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Mass Times this week

Monday to Friday 8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Chapel; 12.30pm; 5.10pm Chapel
Saturday 11.30am; 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

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 10.30-11.30am; 1.00-1.30pm; 4.30-5.00pm
Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm

Exposition (Nb: No Exposition this Wednesday)

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 10.30am—12.15pm (Chapel)

Benediction (Nb: No Benediction this Wednesday)

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 12.15pm (Chapel)

Morning Prayer

Friday 8.30am (Chapel)



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

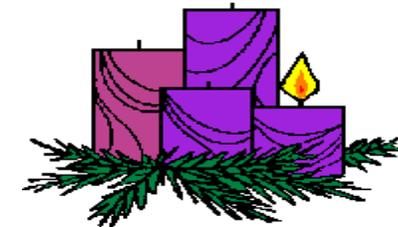
WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

4 – 9 DECEMBER 2017
FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT
YEAR B

The **purple of the vestments and the banners** quickly alerts our mind and our senses that something different has begun. The first week of Advent heralds the beginning of a new liturgical year. We begin using the **readings for Cycle B** and our weekday readings are from **Year 1**.

Punctuating this short, four-week season of Advent, we use the Advent wreath to help centre our anticipation of the Christmas celebration. This past weekend the **Advent wreath has been blessed and the first candle lit**. Over the course of the next three weekends the lighting of the additional candles should raise our expectation as we await the birth of the Christ Child. You will notice that there is **no Gloria sung at Mass during Advent**, so that it can be sung with renewed joy at Christmas. The lighting of the Advent wreath ritual incorporates the **Penitential Act** and during these weeks of anticipating we are encouraged to reflect upon and celebrate God's forgiveness and the chance to start again.

Slowly, over the next week our **Nativity Scene** will be constructed allowing our imagination to connect with the reality of the Incarnation and what happened in a stable in a nondescript town in a far corner of our world. Advent is a time of anticipation so let us not get overwhelmed by the commercial and superficial but rather let us grasp hold of all the possibilities the God presents to us during these next four weeks.



The Cathedral of St. Stephen
presents

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

**Wednesday December 20
at 7.00 pm**

featuring
The Cathedral Choir
Schola
Dr Andrew Cichy
Conductor
Phillip Gearing
Organist



Retiring Collection

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MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2017

*Monday of the First Week of Advent
Anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of
St Stephen, 1989*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his
house;
He himself gives might and strength to his
people.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 43:1-2, 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

1 Chron. 29:10-12

**R. We praise your glorious name, O
mighty God.**

Blessed are you, O Lord,
the God of Israel our father,
for ever, for ages unending. R.

Your, Lord, are greatness and power,
and splendour, triumph and glory.
All is your, in heaven and on earth. R.

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom,
you are supreme over all.
Both honour and riches come from you. R.

You are the ruler of all,
from your hand come strength and power,
from your hand come greatness and might. R

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia Alleluia
I have chosen and sanctified this house,
says the lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

My house shall be a house of prayer, says the
Lord:
in that house, everyone who asks receives,
and the one who seeks finds and the one who
knocks the door will be opened.

TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2017

Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy
ones with him;
and on that day there will be a great light.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds.
For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Behold, our Lord shall come with power;
he will enlighten the eyes of his servants.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 10:21-24

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Just Judge will bestow a crown of
righteousness
on those who eagerly await his coming.

The Cathedral parish recently held the annual
Peter's Pence collection. Thank you for your
generosity. This appeal of the Universal Church
allows our Holy Father to respond immediately on
our behalf and help alleviate the pain of those
affected by natural disasters or conflicts. It also
allows Pope Francis to support the church in some
of the poorest parts of the world. This year we
raised \$1,280 which will be added to the collections
taken up in other parishes of the Archdiocese and
forwarded to the Holy Father.

DEDICATION FEAST: The Solemnity of the
Dedication of St Stephen's Cathedral will be
celebrated at all cathedral masses on Monday 4th
December. This feast recalls the dedication of the
Cathedral in 1989. It recognises the significance of
the Cathedral to the local Church of Brisbane, as
the place of the chair of the bishop. Archbishop
Mark Coleridge will celebrate the 12.30pm Mass as
it is here that he gathers his faithful for the
celebration of the Eucharist.

YOUNG ADULTS: You are invited to attend the final
Vine Talk and Young Adults Mass for 2017 to be
celebrated on Sunday 10th December commencing
at 5.30pm. Please join the Young Adults for the
end of year Supper following the Mass.

READERS WORKSHOP: All readers are invited to
the Cathedral on Saturday 16 December,
commencing at 9.00am for a short, 45 minute
session conducted by James Robinson of Liturgy
Brisbane. The Cathedral car park will be available.
Please RSVP to Carmel Devery by email
deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3006.

