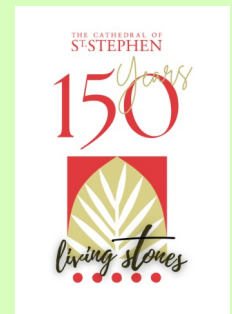


SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B – 14TH JANUARY 2024

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: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1:35-42



Dear Friends

The Church has been in a joyful and festive mood since the celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord which brings an end to the Christmas season, the Church ushers in the period of Ordinary Time.

With his manifestation by the voice of the Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Jesus' baptism, Jesus himself began his public ministry – the call to repentance, bringing us back to God with the invitation 'Come and See'.

Jesus needs people who will help him in his ministry; that is why, this Sunday, we hear the name Andrew and his brother Simon Peter being the first to become disciples.

Having been with Jesus and spent the day listening to him, the first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon. Andrew's life was changed with the encounter he had with Jesus. This was such a clear invitation by God to follow Jesus that Andrew was moved in turn to tell his brother that he had found the Messiah. Andrew was ready to follow God's call.

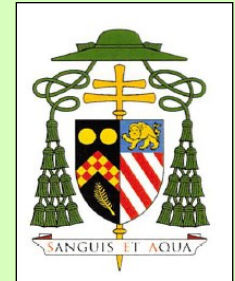
Had it not been for Andrew, we wonder if Simon would have come to know Jesus who, in turn, called him to a life-changing vocation.

Called by God, we not only recognise him but we also hear his call in our hearts and become instruments of this call for others. Where we encounter God, for instance in our families, our jobs, in the streets, etc – these places become our ministry. When we meet each other today and in the future, we share our moments when we hear God's call. We trust in our ever-faithful God who continues to call us. Our call by God helps us to listen and be attentive to the promptings of our hearts. Our immediate response to God's call shows obedience and willingness.

In these early days of the new year, let there be opportunities to hear these calls from God. May we respond with presence and commitment, opening ourselves to faithful futures yet unknown.

Speak, God, for we, your servants, are listening.

Fr Ejikeme



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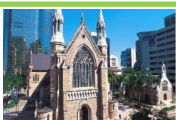
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Villa Maria Aged Care Chapel
171 St Paul's Tce
Spring Hill
No public Masses until further notice.

Cathedral of St Stephen Mass Times

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

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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Parish Contributions

Our regular parishioners have probably noticed some increases to the Tap'n'Go terminals in the Cathedral. The votive candles are now \$3, while the free-standing donation terminals at the doors are now set to \$15.

We understand the financial pressures on everyone at the moment and the cathedral parish is no different. Our annual insurance premiums have increased significantly and this places extra financial stresses on our budget.

The donation points are voluntary but if you give regularly at these terminals, please be aware of the increase. The suggested cost of votive candles has not increased for a number of years, however our costs for freight have also jumped in recent times. We depend on people's honesty for candles offerings and we do not "police" any payment. If you wish to light a candle and offer a prayer, simply pay whatever you can afford (or nothing if need be). The recommended offering is now \$3.

As part of your regular giving, and if you prefer to give electronically, our collectors are available at the doors with the EFTPOS terminals after each Sunday Mass and these can be set to any amount that you choose.

Later in the year, we will provide the community with a financial report for 2023. For the moment, we thank you for your on-going support in so many ways, not least through your financial generosity. We are reliant on the generous support of our community so that we can minister sacramentally, pastorally and administratively to all who come into the Cathedral precinct. Your on-going support makes this possible. Thank you.

Fr. Anthony

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Cathedral on **Friday, February 2nd, 2024**, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

At the 10am Mass on that day, we will especially remember all religious Priests, Sisters and Brothers who have served the Cathedral of St Stephen and have been a rich part of the fabric of the Archdiocese of Brisbane over the past 150 years.

Members of religious congregations across the Archdiocese are invited to attend this special celebration along with Cathedral parishioners and friends.

