THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 21ST 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: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20



Dear friends,

All of those mentioned in today's gospel died within a couple of decades of this account. John the Baptist, the first name mentioned, was executed by Herod in the early days of Jesus' ministry. Of course, Jesus himself was crucified during the time of Pilate, just three years later. Within ten to fifteen years of leaving his father's fishing business, James would beheaded in Jerusalem; one of the initial Apostles called and the first of the Apostles to die. Peter and Andrew would suffer the same fate, dying a martyr's death some twenty or so years later. John would die in exile on the Greek island of Patmos. Messiahs and Apostles didn't have a long lifespan. Yet, incredibly, over two millennia later we are remembering them and we recall them as clearly as if we were reminiscing about long-lost friends. There are a couple of lessons we can learn from this realisation.

The first is this: You don't need a long life to achieve greatness or to be etched into the heart of a community. These men weren't old

men with nothing to lose. They were young men with everything to live for. And they choose to live each moment with a passionate and resolute commitment to Christ. They did this not by shedding their humanity, but by embracing it. This is why these names seem so familiar to us. We sense that we know them; not just know about them.

This also has something to do with what happens after a martyr dies. Peter, Andrew, James and John had one particular advantage over us which is that they were witnesses to the resurrected Christ. Death had no hold over them any more. It released them to live and die freely because they trusted that they would share in the life of Christ. And this is why they still seem alive to us. Because they are. Like all of those who have died a martyr's death, they come to life in Christ. That's our call too if we are free enough to leave behind what we know and embrace unknown. None of us is here for a long time, just the time allotted to us to come to life. *Fr. Anthony*



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Cathedral of St Stephen 249 Elizabeth Street **Brisbane City**

Cathedral of St Stephen Mass Times

8:00am *

8:00am *

11:30am

8:00am

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



12:30pm ** Friday 26 January – Australia Day – 8:00am

12:00pm

St Patrick's Church 58 Morgan Street Fortitude Valley

6:00pm Vigil

7:30pm



St Patrick's Mass Times

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

171 St Paul's Tce

Spring Hill

Villa Maria Aged Care Chapel

No public Masses until further notice.

Cathedral Exposition Times

Monday to Thursday 10:30am-12:15pm

Cathedral Reconciliation Times

Monday to Thursday

Friday **

Saturday

Sunday

Monday to Thursday	10:30-11:30am	1:00-1:30pm	4:30-5:00pm
Caturday	10·00-11·00am		4·30-5·30nm

10:00am

10:00am *

Cathedral Benediction Times

Monday to Thursday 12:15pm





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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:

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Infant Baptism

Parents wishing to have their child baptised in 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





Cathedral of St Stephen 150th Celebrations Merchandise

Available for sale after the 8:00am and 10:00am and from the Cathedral Office during the week.



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

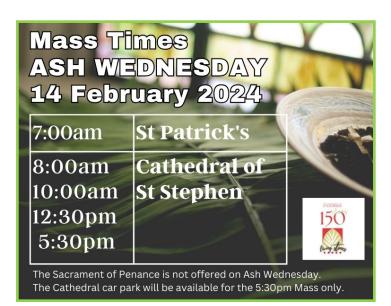
Support for the Cathedral Parish

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.





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 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Processional Hymn Be not afraid (CWBII 652)

1. You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side,

Know that I am with you through it all. Refrain

3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,

Blessed, blessed are you! Refrain

Kyrie Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22a)

Gloria Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22b)

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 24



K Lord, make me know your ways.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 1:15



The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!

Offertory Motet Organ music

Sanctus Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22c)

MemorialWe proclaim your death, O Lord,Acclamationand profess your resurrection,(ICEL #1):until you come again. (CWBII 12a)

Agnus Dei Mass of St Francis (CWBII 22h)

Communion Motet Organ music

Communion Hymn O breath on me, O breath of God

(CWBII 564)

O breathe on me, O breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love all that you love, and do what you would do.

O breathe on me, O breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with you I have one will, to do and to endure.

O breathe on me, O breath of God, and all my life refine, until this earthly part of me glows with your fire divine.

O breathe on me, O breath of God; so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.

Recessional Hymn Christ, our Lord, the Prince of ages

(CWBII 399)

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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