

CATHEDRAL LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 6.00pm (for Sunday)
SUNDAY 8.00am, 10.00am, 12 noon, & 7.30pm.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

MONDAY – FRIDAY 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.30pm, 5.10pm
NB: 8am & 5:10pm will be held in the Chapel
SATURDAY 11.30am

MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY **Included in the 8.00am Mass on Friday**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAY – FRIDAY 10.30am – 12.15pm

BENEDICTION

MONDAY – FRIDAY 12.15pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

MONDAY – FRIDAY 10.30-11.30am; 1.00-1.30pm; 4.30-5.00pm
SATURDAY 10.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

The Cathedral of St Stephen Guides and Welcomers will be holding their annual general meeting on **Tuesday 20 February at 10.30** in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre. Dr. Jennifer Harrison, University of Queensland will speak on Bishop Quinn and his influence in the colony. Dr. Harrison has made an extensive study of the early history of Brisbane and is the author of *Shackled: female convicts at Moreton Bay, 1826-1839*. She is a learned, interesting and enthusing speaker. All parishioners are warmly invited to join the guides and welcomers at 10.30 for morning tea and to listen to Dr. Harrison's talk. Please contact Barbara for more information at bdrh@optusnet.com.au or 0412 645 847.

VISITING GROUPS

We welcome **School Groups** for Mass and tour: **Wednesday 21st** - Year 6; St Thomas More School, Sunshine Beach.

Thursday 22nd – St Eugene College, Burpengary. On **Friday 23rd**, a Los Angeles group will be visiting for a pilgrimage.



St Vincent de Paul Society
QUEENSLAND
good works

Soup and bread rolls

Every Friday during Lent, 12.30-1.30pm under the veranda of Mercy House our local Vinnies will be hosting soup and bread rolls. *Your donation will enable Vinnies to help those who have come off second best in our local community.*



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

Keep It Simple.....

For the first weekend of Lent we are given probably Jesus' first homily – and he provides all future preachers with an excellent example – *keep it simple!* Picture the scene – he has just come out of the desert after 40 days of prayer, fasting and struggle; he has spent his whole life leading up to this one moment and in the end it is only 19 words – **'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Good News.'**

I must say, for a first attempt at a homily, it is pretty impressive! You notice in these 19 words that there are two short statements followed by a call to action. The first statement is **'the time is fulfilled'**, in other words, the time has arrived, the long wait is over. Don't be distracted or make excuses for not responding as you know you should. Don't be wasting your time by looking for someone else. The time is fulfilled – Jesus is the one!

The second statement is **'the kingdom of God is at hand'**. Central to Jesus' message is the proclamation of the

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Kingdom of God which is experienced through him. No matter what happens or what situation we find ourselves facing, evil will not overwhelm us. It means that we should act with courage for, ultimately, God will triumph over sin. So don't be afraid to face this day, this week, with this knowledge and confidence.

These two short statements lead to a conclusion that demands action from the hearer: **'repent, and believe in the Good News'**. From this final statement it is obvious that there are some practical implications demanded from us. Only you can identify those "practical implications". Only you can decide to respond or not. Don't be afraid, for each of us it will be different.

So there you have it – 19 words which should make sense of these 40 days of Lent. Jesus' first homily was really just a simple challenge – *perhaps all that is required from us is a simple response!*

At this start of this first week of Lent,
I wish you every blessing.

Fr Peter Brannelly

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MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2018

Monday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God, till he show us his mercy.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 18:8-10, 15
The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!
This is the favourable time,
this is the day of salvation.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Amen, I say to you:
Whatever you did for one of the least of my
brethren,
you did it for me, says the Lord.
Come, you blessed of my Father,
receive the kingdom prepared for you from
the foundation of the world.

TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2018

Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, you have been our refuge,
from generation to generation;
from age to age, you are.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 33:4-7, 16-19
Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

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:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:7-15

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

When I called, the God of justice gave me
answer;
from anguish you released me;
have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Lent why not join us at 10:30am each Friday as we walk the **Stations of the Cross**. This Lenten devotion, using the 14 powerful images that line the cathedral walls, offers us a glimpse into Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us.

