

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B – 17TH DECEMBER 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 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8; 19-28



THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Blessing of Advent Wreath / Lighting of Advent Candle

Celebrant Today, as we gather on the third Sunday of Advent, we light the third of the candles, remembering how God's love was made manifest through the ministry and preaching of John the Baptist. May we commit ourselves to be people of the light, awake and ready to greet Christ when he comes in glory.

The Third Advent candle is lit and all sing

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

Celebrant Dear sisters and brothers, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in glory, let us pray that God will make us witnesses of the Lord of light, who has taken on our humanity to bring salvation to all people.

SILENCE

Celebrant Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God!

All **The lion shall dwell with the lamb.**

Celebrant We thank you, O God, for the promise of full joy that this season brings to light.

All **For all the troubles life brings, you open up possibilities that fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God!

All **Help us trust in your promises of day after night, hope after despair, joy after sorrow.**

Celebrant Have mercy on us, O Lord:

All **For we have sinned against you.**

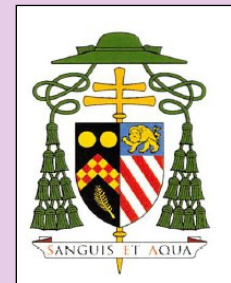
Celebrant Show us, O Lord, your Mercy:

All **And grant us your salvation.**

Celebrant May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

KYRIE (SUNG)



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St Patrick's Church
58 Morgan Street
Fortitude Valley



Villa Maria Aged Care Chapel
171 St Paul's Terrace
Spring Hill

No public Masses until further notice.

Cathedral of St Stephen Mass Times

Monday to Friday	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

Monday to Friday	10:30-11:30am	1:00-1:30pm	4:30-5:00pm**
Saturday	10:00-11:00am		4:30-5:30pm

** 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Monday 18 December at 5:10pm

St Patrick's Mass Times

Sunday	9:00am	11:00am
Brazilian Catholic Community (Portuguese Mass)		5:00pm

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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Third Sunday of the month
Vinnies Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser under the veranda of Mercy House
 Your donation will enable Vinnies to help those who have come off second best in our local community.

Sausage & Bun with Chips and Drink - \$7.00
 Sausage & Bun with Drink - \$5.00
 Sausage & Bun Only - \$4.00
 Chips & Drink - \$3.00

Sunday 17 December
 following 8am & 10am Masses




Cathedral of St Stephen
Advent Concert Series
Susan Collins (violin)
Sunday 17th December | 5:00pm

MUSIC AND POETRY
 TO CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON

Tickets through www.trybooking.com/CNGCC




2nd Rite of Reconciliation

The 2nd Rite of Reconciliation will be held on Monday 18 December at 5:10pm. 5:10pm Mass will not be held on Monday evening. The Cathedral car park will be available.

Liturgical Ministry for Christmas Eve Masses

Thank you to the Liturgical Ministers who have volunteered for the 5pm, 7pm and Midnight Masses on Christmas Eve.

We are still requiring a number of **Holy Communion Ministers and Collectors**. If you are attending 5pm, 7pm or Midnight Masses you are invited to stop by the sacristy and put your name next to a ministry or contact the Cathedral Office.



Annual Festival of Carols Service

SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER | 3PM
 FEATURING THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR, CATHEDRAL SCHOLA, AND THE CATHEDRAL CHORALE
 FREE ADMISSION - ALL WELCOME



Mass Schedule

Tuesday 26 December 2023 to Friday 5 January 2024

Tuesday 26 December - Feast of St Stephen Mass 10:00 am



Wed 27 to Friday 29 December

Mass 8:00am; Reconciliation 8:30am

Saturday 30 December

Reconciliation 10:00-11:00am; 4:30-5:30pm; Mass 11:30 am

Sunday 31 December

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm; 8:00am; 10:00am; 12:00pm; 7:30 pm

Monday 1 January (Public Holiday) Mass 8:00am

Tuesday 2 January to Friday 5 January 2024

Mass 8:00am & 12:30pm; Reconciliation 1:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
150th Celebrations Merchandise

Available for sale following the morning Masses and the Cathedral Office during the week.



Pens; Keyring; Mousepad; Coasters; Coffee Mug; Picnic Blanket; Umbrella

Christmas Appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society, St Stephens Conference

On the weekend 16/17 December, our St Vincent de Paul, St Stephen's Conference (Ministry team) is launching our annual Christmas Appeal. We gratefully welcome your support to help us help those in need within the parish area.

