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### Mass Times this week

Monday to Thursday 8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Chapel; 12.30pm; 5.10pm Chapel  
Friday 8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Chapel; 12.30pm; **5.00pm**  
**(Please note earlier time)**  
Saturday **10.00am(Priests Foundation Mass)**; 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)  
Sunday 8.00am; 10.00am (Solemn Mass); 12 noon; 7.30pm  
9.00am; 12 noon (St Patrick's Fortitude Valley)

### 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 (Chapel)

### Benediction

Monday to Friday 12.15pm (Chapel)

### Morning Prayer

Friday 8.30am (Chapel)



THE CATHEDRAL OF  
**ST. STEPHEN**  
*Incorporating the worshipping  
community of St Patrick's  
Fortitude Valley*

# WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

**13 - 18 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**YEAR A**

You might have heard of Nikos Kazantzakis who is widely considered a giant of modern Greek literature. He is probably better known as the author of *Zorba the Greek* and *The Last Temptation of Christ*. Just before he died in 1957 he wrote an autobiographical novel called *Report to Greco*. It paints a vivid picture of his childhood in Crete, still occupied by the Turks, and then steadily grows into a spiritual quest that takes him to Italy, Jerusalem, Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Russia and the Caucasus, and finally back to Crete again.

At one point in the book a young Kazantzakis recalls a meeting with a famous old monk and the conversation that ensued around being saved. Basically Kazantzakis wanted to know if there was an easier, more palatable way to be saved other than the very austere life that the old monk was living. When the reply came back that there was not Kazantzakis comforted himself by saying that he was still young and that there was plenty of time to change! At which the monk shot back immediately: **Death loves the young. Wake up! Wake up before death wakes you up!**

Today's gospel is the well-known parable of the five wise and the five foolish bridesmaids. They should have been so excited at the prospect of the arrival of the bridegroom, they all should have been so thrilled in anticipation of all the festivities that the adrenalin should have kept them all wide awake. **And yet it didn't - all ten of them fell soundly asleep!**

They were asleep to the present! Asleep to what was about to happen. Asleep to what was going on around them. I know their feeling and tiredness. It is so easy to stumble through each

day in a sort of sleepy haze, fatigued by the distractions and worries that sometimes overwhelm, weary at confronting the issues and problems of life and relationships. Is it any wonder that days slip into weeks and before you know it we are looking down the barrel of celebrating yet another Christmas!

Did I sleep through last week? Did I sleep through the last couple of months? Was I so tired that I did not recognise the many blessings of my life? Was I so exhausted that I did not spend any time reflecting on the simple choices and actions that, taken together, indicate clearly the direction of my life and the person I am becoming?

I think what separates the foolish from the five wise bridesmaids is that the former thought there will always be enough time after they woke up to deal with all the issues of life and relationships. To say the things that need to be said, to do the things that need to be done. After they woke up there will be enough time to make their lives all that they want them to be. They are foolish because they think there is an unlimited amount of "oil" in their lamps to make it all happen.

Today's gospel calls us to see our lives as a wonderful gift from God - but a gift that is preciously short and fragile. It is never too late to wake up and recognise that now is the time to "trim" our lamps and stop sleepwalking. So perhaps the old monk that challenged Nikos Kazantzakis was right, there is not an unlimited amount of oil in our lamps, so - **Wake up! Wake up before death wakes you up!**

Fr Peter

## ADVENT FAIR

**SUNDAY 03 DECEMBER**  
**8 am to 2pm**  
**(between masses)**  
**coinciding with**  
**COSSAG's Christmas Market**

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**MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2017***Monday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
 Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**FIRST READING:** Wisdom 1:1-7**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 138:1-10

O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
 you know my resting and my rising,  
 you discern my purpose from afar.  
 You mark when I walk or lie down,  
 all my ways lie open to you.

Before ever a word is on my tongue  
 you know it, O Lord, through and through.  
 Behind and before you besiege me,  
 your hand ever laid upon me.  
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge,  
 too high, beyond my reach.

O where can I go from your spirit,  
 or where can I flee from your face?  
 If I climb the heavens, you are there.  
 If I lie in the grave, you are there.

If I take the wings of the dawn  
 and dwell at the sea's furthest end,  
 even there your hand would lead me,  
 your right hand would hold me fast.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
 you are offering it the word of life.  
 Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 17:1-6**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I  
 shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he  
 gives me repose,  
 near restful waters he leads me.

**TUESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2017***Tuesday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time***ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
 Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**FIRST READING:** Wisdom 2:23-3:9**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 33:2-3, 16-19

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
 his praise always on my lips;  
 in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
 The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
 to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
 The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
 and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears  
 and rescues them in all their distress.  
 The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
 those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
 and my Father will love them, and we will  
 come to them.  
 Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 17:7-10**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in  
 the breaking of bread.

**THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL**

**Schools Groups Visiting:** On Tuesday we welcome St Clare's Primary School, Yarrabilba to the 10.00am Mass and on Thursday, Year 5 students from St Flannan's Zillmere, will be visiting for a tour of the Cathedral Precinct.

**Terrace Valedictory Mass – Friday 17 November:** St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace will celebrate their 2017 Valedictory Mass in the Cathedral on Friday 17 November. The Mass will commence at 5.00pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend this Mass in the Cathedral at 5.00pm.

**Priests Foundation Mass – Saturday 18 November:** Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral for the Priests Foundation next Saturday 18 November commencing at 10.00 am. All are invited to attend. The regular 10am Reconciliation & 11.30am Mass will still be held.

