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Mass Times this Week

Monday to Friday 8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Cathedral; 12.30pm Cathedral;
5.10pm Chapel

Morning Prayer Included in the 8.00am Mass on Friday in the Chapel

Saturday 9.30am Villa Maria; 11.30am Cathedral

Sunday

Cathedral of St Stephen Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday 8.00am; 10.00am (Solemn Mass); 12 noon; 7.30pm

St Patrick's, Fortitude Valley Sunday 9.00am; 12 noon

Villa Maria, Spring Hill Sunday 9.30am

Reconciliation

Monday to Friday 10.30-11.30am; 1.00-1.30pm; 4.30-5.00pm

Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm

Exposition Monday to Friday 10.30am – 12.15pm

Benediction Monday to Friday 12.15pm

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This is the transformation of the ordinary into the astonishing. This gospel story prompts a question of us: Like the wedding guests, are we ready to be surprised? Or do we just presume that the “same old, same old” remains the order of the day?

At the centre of Christian faith is the hope and anticipation of transformation. Everything old can become new again, and everything ordinary can carry the surprise and thrill of the extraordinary. Above all, this is true of you, of me, of family, of friends, of work, of play, of community, and of the church for that matter. Jesus, the miracle-worker, is only one part of the equation. We need to play our part and be prepared to taste and see the goodness of God. We need to remain at the feast, even after it appears that all the fun has been had. Our taste buds always need to be at the ready to savour the delights of God. This weekend's gospel is a parable against cynicism and self-defeating pessimism. If we think that the world is a disaster and that our society is falling apart, if we believe that the church has lost the plot, if we presume that there is no hope for any of us, then we will surely, sooner or later, be proved to be correct. With that attitude, life will taste as dull as dish water. If, on the other hand, we live in hope, if we are always on the look-out for the surprises of God, if we hold onto the quiet promise of unforeseen possibilities, then we will surely taste and see the goodness of God in the ordinariness of the everyday. Cynicism kills our spirit; hope enlarges our heart. May our hope in the newness that Christ always brings never become diluted or watered-down, but allow our hearts to be festive with the sweet and joyous surprises born from divine delight.

Fr. Anthony



THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST STEPHEN

*Embracing Villa Maria and
St Patrick's Fortitude Valley*

WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

21 – 26 JANUARY 2019
2ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
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Planning weddings is a stressful business. There are the questions about who to invite and who doesn't make the cut; decisions of venue for the ceremony, clothes, photos and the reception; and choices about the menu and the music. There is a lot to organise and most of these choices are dictated by money – how much can the families afford? What fits within the budget?

You can imagine the parents in this weekend's gospel being very embarrassed by the shortfall in planning because the party has run short on drinks. There are a few choices: they could send everyone home; buy some more wine if they could find a shop that was open; or hope that some of the neighbours have a reasonably full cellar. The mother of Jesus (Mary is not named in John's gospel) comes up with a rather inventive plan that saves this family from any embarrassment or shame. Jesus provides the wine for the feast which is quickly identified as the best wine of all. This wine wins the gold medal.

John, the gospel writer, refers to this miracle as “a sign” – but “a sign” of what? Water is deeply symbolic in our religious imaginations. Water is so ordinary but

also so necessary. Water is needed for life to survive. Our land is dry and hot at the moment. Much of Australia is in drought and experiencing record temperatures in many places. We have seen the effects that drought and ineffective water management have had in the Murray-Darling basin in the past weeks with reports of countless fish dying due to poor water quality. Clean water is important and essential. And we take it for granted until it runs low. We know how dependant we are on drinkable, readily-available water because it is the stuff of life.

The water that Jesus changes is the water used for the “Jewish rites of purification”. This isn't drinking water, but holy water in a sense. As we bless ourselves with holy water upon entering and leaving the church, the Jewish people would ritually cleanse themselves before and after a meal. This water, too, is essential because it helps us express our participation in the life of God. Suddenly, at the hand of Jesus, water becomes wine; embarrassment becomes surprise; shame becomes joy; purification becomes celebration. That's the sign that John refers to because it is a sign of what Jesus' ministry is all about.

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MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019

St Agnes

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Blessed is the virgin
who by denying herself and taking up
her cross
imitated the Lord, the spouse of virgins
and prince of martyrs.