So far this year, we have made 2,159 visits, offering support to 3,184 of our brothers and sisters in need.

The value of the assistance given amounts to \$61,731. This includes help with rent, utility bills, fridges, education expenses, transport, medication costs, and most of all, food. We have also shared free clothing from the Vinnies Stores and donated furniture, especially beds and mattresses. Also, we have provided food hampers to the value of \$44,106.

Our care for those in need is much more than just passing on practical support, we aspire to be instruments of God's love for those struggling in life by offering a nonjudgmental, listening ear and sharing encouragement and hope.

May we take this opportunity to thank the St Stephens and St Patricks parish community for your support through the Poor Box, Sausage Sizzles, Fish and Chip Fryday and general donations throughout 2023, through which, we have received \$17,923 - 100% of the money donated has been used to help local people in need.

If you would like to help this Christmas, please consider donating.

There are three ways to give: The Christmas Appeal Envelopes, the Poor Box at the back of the Church, or direct deposit: BSB: 064-786 ACC: 100026642. For a Tax Deductable Receipt please email: ssc4000@svdpqld.org.au.

This Advent, please join us in praying for all who suffer poverty, homelessness, loneliness, and marginalisation. Once again, thank you so much for your ongoing support for our ministry of care for the poor.

In 2024 the St Stephen's Conference is celebrating its 130th Anniversary of providing assistance to the Brisbane CBD, Fortitude Valley and Spring Hill areas.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Mass Times

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Saturday 23/12 - 6:00pm

Sunday 24/12 - 8:00am; 10:00am; 12:00pm

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, FORTITUDE VALLEY

Sunday 24/12 - 9:00am

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day
Mass Times

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24 December

5:00pm; 7:00pm

(11:30pm Carols); 12 midnight

Christmas Day - Monday 25 December

8:00am; 10:00am; 12 noon

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, FORTITUDE VALLEY

Christmas Eve - 6:00pm

Christmas Day - 9:00am



St Stephen's Feast Day Mass Time

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Tuesday 26 December - 10:00am

Cathedral Office hours - post Christmas

The office will be closed 27-29 December 2023. From 2-6 January 2024 the office will open 9:00am to 12:30pm.

ENTRANCE SONG

Psalm 84

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



Antiphon:

Come, rejoice in God our King;
Sing, your voices raising.
I repeat again: Rejoice!
Sing with Jubilation!
Let your gentleness be known;
Lo, the Lord is coming.
Do not worry, but with thanks
Let your prayers be summoned.

Lord, you favoured once your land,
brought back Jacob's fortunes
And forgave your people's sins,
Pardoned their transgressions.
You withdrew from them your wrath,
Turned from your hot anger.
Now restore us, saving God;
Let your rage not linger.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (CWBII 540)

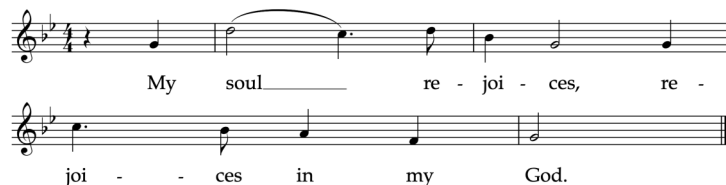
*Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth,
we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see. Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.*

KYRIE

Missa O Quam Gloriosum Tomás Luis de Victoria (1549-1611)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.*

OFFERTORY MOTET

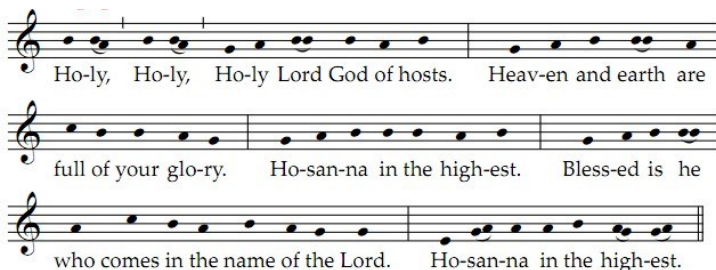
Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini. Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos. Erunt prava in directa, et aspera in vias planas: Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.

