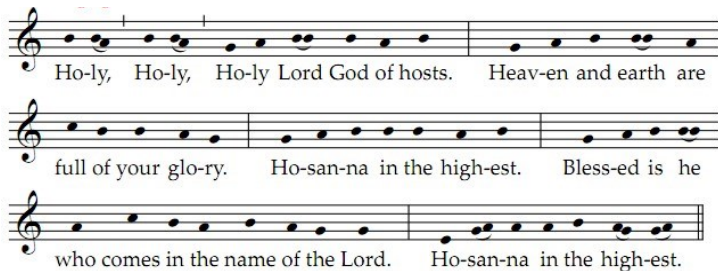
Justitiae Domini rectae,
laetificantes corda; et judicia
eius dulciora super mel et
favum. Nam servus tuus
custodit ea.

*The statutes of the Lord are
right, and rejoice the heart; his
judgments sweeter also than
honey, and the honey-comb. For
thy servant keeps them.*

Music: Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725)

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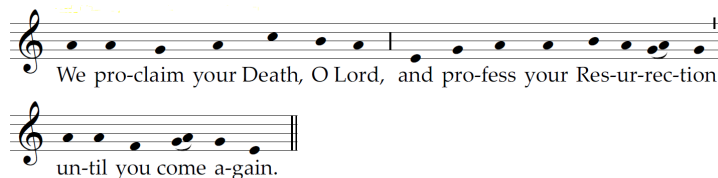
Mass XVIII



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

ICEL #1



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un-til you come a-gain.

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Messe Breve in C

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 50:21

Acceptabis sacrificium
iustitiae, oblationes et
holocausta, super altare
tuum, Domine.

*You will accept a sacrifice of
righteousness, oblations and
burnt offerings, placed on your
altar, O Lord.*

COMMUNION HYMN

(CWBII 488)

For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.
In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our world wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in B Minor BWV 544 – JS Bach (1685 - 1750)

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MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

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Midday Mass *Kleineorgelmesse*
– Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Gloria ICEL Chant Mass (CWBII 5)
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Offertory *Verleih uns Frieden*
Midday Mass – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Verleih uns Frieden
gnädiglich, Herr Gott, zu
unsern Zeiten. Es ist doch ja
kein anderer nicht, der für uns
könnte streiten, denn du,
unser Gott, alleine.

*Grant us Thy peace, Almighty
Lord O Source of ev'ry blessing!
We cannot keep Thy saving
Word Unless Thy peace
possessing. Thy peace O give By
which we live.*

Sanctus ICEL Chant Mass (CWBII 11a)

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Communion *O Salutaris Hostia from Quatre Motets*
Midday Mass Op.9 – Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

O salutaris Hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

*O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of Heaven to man
below; Our foes press hard on
every side; Thine aid supply;
thy strength bestow.*

Communion Hymn The kingdom of God
(CWBII 616)

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Recessional Hymn Now let us from this table rise
(CWBII 560)

Now let us from this table rise
renewed in body, mind and soul:
with Christ we die and live again,
his selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
to spread the word in speech and deed,
we follow in the steps of Christ,
at one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
it is the sacrament of care;
the work that Christ began to do
we humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then give us courage, living God,
to choose again the pilgrim way,
and help us to accept with joy
the challenge of tomorrow's day.

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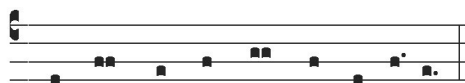
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Agnus Dei ICEL Chant Mass (CWBII 17a)

Communion *Organ music*

Communion Hymn The Servant Song
(CWBII 461)

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you augh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
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