BLESSED + BROKEN.

It is not too late to join. We have three groups meeting for this year's Lenten Program. One group meets on a Tuesday morning after the 10am Mass, a Sunday group meets at 11am in the Hanly Room and the young adults meet at 5.30pm on Sunday, also in the Hanly Room.

There is another **Lenten Discussion Group** who meet after the 12 noon Sunday Mass. If you would like to join this group, please meet Susan near the Sacristy door, following the Noon Mass.

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY FORMS

Thank you to those who have already returned your volunteer Ministry forms. We will be contacting you shortly. If you would still like to offer your gifts and talent in a volunteer capacity, please complete the form available at the church doors.

ST PATRICK'S SACRISTY

We would be delighted to hear from any wood worker who would be interested in repairing and restoring the carpentry in the St Patrick's sacristy. Traditionally the sacristy contained joinery to accommodate the many vestments and mass supplies and altar requirements used throughout the different seasons of the church's liturgical year. Over the years the woodwork at St Pat's has deteriorated and is in need of repair and some tender loving care! If you are interested, please contact Fr Peter (3324 3030) or Anne McNulty.0400 338 469.

IN TRANSITION

We prayerfully remember **Justice John Muir** whose funeral rites were celebrated in the Cathedral last Friday. We also remember **Michael Dunne** whose funeral rites will be celebrated at St Patrick's this Thursday. May the souls of John and Michael and all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace.

With joy we welcome **Anders Holtham** who was baptised at St Stephen's Cathedral last weekend.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion and Lent go hand in hand.

Traditionally, the sacrifices we make during this time support the vital work of Caritas through their Project compassion appeal. This weekend please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes. The theme of this year's appeal is "A Just Future". The goal of this year's appeal is to empower young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

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 21 FEBRUARY 2018

Wednesday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of
old.

Let not our enemies exult over us.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our
distress.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 18-19

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would refuse,
my sacrifice a contrite spirit.
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 11:29-32

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

All who take refuge in you shall be glad, O
Lord,
and ever cry out their joy, and you shall
dwell among them.

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2018

The Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord says to Simon Peter:
I have prayed for you that your faith may not
fail,
and, once you have turned back, strengthen
your brothers.

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 5:1-4

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!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build
my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-19

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son
of the living God.
And Jesus replied: You are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my Church.

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2018

Friday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Set me free from my distress, O Lord.
See my lowliness and suffering,
and take away all my sins.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:21-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 129

**R. If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt,
who would endure it?**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. R.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. R.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord. R.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!

Rid yourselves of all your sins
and make a new heart and a new spirit.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:20-26

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

As I live, says the Lord, I do not desire the
death of the sinner,
but rather that he turn back and live.

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2018

Saturday of the First Week of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the
soul.
The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they
give wisdom to the simple.

FIRST READING:
Deuteronomy 26:16-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 7-8

**R. Happy are they who follow the law of
the Lord!**

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. R.

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. R.

I will thank you with an upright heart
as I learn your decrees.
I will obey your statutes;
do not forsake me. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
This is the favourable time,
this is the day of salvation.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:43-48

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is
perfect, says the Lord.

SATURDAY MORNING

Marian Prayer

Mary, temple of God,
your heart is the masterpiece of the holy Trinity.

The eternal Father unfolded his omnipotence
in order to form in you a heart full of beauty and love for your
Creator.

The divine Son gave you a mother's heart,
in which he chose to dwell
as in a sanctuary.

The Holy Spirit gave you
the heart of a bride,
burning with a love pure and ardent.
Your heart is truly a mirror of all the virtues,
a vivid image and faithful copy
of the sacred heart of Jesus.

Keep me always in the love of your heart,
that I may love you ever more
and be led to love Jesus your Son
with all my heart.
Amen.