FIRST READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 109:1-4

The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.'

The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I
begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of
our heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 2:18-22

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne
will lead them to the springs of the waters
of life.

TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2019

Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING: Hebrews 6:10-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 110:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10

I will thank the Lord with all my heart
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.
Great are the works of the Lord;
to be pondered by all who love them.

He makes us remember his wonders.
The Lord is compassion and love.
He gives food to those who fear him;
keeps his covenant ever in mind.

He has sent deliverance to his people
and established his covenant for ever.
Holy his name, to be feared.
His praise shall last for ever!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 2:23-28

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches
my thirst.

NECESSARY MAINTENANCE WORK

Commencing this **Monday 21 January**,
necessary maintenance work will take place in
the Cathedral. The work is expected to take
approximately one week and exclusion zones
will be set up around the working area.

On **Monday & Tuesday**, the 10am Mass,
Adoration, Exposition, Benediction and
10.30am Reconciliation will be held in the
Chapel. Depending on the noise level,
potentially the 1.00pm Reconciliation may also
be held in the Chapel.

It may also be necessary for other Masses
during the week to be moved to the Chapel
depending on the progress of the work.
Notices will be displayed to advise of any
change in location.

We thank you for your understanding and
patience whilst this necessary work is being
undertaken.

BAPTISM INTO CHRIST

With joy we welcome **Gemma Robertson and
Trent Tilley** who were baptised at the
Cathedral and **Robert O'Brien** baptised at St
Patrick's this past weekend.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to **Caroline McNamara and
Anirudh Vij** who were married in the
Cathedral this past weekend.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Next Saturday 26 January, we celebrate our
national day. Mass will be held in the
Cathedral at 11.30am. All are invited to gather
to pray for our Country and its peoples. The
liturgy for Australia Day is specially designed
for this prayer. Mass on the Australia Day
public holiday, Monday 28, will be celebrated
at 10.30am.

LIVE STREAMING

A reminder that every Sunday the 10am
Solemn Mass is broadcast live via our
Archdiocesan YouTube channel [archbne.org/
bzt](http://archbne.org/bzt). If you can't make it to Mass or you know
someone who is housebound, why not invite
them to join us via this marvellous technology!

GROUPS VISITING THIS WEEK

We welcome staff from the following
schools to Mass and a tour of the Cathedral
precinct this week: Trinity College,
Beenleigh; St Joseph's, Nundah; St
Augustine's, Currumbin Waters; Mary
MacKillop, Windsor; and Our Lady of the
Way, Petrie.

On Thursday at 2.10pm **Southern Cross
College, Scarborough** and 1.30pm on
Friday, **St Joseph's College Gregory
Terrace** will celebrate Mass for their school
staff.

CHRISTIAN HEALING MINISTRIES LEVEL 1 PRAYER TRAINING 2019

CCR Brisbane Healing Prayer Centre will be
offering training on Healing Prayer **Level 1 at
CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Road,
Northgate (in the grounds of St. John's
Catholic Church)**.

This level 1 course will be completed over 3
full Saturdays and participants are expected to
attend all 3 days -

Saturday 23 March 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday 27 April 9.30am - 5.00pm

Saturday 25 May 9.30am - 5.00pm

This Level 1 Course is **open** to all. For more
details, fees and registration, please go to :

[http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au/News/
PrayerTrainingLevel1_2019Notice.pdf](http://www.ccrbrisbane.org.au/News/PrayerTrainingLevel1_2019Notice.pdf)
or Phone 0432 968 892.

CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS

Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to
an information session on **Thursday 7
February 2019 at 10.30am** to discover the
delights of volunteering with the Cathedral
Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be
held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush
Centre.

If you enjoy meeting people; love your
Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy
history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer
with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is
beyond measure. A comprehensive training
program is offered.

If this ministry appeals to you, please contact
the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email
deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 25
January 2019.

Benediction Hymns and Prayer

O SAVING VICTIM

O saving victim opening wide
The gate of heaven to us below.
Our foes press on from every side
Thy strength supply, thine aid bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore blest three in one,
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee
AMEN.

