

CATHEDRAL LITURGIES THIS WEEK

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

MOND, TUES, THURS & FRID 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.30pm, 5.10pm
NB: 8am & 5:10pm will be held in the Chapel
ASH WEDNESDAY 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.30pm, **5.30pm**
(All Masses will be held in the Cathedral)
SATURDAY 11.30am

MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY Included in the 8.00am Mass on Friday

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MOND, TUES, THURS & FRID 10.30am – 12.15pm

BENEDICTION

MOND, TUES, THURS & FRID 12.15pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

MOND, TUES, THURS & FRID 10.30-11.30am; 1.00-1.30pm; 4.30-5.00pm
SATURDAY 10.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm

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LENT IS A SOLEMN SEASON: You will notice that together we will pray the *Confiteor* while the *Gloria* is omitted until the great celebrations of Easter. Masses during Lent differ from the usual pattern in several ways: Music is simple and kept to a minimum; instruments are used only to accompany the singing of the assembly. There are no sung or spoken *Alleluias*, so we greet the gospel by singing “Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ” instead. There are more times of silence which reflects the solemn nature of this holy season.

Invitation: Recently we invited everyone who is not part of the formal ministry of the parish to consider joining your fellow parishioners and volunteering to be a reader, Eucharistic minister, member of the choir or put your hand up to be a part of the many other ministries that form an important part of the fabric of the life of our parish. Thank you to all those who handed back your volunteer form. At the entrance of the Cathedral there are Ministry Volunteer forms available for anyone who would like to be part of the formal ministry of the parish. Thank you once again.

Having lunch with the Lord: Fridays during Lent our local St Vincent de Paul conference is organising *soup and bread rolls* for a gold coin donation. As part of our Lenten journey, this simple lunch reminds us of the abundant blessings that are part of our life and reminds us also of those who are not as fortunate as ourselves. The proceeds of these Friday lunches will support the work of Vinnies as they reach out and provide practical assistance to those who, for whatever reason, have come off second best in life. This weekend is our first hospitality Sunday of the year and you are invited to our **Cathedral High Tea**. Please join our barista and enjoy some fresh donuts in the gathering area outside the Francis Rush Centre. See you there!



THE CATHEDRAL OF
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WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

12 – 17 FEBRUARY 2018
**SIXTH WEEK IN
ORDINARY TIME**
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BEGINNING THE JOURNEY TO LENT: A WORD FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK

*Greetings of peace to you all as we look towards
Lent and to Easter that lies beyond.*

Last December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report, as you know. Like the Australian Government and many other institutions, the Catholic bishops of Australia and leaders of religious institutes are currently studying the final report and its recommendations.

In the long years since the tragedy of child sexual abuse within the Catholic community became known, the Church has committed to policies, procedures and structures to respond better to survivors of abuse and their families, to establish professional standards for all ministers and Church workers, and to safeguard children and vulnerable people in every way. For the Church, as for other institutions, this has involved gradual learning and development, and so it will continue to be.

Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice, and the distress that many still experience. Our apologies have at time seemed too little – not because they were insincere but because trust has been broken. So we stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never

happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust.

With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace the new moment by beginning this penitential season of Lent with three days of fasting and reparation. Ash Wednesday, the Thursday following and the Friday following. So Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Now these are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace. Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives. Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or failed to listen and act when they should have.

The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities. *The bishops have produced special resources for these days, and they have been distributed to the parishes for use far and wide; they will also be available on the Archdiocesan website.* Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the *whole* Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the great journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We can't undo the past. But we can, with God's help, make the future better.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge

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MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2018

Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

FIRST READING: James 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 118:67-68, 71-72, 75-76
Before I was afflicted I went astray
but now I keep your word.
You are good and your deeds are good;
teach me your statutes.

It was good for me to be afflicted,
to learn your statutes.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Lord, I know that your decrees are right,
that you afflicted me justly.
Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the
Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through
me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 8:11-13

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they
craved.

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018

Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your
name.

FIRST READING: James 1:12-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 93:12-15, 18-19
Happy the man whom you teach, O Lord,
whom you train by means of your law:
to him you give peace in evil days.

The Lord will not abandon his people
nor forsake those who are his own;
for judgement shall again be just
and all true hearts shall uphold it.

When I think: 'I have lost my foothold',
your mercy, Lord, holds me up.
When cares increase in my heart
your consolation calms my soul.