May all in consecrated life continue to be inspired by the Gospel and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Livestreaming of Cathedral Masses

The Cathedral livestreaming service commenced in 2013. Currently an aggregate of 2500 people access the weekday 8.00am Mass, either live or on-demand, and over 1,000 views for the 10:00am Sunday Mass.

This is a very valuable outreach to those who are unable physically to attend Mass but want to remain spiritually connected to the Cathedral.

To continue this important ministry, volunteers are urgently needed for the livestreaming of the 10:00am Sunday Mass.

Full training will be provided, however, basic computer skills will be helpful.

The commitment will depend on the number of volunteers.

Those interested in volunteering are invited to contact the Cathedral office:

✉ cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

☎ 3324 3030

Welcome to the Cathedral of St Stephen



To receive an electronic copy of the Cathedral newsletter together with information regarding the 150th Anniversary celebrations in 2024, please click on the QR code to register your details.



Infant Baptism

Parents wishing to have their child baptised at the Cathedral of St Stephen or St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley, are invited to attend the next Infant Baptism Preparation meeting.

Date: Saturday 3rd February 2024

Time: 9:30am

Venue: The Hanly Room, FRC

The Cathedral car park is available

An application package can be obtained by contacting the Cathedral office on 3324 3030, or email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au. Baptismal enquiries can also be made on-line via the Cathedral website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au>

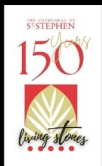




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★ *Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Brisbane. Buy your tickets now to discover the music of Mozart, Bach, and other Timeless Composers at The Cathedral of St Stephen under the gentle glow of candlelight.*

Thursday, 25 January 2024
6:30pm & 8:30pm



Candlelight Concert "Mozart Bach and Timeless Composers" played by a String Quartet.
<https://feverup.com/m/136773>

Information Day for Cathedral Guides & Welcomers

Thursday
1st February 2024

9.30am - 1:00pm
Hanly Room,
Francis Rush Centre.

Refreshments provided.

An information day for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a welcomer at The Cathedral of St Stephen



RSVP: 25 Jan 2024 ☎ 3324 3030 ✉ cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

Cathedral of St Stephen 150th Celebrations Merchandise

Available for sale from the Cathedral Office during the week.



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

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Iona Passion Play

Experience the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus like never before! The Iona Passion Play is seeking cast and crew, no experience necessary.

Auditions on Sunday, Jan 14th, from 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm and Sunday, Jan 21st, from 11 am - 12 pm at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum West).

Family-friendly and performed for over 66 years, join this incredible production in Hervey Bay on March 22nd and 23rd. Rehearsals start Jan 21st. Don't miss this chance to be part of something special.

For more details and audition package, visit www.passionplay.org.au or contact us at info@ipp.org.au.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Our Cathedral is blest to be served by a dedicated band of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who assist at all the weekend Masses and those throughout the week. They have committed themselves through special training to be part of this important ministry.

Therefore, a special ritual will be held to recognise, commission and re-commission all members of our parish who are Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion. This will happen at all Masses on the weekend of 3rd/4th February, the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

If you serve as an Extraordinary Minister, please ensure that you are able to attend one of these Masses for this special commissioning and recommissioning ritual.

If you are not an EMHC but would like to join this ministry, please contact the Cathedral Office to find out how to go about the training.

MUSIC FOR THE SECOND SUND IN ORDINARY TIME

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 O God beyond all praising
(CWBII 566)

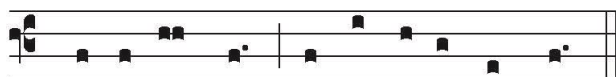
O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Kyrie Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22a)

Gloria Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22b)

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 39*



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

Gospel Acclamation *John 1:41, 17*



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

*We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.*

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 Soul of my Saviour
(CWBII 164)

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast;
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
blood of my Saviour bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be;
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high,
where I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

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

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!

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.



ETPOS 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.

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