HYMN OF ADORATION

Down in adoration falling,
This great sacrament we hail;
Ancient types have long departed
Newer rites of grace prevail
Faith for all defects supplying
Where the feeble senses fail.

Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing
while eternal ages run;
Equal praise to him confessing
who proceeds from both as one.
AMEN

V. You have given them bread from heaven
R. Having in itself all delight.

SOUL OF MY SAVIOUR

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,
When I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

*Lord Jesus Christ at your last supper
you prayed to the Father
that all should be one.
Send your Holy Spirit
upon all who bear your name
and seek to serve you.*

*Strengthen our faith in you, and make us
love one another in humility.*

*May we, who have been reborn in one
baptism, be united in one faith under one
shepherd.*

Amen



WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY 2019
Wednesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 109:1-4
The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.'

The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power;
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I
begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the
kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 3:1-6

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2019
St Francis de Sales

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord,
and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture
them,
and I, the Lord, will be their God.

FIRST READING: Hebrews 7:25 - 8:6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 39:7-10, 17
You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

O let there be rejoicing and gladness
for all who seek you.
Let them ever say: 'The Lord is great',
who love your saving help.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 3:7-12

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord,
but I who chose you and appointed you to go
and bear fruit,
fruit that will last.

FRIDAY 25 JANUARY 2019

The Conversion of St Paul

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 5.10pm Only
I know the one in whom I have believed
and I am sure that he, the just judge,
the mighty,
will keep safe what is my due until that day.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 10am & 12.30pm
CWBII 423 By all your saints still striving

FIRST READING: Acts 22:3-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Ps 116:1-2
R. Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Praise the Lord, all you nations.
acclaim him all you people. R.

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
I have chosen you from the world,
says the Lord,
to go and bear fruit that will last.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-18

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 5.10pm Only
I live by faith in the Son of God,
who has loved me
and given himself up for me.

COMMUNION HYMN: 10am & 12.30pm
CWBII 592 Seed, scattered and sown

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 10am & 12.30pm
CWBII 439 For all the saints

SATURDAY 26 JANUARY 2019

Australia Day

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CWBII 655
A Blessing Hymn for Australia

FIRST READING: Isaiah 32:15-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Ps 84:9-14
R. The Lord speaks of peace to his people.
I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. R.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. R.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:2-12

COMMUNION HYMN: CWBII 596
Shepherd of souls, in love, come feed us

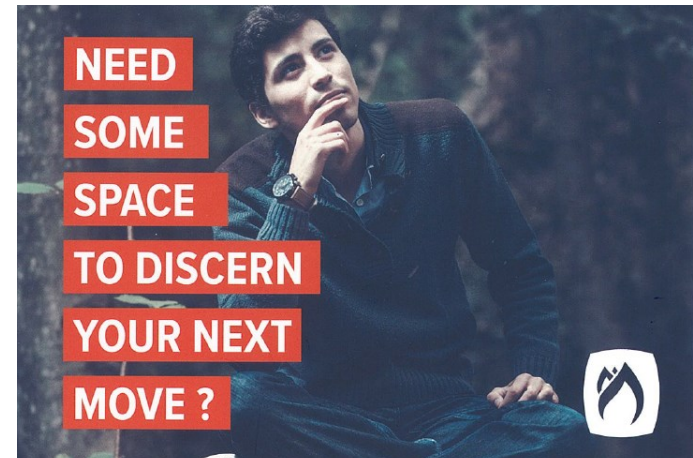
RECESSIONAL HYMN: CWBII 656
Advance Australia Fair

SATURDAY MORNING

Marian Prayer

Prayer to Mary, Help of Christians: Australia's Patroness

Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary,
Help of Christians.
Through her prayers
grant wisdom to our leaders
and integrity to our Citizens.
Under her protection
may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



You've heard God calling, what next?

If you're a young man who has heard God's call in your life and you are not totally sure what to do next, you might just need some time to discern exactly how you will respond. Maybe a year of discernment with other like minded guys could be just what you need.

There are many who have considered a vocation to the priesthood that have stayed in **Canali House** the year before they entered the Seminary. Some have gone on to become priests and others are now married, but the process has been well worth it. If you'd like more information please contact us on the details below.



At our Masses on Friday we have a collection to allow weekday parishioners to support the Cathedral. Thank you for your contribution.