

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

Weekend of January 13/14, 2018



The return of our daily mass schedule, the dismantling of the Nativity Scene and the noticeable increase in traffic on our city roads are all good indicators that 2018 has well and truly begun.

With an early Easter this year and school resumption only a week away, the first months of the year can quickly slip by unnoticed.

That would be a shame because the start of any New Year is an excellent time to name and prioritise some of the goals we want to set for ourselves as individuals. It is something we should also do as a Cathedral Parish – it's a bit like making a New Year's Resolution list for the Cathedral! These are the top 6 goals we want to achieve over the next 4 years.

## The goals of our parish over the next four years:

### 1. **Air-conditioning of the Cathedral**

In summer St Stephen's becomes almost unbearable as the temperature and humidity rises. We have over the past 12 months installed the ducting required to air-condition the Cathedral – now we need to raise the \$400,000 required to complete the project.

### 2. **Creating a solid financial foundation**

Developing the Cathedral Endowment Fund that can adequately fund in the future many aspects of the Cathedral mission and ministry.

### 3. **Not taking for granted the gift we have been entrusted with**

It is now nearly 30 years since the refurbishment of the Cathedral took place and the interior needs to be repainted, the rising damp problem needs to be addressed and the obsolete and inefficient halogen lighting needs to be replaced with efficient, environmentally friendly LED lighting. It is financially irresponsible for us to neglect the basic maintenance that the Cathedral requires.

### 4. **Restoration of St Patrick's**

Now that the roof and the internal water problems have been solved we can realistically look at slowly continuing with the restoration of our historic, Fortitude Valley church. Late last year the 1970's wooden sanctuary was removed revealing the church in its original configuration and potential beauty. As funds become available we want to continue with the restoration.

### 5. **Complete the Mary MacKillop shrine**

When she lived in Brisbane, it was to this Cathedral that Mary MacKillop came to pray and celebrate mass. St Mary MacKillop is not only our first

Australian saint she is also the co-patron of our Archdiocese of Brisbane. The Mary MacKillop shrine, located at the entrance to the Cathedral, will remind us all that today we walk on holy ground.

### 6. **In the end, it's all about community**

Our greatest assets are our people. Working with the Cathedral Pastoral Council we want to continue to explore creative ways to build up our community by providing innovative faith opportunities as well as practical programmes that benefit all ages and groups and makes us all want to be active members of our Cathedral family.

It is one thing to have goals – it is another thing to have the determination and discipline to achieve them. Some people are mistaken in thinking that the Cathedral has a secret bottomless pit of money – nothing could be further from the truth! At the moment we are desperately trying to balance our budget and find ways of saving money. Like any family, we have to live within our means!

Even though we are a Cathedral Parish we still have the same challenges and pressures as any parish community. We have to set goals, we have to balance our books, we have to pay our insurance, rates and wages. We also have to make choices which reflect our priorities.

Like all Parish Communities, the Cathedral depends upon the generosity and commitment of parishioners and friends to balance our books, cover our costs and achieve our goals.

Over the next couple of weeks I hope to explore with you some of the possibilities we have in achieving our goals. The first one that comes to mind is inviting you to join the **Cathedral Planned Giving** programme. Planned Giving might be a little old fashioned – either through direct debit or weekly envelopes - but it is the most practical way we have of being able to budget confident in your financial support.

For those who are already part of the **Cathedral Planned Giving** programme – *thank you*. Next weekend there will be brochures available at the entrance to the Cathedral for those who would like to join the planned giving.

I can assure you that everyone's commitment is valued and no one's sacrifice is taken for granted.

God Bless,

**Fr Peter Brannelly**  
Dean of the Cathedral



THE CATHEDRAL OF  
ST. STEPHEN

*Incorporating the worshipping community  
of St Patrick's Fortitude Valley*

**Most Reverend Mark Coleridge**

**Archbishop of Brisbane**

**Fr Peter Brannelly; Fr Odinaka Nwadike; Fr Thomas Ismoyo**

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**Mass Times this week**

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

**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

**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

**LENT**

Lent has an early start this year with Ash Wednesday falling on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Your Cathedral Parish will be offering several spiritual opportunities this year including the annual Lenten programme this year titled "**Blessed and Broken**". Over the six weeks of Lent the reflections are an excellent way of reflecting upon the scripture and pondering how to incorporate challenges of faith into our daily lives. If you are interested in being part of the Lenten programme this year could you please record your name on the registration form at the entrance to the church which will assist us with the ordering of resources. *Also, if there was enough interest, during Lent we were considering putting on an additional early weekday mass for workers at 7am. If you would be interested in attending this mass during Lent could you please see Fr Odinaka or Fr Peter.*

**8.00AM MASS FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY**

In preparation for the proposed 7.00am Mass and Morning Prayer during Lent, the 8.00am Mass next Friday, 19 January will be a trial run. If you regularly attend the 8.00am Mass on Friday, please note that it will include Morning Prayer and therefore may take a few extra minutes.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

On the first Saturday of every month in the Francis Rush Centre we hold a baptismal preparation meeting. At this short meeting we go through the symbols used in the sacrament, answer any questions and complete the necessary paperwork. **All bookings for baptism take place at this meeting.** The next baptismal preparation meeting will take place on Saturday morning, 9:30am on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CATHEDRAL CALENDARS**

There are still some 2018 Cathedral calendars available at the entrance to both the Cathedral and St Patrick's. The calendars not only contain important contact information but also identify important church and parish events throughout the year.