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: Mark 8:14-21

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

And It All Begins on Wednesday

This Season of Lent is a time of fasting, alms giving and consciously making room for God in our busy lives. Whatever image comes to your mind, with the distribution of ashes this Wednesday we begin another Lenten journey together. Once again there are many opportunities to grasp hold of during these coming 40 days.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday is one of two days of fasting and abstinence set down by the Church, the other being Good Friday. Additionally, our Archbishop has invited us to continue fasting on the following Thursday and Friday.

In current Catholic practice, Fasting means having only one full meal a day. Smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. The law of fasting applies to those who are 18 to 59 years old.

Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food. Everyone aged 14 years and older is required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The spirit of the law may invite us to extend the fast to things other than food – tweeting, surfing the net, gambling or gossiping. The minimum fasting requirements make most sense when they are combined with prayer and almsgiving. The Christian practice of fasting and almsgiving aims at leading us to interior conversion. We fast in order to share our time and our treasure with an attitude of love towards God and others.

MORNING PRAYER: During Lent morning prayer will be incorporated into the **8am Friday morning Mass**. You are invited to join us in the Prayer of the Church.

DAILY MASS: Every day at the Cathedral there is Mass at **8am, 10am, 12:30pm and 5:10pm**, which you are invited to incorporate into your Lenten journey this year.

ADORATION: Monday to Friday during Lent, Adoration is held in the Cathedral, 10.30am-12.15pm providing the opportunity to honour Christ with the worship of adoration. You may like to stay and recite the rosary or just drop in for a short visit.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent commencing at 10.30am in the Cathedral.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS: You can pick up a Little Black Book from outside the sacristy. These books, which contain short and appropriate daily reflections, are a tremendous companion throughout the days of Lent. A gold coin donation to cover the cost would be appreciated.

RECONCILIATION: Forgiveness should be part of everyone’s Lenten journey. It is never easy! **Reconciliation** is held Monday to Friday 10.30-11.30am; 1pm-1.30pm & 4.30-5.00pm. On a Saturday 10.00-11.00am & 4.30-5.30pm. Our **Cathedral Parish Communal Rite of Reconciliation** takes place on Monday, 19th March at 5.10pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION: A practical and life giving aspect of Lent has always been our sacrifices and the ability to financially support, through the Project Compassion Appeal, those who have come off second best. Project Compassion is something that all individuals and families can be involved in. Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church.

LENTEN PROGRAMME: This year the Lenten Programme is entitled “Blessed + Broken”. There will be three (3) groups meeting this year. Tuesday’s (commencing Tuesday 13 February) at 10.30am in the meeting room under the Cathedral; Sunday 11.00am in the Hanly Room, FRC and the Young Adults are meeting at 5.30pm on Sunday’s also in the Hanly Room, commencing Sunday 18 February. It’s not too late to join; simply contact

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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 14 FEBRUARY 2018

Ash Wednesday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are merciful to all, O Lord,
and despise nothing that you have made.
You overlook people's sins, to bring them to
repentance,
and you spare them, for you are the Lord our
God.

FIRST READING: Joel 2:12-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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. R.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned:
what is evil in your sight I have done. R.

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. R.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. R.

SECOND READING:

2 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!
If today you hear this voice,
harden not your hearts.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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

THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2018

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When I cried to the Lord, he heard my voice;
he rescued me from those who attack me.
Entrust your cares to the Lord, and he will
support you.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 1:1-4, 6

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord,
and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like the winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind,
for the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 9:22-25

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.

FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2018

Friday after Ash Wednesday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord heard and had mercy on me;
the Lord became my helper.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 50:3-6, 18-19

R. A broken humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.

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. R.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. R.

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. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Seek good and not evil so that you may live,
and the Lord will be with you.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:14-15

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

O Lord, make me know your ways,
teach me your paths.

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2018

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Answer us, Lord, for your mercy is kind;
in the abundance of your mercies, look upon
us.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:9-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 85:1-6

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may be faithful in your sight.

Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer
for I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am faithful:
save the servant who trusts in you. R.

You are my God, have mercy on me, Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
Give joy to your servant, O Lord,
for to you I lift up my soul. R.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. R.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus
Christ!
I do not wish the sinner to die, says the Lord,
but to turn to me and live.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus
Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 5:27-32

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I desire mercy, not sacrifice, says the Lord,
for I did not come to call the just but sinners.

SATURDAY MORNING

Marian Prayer

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.....

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Let it be done to me according to your
word.
Hail Mary.....

And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.....

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ
Hail Mary.....

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts:
That we, to whom the Incarnation of
Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his passion and cross
be brought to the glory of his resurrection.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.