PROGRESS REPORT: A substantial amount of work
was completed last week in the refurbishment of
the Blessed Sacrament chapel. The plaster ceiling
is now ready to be painted and this week the new
lighting will be installed. Naturally, the finishing
touches always takes longer to complete and over
the next two weeks we have to be patient as the
crucifix, sanctuary lights and tabernacle are
installed. Coinciding with this work will be the
refurbishment of the two confessionals which will
mean that at times over the next two weeks the
sacrament of reconciliation will be relocated to the
Chapel to allow this work to be completed.

CHRISTMAS ROSTER: This year Christmas Day falls
on Monday and Christmas Eve is on Sunday
evening. A lot of preparation and planning goes
into our Christmas Masses as we welcome
parishioners and visitors alike to the Cathedral.
That everything flows so smoothly is a credit to so

many who quietly, behind the scenes, generously
give of their time and energy, to ensure that our
Christmas Masses are joyous, faith filled
celebrations. Acknowledging that there are a lot of
parishioners away at this time of the year, we are
trying to organise our rosters for the Christmas
Masses. All liturgical ministers who will be
attending one of the Christmas Masses are invited
to stop by the sacristy after mass and help put your
name next to a ministry. Thank you for your
generosity and ministry - it is appreciated.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The weekend of the
9th/10th of December across our Cathedral Parish
we will have a leaving collection in support of our
local St Vincent de Paul conference. For many in
our community the men and women of our St
Vincent de Paul conference represent the human
face of the church and their practical ministry of
compassion and non-judgemental assistance makes
a real difference to those they minister to. Your
financial support either through the poor box or
through next week's Vinnies Christmas Appeal
enables our local conference to continue their work
- thank you for your support.

"CHRISTMAS IMPOSSIBILITIES": A Power Point
presentation showing us that the Christmas story is
intended to be our story will be presented after the
10am mass on Wednesday, December 6th. The
presentation is being coordinated by the Spirit of
Hope prayer group and all are welcome to attend.
The theme of the presentation is that God can do
something in and through you that is as much
beyond anything we could do - as having a child
was beyond Mary's ability. God our Father is ever
ready to break into the ordinary and invade the
impossibilities in our lives - He's the God of
"Impossibilities!" For further enquiries please
contact Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES: Struggling to come
up with a good Christmas present for friends or
family? Look no further! For this month only, you
can get a Season Subscription to the Cathedral's
2018 Concert Series (six concerts from April to
October) for the discounted price of \$150 adults or
\$125 concession. Visit www.ststephensmusic.com,
email cathedral.music@bne.catholic.net.au, or ask
at Cathedral Reception for more information or to
purchase a subscription.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO EXPOSITION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OR BENEDICTION
THIS WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2017.**

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.

SWEET SACRAMENT DIVINE

Sweet Sacrament Divine,
hid in thy earthly home,
Lo! Round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come.
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,
Sweet Sacrament Divine.

Sweet Sacrament of Peace,
dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart.
There in thine ear, all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery
Sweet Sacrament of Peace.

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 6 DECEMBER 2017

Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord will come and he will not delay.
He will illumine what is hidden in darkness
and reveal himself to all the nations.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 22

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,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord is coming to save his people;
happy are those prepared to meet him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:29-37

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, our Lord will come with power
and will enlighten the eyes of his servants.

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2017

St Ambrose

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

In the midst of the Church he opened his
mouth,
and the Lord filled him with the spirit of
wisdom and understanding
and clothed him in a robe of glory.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 26:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 117:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

Open to me the gates of holiness:
I will enter and give thanks.
This is the Lord's own gate
where the just may enter
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Seek the Lord while he can be found.
Call on him while he is near.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 7:21, 24-27

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

He who ponders the law of the Lord day and
night
will yield fruit in due season.

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2017

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I rejoice heartily in the Lord,
in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of
salvation,
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bride adorned with her jewels.

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:9-15, 20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 97:1-4

R. Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. R.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. R.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. R.

SECOND READING:

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with
you;
blessed are you among women.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary,
for from you arose the sun of justice,
Christ our God.

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 2017

Saturday of the First Week of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Come and show us your face, O Lord,
who are seated upon the Cherubim, and we
will be saved.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 146:1-6

R. Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles. R.

He heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. R.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked in the dust. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord will judge us by his law;
he is our King and Saviour.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, I am coming soon
and my recompense is with me, says the
Lord,
to bestow a reward according to the deeds of
each.

SATURDAY MORNING

Marian Prayer

Mary, Virgin most pure,
your greatness began
at the first instant of your existence
with the privilege of your Immaculate Conception.
It was fitting that you should be adorned
with the greatest purity ever possible to a
creature.
You are the Immaculate Virgin
To whom God the Father decreed to give his only Son.
You are the Immaculate Virgin
Whom the Holy Spirit willed to make his bride and in
whom he would work
The tremendous miracle of the incarnation.

Help me to imitate your sinlessness
by keeping my soul free from wilful sin
through the faithful observance of God's commandments.
Let me imitate your fullness of grace
by frequent reception of the sacrament of penance,
the Holy Eucharist, and heartfelt prayer,
which will make my soul holy
and give me the grace I need to practice virtue.
O my Lady,
transform me into a living image of Jesus Christ just as
you were.

Amen

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