**PILGRIMAGE TRAVEL COMPANION**

A Brisbane lady who is doing a Harvest Pilgrimage Journey to Italy & Medjugorje departing 31st August 2018 is looking for a female travel companion. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$6,750. If you think you might be interested, please contact Harvest Journeys on 1800 819 156 or email info@harvestjourneys.com and speak with Bronwyn.



# CROSSROADS

*Pro-Life Walk Across Australia*

This weekend, Crossroads Pro-Life, a group walking through the cities from Brisbane to Melbourne as a witness to the dignity and sanctity of all human life will be at all of our Masses.

Crossroads began in 1995 as a direct response to

Pope Saint John Paul II's challenge to the youth of the world "to not be afraid to go out into the streets and into public places like the first apostles" and preach Christ and the Gospel of Life. They have heard the Church's call to defend life and are answering it through a peaceful mission of prayer, sacrifice, and pro-life witness.

By being out on the road each day, they are able to encounter thousands of people with the pro-life message. Their prayer each day is to be able to reach out to those in need and help convert the hearts of those they meet.

While visiting us this weekend, the Crossroads team asks for your prayers and your support. As you can imagine, walking down the coast of Australia is physically challenging, but it is also a spiritual battle. Please keep the Crossroads team in your prayers for the safety and success of their walk.

Please also consider supporting Crossroads financially. All donations go to support the walk and enable them to continue taking the pro-life message to the streets. They will be outside after Mass with more information and envelopes. Thank you so much and God Bless!

For more information about the walk and how you can help check out the website: <http://crossroadsaustralia.org/> or simply say hi to them after Mass.

## IN TRANSITION

This weekend marks the anniversary of the death of Archbishop Dunn in 1917. As we remember the second Archbishop of Brisbane we pray for all our deceased bishops, priest and religious who have ministered to us in our Cathedral Parish. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, **Rest in Peace**. We welcome into God's family, the church, **Simon Peters** who was baptised this weekend.

**DO YOU ENJOY MEETING PEOPLE?**

**DO YOU LOVE YOUR CATHEDRAL?**

**DO YOU REVEL IN GOOD ART  
AND JUICY HISTORY?**

**DO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!**

You are invited to talk with us about becoming a volunteer welcomer and guide at the Cathedral of St. Stephen. Join us for an information session to be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre on **1 February 2018** from 10.30am-12.30pm.

For more information, contact Carmel Devery at the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or e-mail [deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au) by 25 January 2018.

## THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

### VISITING SCHOOL GROUPS

On Wednesday 17th, we welcome staff from St Matthew's Cornubia and St Kieran's Brighton; on Thursday 18th staff of Mary Mackillop College and on Friday 19th, St Pius X Salisbury and St Dymphna's Aspley staff.

### ST JOSEPH'S GREGORY TERRACE

On Friday 19th we welcome the staff from St Joseph's College Terrace, who will celebrate their 2018 Opening School Mass at the Cathedral commencing at 1.30pm.

School of the Word

*The Ten Commandments*

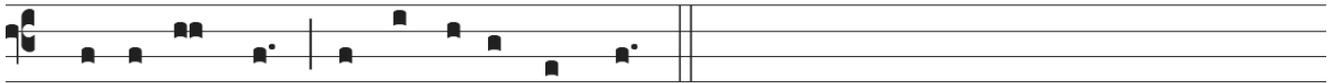
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Where: St. Stephen's Chapel next to St. Stephen's Cathedral  
When: Fridays from 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm

# MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

*The music is drawn from the Catholic Worship Book II for all Masses, available from our Welcomers at the entrances or on the pew seats. All Masses will be led by a Cantor.*

*The Cathedral Choirs are in recess.*

	<p><b>6:00pm (Sat)</b>  <b>(Sun) 8:00am, 10:00am</b>  <b>12:00pm 7.30pm</b></p>
<b>Processional Hymn</b>	<b>CWB II 586</b>
<b>Kyrie</b>	<b>CWB II 23a</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>CWB II 23b</b>
<b>First Reading</b>	<i>1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19</i>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<i>Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9</i>
 <p>℟ Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.</p>	
<b>Second Reading</b>	<i>1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20</i>
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	
 <p>℟ Al-le- lu- ia, al-le- lu- ia, al-le-lu- ia.</p>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<i>John 1:35-42</i>
<b>Sanctus</b>	<b>CWB II 23c</b>
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	<b>CWB II 23f</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>CWB II 455</b>
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>CWB II 621</b>

*A warm welcome to all our visitors*