**DISCOVER THE FACTS:** The turmoil and violence in the Middle East in some places has almost resembled ethnic cleansing. In some cases, whole Christian communities who have existed and survived since biblical times, have been uprooted and forced to flee. On **Tuesday, 28 November**, in the Hanly Room, the cofounder of SOS Chrétien's d' Orient, Benjamin Blanchard, will be talking about the condition of Christians in the Middle East and what his organization is doing and what the future looks like. Please accept this invitation and come along to the talk that begins at 7.00pm.

**READERS:** Over the last two weeks the technicians have been fine tuning the new sound system and I think everyone agrees that it has made a tremendous difference. All sound systems are different and unique at what they can deliver and all new systems require practice to get the most out of them. On **Saturday morning 16 December, commencing at 9.00am** all readers are invited to the Cathedral for a short, 45 minute session conducted by James Robinson of Liturgy Brisbane, to ensure that we get the most out of our new sound system. The Cathedral car park will be available. Please RSVP to Carmel Devery by email [deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au) or telephone 3324 3006.

**THINK COOL!:** During the summer months as the humidity rises, the Cathedral can resemble a sauna. For all involved, priests, musicians, singers and parishioners, there is nothing comfortable about this time of the year! This weekend we have removed from storage and cleaned the large pedestal fans and returned them to St Stephen's but they only provide limited relief!

If we were building a new cathedral we would naturally air condition the church. When the storm in November 2015 severely damaged the Cathedral we incorporated into the repairs, ducting for the possible future air conditioning of the Cathedral. Part of the refurbishment of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is the reinforcing of the roof so that in the future the air conditioning compressors can be located there.

It is not that we have not thought about air conditioning the Cathedral – quite the opposite – we have future proofed it so that one day it will be a cool eventuality! The problem we face is that with all the repairs and storm damage coupled with the maintenance we have blown our budget out of the water and we simply just have not got the \$350,000 needed to air condition our Cathedral. As the sweat drips off us this weekend, I assure you I am open to any suggestions as to how to raise the money.

**THE SOUND OF MUSIC:** Currently we are looking after Kangaroo Point/East Brisbane Parish and at St Joseph's their faithful organist is going on a well-deserved vacation for six weeks beginning on 26<sup>th</sup> November. Is there an organist out there reading this newsletter willing to volunteer and help out the Kangaroo Point community at their 9am Sunday morning mass? Your generosity, even if you can only help out for one or two weekends, would be gratefully appreciated by our St Joseph's sisters and brothers. For further information please email Fr Peter on [brannellyp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:brannellyp@bne.catholic.net.au)

# 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.

## **Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

Holy God we praise your name!  
Lord of all, we bow before you;  
All on earth your pow'r proclaim,  
All in heaven above adore you;  
Boundless is your vast domain,  
Everlasting is your reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name you;  
While in essence only One,  
Undivided God we claim you,  
And adoring bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.

## **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 15 NOVEMBER 2017**

*Wednesday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**FIRST READING:** Wisdom 6:1-11

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 81:3-4, 6-7

Do justice for the weak and the orphan,  
defend the afflicted and the needy.  
Rescue the weak and the poor;  
set them free from the hand of the wicked.

I have said to you: 'You are gods  
and all of you, sons of the Most High.'  
And yet, you shall die like men,  
you shall fall like any of the princes.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you in Christ  
Jesus.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 17:11-19

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I  
shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives  
me repose,  
near restful waters he leads me.

## **THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2017**

*Thursday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**FIRST READING:** Wisdom 7:22-8:1

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 118:89-91, 130, 135, 175

Your word, O Lord, for ever  
stands firm in the heavens:  
your truth lasts from age to age,  
like the earth you created.

By your decree it endures to this day;  
for all things serve you.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple.

Let your face shine on your servant  
and teach me your decrees.  
Give life to my soul that I may praise you.  
Let your decrees give me help.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the vine and you are the branches, says  
the Lord;  
those who live in me, and I in them, will bear  
much fruit.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 17:20-25

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the  
breaking of bread.

**FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2017**

*St Elizabeth of Hungary*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord:

I was sick, and you visited me.

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren you did it for me.

**FIRST READING:** Wisdom 13:1-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 18:2-5

The heavens proclaim the glory of God and the firmament shows forth the work of his hands.

Day unto day takes up the story and night unto night makes known the message.

No speech, no word, no voice is heard yet their span extends through all the earth, their words to the utmost bounds of the world.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 17:26-37

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends.

**SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2017**

*Saturday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Let my prayer come into your presence.

Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**FIRST READING:**

Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 104:2-3, 36-37, 42-43

**R. Remember the marvels the Lord has done.**

O sing to the Lord, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. R.

He struck all the first-born in their land, the finest flower of their sons. He led out Israel with silver and gold. In his tribes were none who fell behind. R.

For he remembered his holy word, which he gave to Abraham his servant. So he brought out his people with joy, his chosen ones with shouts of rejoicing. R.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 18:1-8

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

**SATURDAY MORNING**

**Marian Prayer**

God our Father, we praise you and give you thanks for choosing the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of your Son.

In her, the Word found a servant;

Your love makes her a queen.

We pray to you:

Make us follow her as an example that we might listen to your Word and put it into practice.

May we then be able to share the inheritance of eternal joy that you give us through your only Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our brother.

**AMEN**

*You are invited to Morning Prayer in the Chapel commencing at 8.30am.*