*Sound the trumpet in Zion, for the day of the Lord is nigh. Lo, He comes to our salvation. The crooked path be made straight, and the rough ways plain.
Come, Lord, and do not delay.*

Music: Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

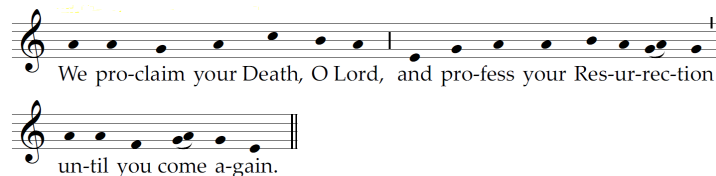
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Mass XVIII



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

ICEL #1



LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Missa O Quam Gloriosum Tomás Luis de Victoria (1549-1611)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Is 35:4

Dicite: Pusillanimes confortamini, et nolite timere: ecce Deus noster veniet, et salvabit nos.

Say: "Take courage, you who are fainthearted, and do not fear; behold, our God will come and he will save us.

COMMUNION HYMN

CWBII 242

O come, o come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the son of God appear.

Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, true wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
in ancient times on Sinai's height
you gave your chosen tribes the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wake, awake, the night is flying Op.22 – Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

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

The 10:00am Solemn Mass is led by the Cathedral Choir, the music for this mass is inside this bulletin.

The Midday Mass is usually led by the Cathedral Schola. All other Masses are led by a cantor.

Processional Hymn On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
(CWBII 244)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
and let each heart prepare a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

For you as our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away,
like flow'rs that wither and decay.

To heal the sick, stretch out your hand
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let your light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

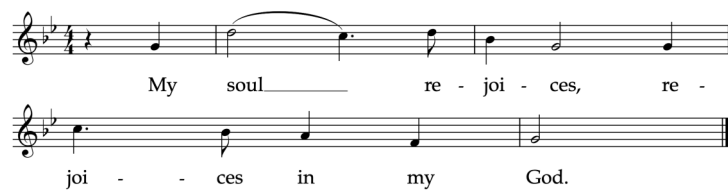
To God the Son all glory be
whose Advent set your people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

**Lighting of the
Advent Wreath** Christ be our light (CWBII 540)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth,
we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light
for the world to see. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in
your Church gathered today.

Kyrie Mass of OLHC, Connolly (CWBII 23a)
Midday Mass Missa in honorem S. Dominici
– Edmund Rubbra (1901-1986)

Responsorial Psalm Luke 1:46-50, 53-54



My soul re - joi - ces, re -
joi - ces in my God.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)



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

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor*

Offertory Motet Benedixisti Domine Op. 176
Midday Mass – Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Benedixisti, Domine, terram
tuam, avertisti captivitatem
Jacob. Remisisti iniquitatem
plebis tuae; operuisti omnia
peccata eorum.

*Lord, thou art become gracious
unto thy land: thou hast turned
away the captivity of Jacob.
Thou hast forgiven the offence
of thy people: and covered all
their sins.*

Sanctus Mass of OLHC, Connolly (CWBII 23c)

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

Agnus Dei Mass of OLHC, Connolly (CWBII 23f)
Midday Mass Missa in honorem S. Dominici
– Edmund Rubbra (1901-1986)

Communion Motet Virga Jesse floruit
Midday Mass – Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Virga Jesse floruit: Virgo
Deum et hominem genuit:
pacem Deus reddidit,
in se reconcilians ima
summum. Alleluja.

*The rod of Jesse hath blossomed:
a Virgin hath brought forth God
and man: God hath restored
peace, reconciling in Himself
the lowest with the highest.
Alleluia.*

Communion Hymn O come, O come Emmanuel
(CWBII 242)

O come, o come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the son of God appear.

*Refrain Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, true wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
in ancient times on Sinai's height
you gave your chosen tribes the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

Recessional Hymn The coming of our Lord (CWBII 248)

The coming of our Lord with eager minds we greet,
and joyful, hasten on our way
his glorious reign to meet.

The everlasting God, a virgin's son we see;
he takes a humble, servile form
to bring us liberty.

Let Sion now arise to greet her infant King,
and gladly take with thankful heart
the peace he deigns to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come again,
his scattered people to unite,
with them in heav'n to reign.

Let evil darkness fly before the rising morn,
no more by sin we need to die:
our Saviour shall be born.

In glory from his throne again will Christ descend,
and summon all that are his own
to joys that never end.