



THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST. STEPHEN
*Embracing Villa Maria and
St Patrick's Fortitude Valley*

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

Weekend of September 29/30, 2018

This weekend is **Social Justice Sunday** and to mark the occasion the Australian Catholic Bishops have released their Social Justice Statement titled *A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land*. With housing affordability continuing to be in the news and an issue for so many Australians, the statement confronts the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia.

The latest Census figures show that more than 116,000 Australians are homeless – something unacceptable for a rich and well-resourced nation like ours. Yet these people are only the tip of the iceberg. St Vincent de Paul and other welfare agencies report growing numbers of families and individuals struggling to meet the cost of mortgages or rents and turning to specialist housing services, which are often unable to meet demand.

The Scriptural basis of the Statement is Luke 10:30–35, Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable is about an outsider who does something that rich and influential men refuse to do: he stops to help a man in desperate need, takes him to safety and pays for his care. The Statement also draws on the example of Pope Francis, who has reached out to men and women

on the streets of Rome and reminded us forcefully of the rights of people experiencing homelessness around the world.

Our Bishops consider the extent of the housing crisis and Australia's falling rates of home ownership. They focus especially on those in our society who are most vulnerable to housing insecurity and homelessness. We are reminded that safe and secure housing is a human right, asserted both by the Church's social teaching and by the Declaration of Human Rights.

Homelessness is a challenge for all levels of society: for government, for Church and community, and for us as individuals. Each one of us can make a difference and, when we join with others, we can be a real force for change that ensures *everyone has a place to call home*.

Copies of the full Social Justice Statement are available at the doors of the Cathedral or you are invited to go to their webpage www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au where you can view this year's statement and access a wide range of resources.

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Mass Times this week

Monday 10.00am Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday to Friday 8.00am Chapel; 10.00am Cathedral; 12.30pm Cathedral; 5.10pm Chapel
Saturday 9.30am Villa Maria; **10.00am Wedding Anniversary Mass**; 11.30am Cathedral

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
Villa Maria, Spring Hill Sunday 9.30am

Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday 10.30-11.30am; 1.00-1.30pm; 4.30-5.00pm
Saturday 10.00-11.00am; 4.30-5.30pm

Exposition Tuesday to Friday 10.30am – 12.15pm **Benediction** Tuesday to Friday 12.15pm



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.*

Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Christians, **pray for us.***

*St Mary MacKillop, **pray for us.***

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

- **Monday 1st October** Queen's Birthday public holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 10am only. The car park will be available from 9am-11am.
- The Saturday and Sunday morning Mass at Villa Maria Chapel will be celebrated at **9:30am commencing the first weekend in October 6/7th.**

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE

The Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held in St Stephen's Chapel on **Wednesday 3rd October 2018** 10.45am – 12.15pm (after 10am Mass in Cathedral). Join us for Praise and Worship in the CBD. Personal Prayer Ministry is available. **EVERYONE WELCOME!** For more information contact Maureen 0403002199/31729248 or Helena 0405321901 / 33939573.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

- Over the next two weeks the downstairs toilet area and vestibule will be repaired and painted. This will necessitate closing the Cathedral toilets while the work is undertaken. Please access the toilets adjacent to Penola Place while this work is being carried out.
- On **Thursday 4th & Friday 5th October**, work will be carried out on the drilling of a channel into the floor of the Cathedral to allow the cabling to run underground and, at long last, remove the red carpet! **On these two days, 10am Mass & 10.30-11.30am Reconciliation will be held in the Chapel.**

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

A unique opportunity to bring your pets to the ACU Campus, 100 Nudgee Road, Banyo. Have them receive a special blessing on **Thursday 4 October Feast of St Francis of Assisi** in the Community Court outside the JPII Building, between 10am-2pm, with the Blessing taking place at **11.00am**. For more information email: harry.chan@acu.edu.au.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Those parents with new born babies wishing for them to be baptised are reminded of the preparation meeting which takes place at the Francis Rush Centre (adjacent to the Cathedral), **beginning at 9:30am** on the first Saturday morning of each month. Our next Infant Baptism Preparation session takes place on **Saturday, 6th October**. At this short preparation meeting we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and finalise dates.

IMPORTANT MILESTONE

Next **Saturday 6th October at 10.00am**, we welcome over 50 couples and their families and friends to the Cathedral to celebrate the annual **Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass**. This Mass provides us with the opportunity to acknowledge and give thanks for the blessings of families and marriages.

The 10.00am Reconciliation and 11.30am Mass will be celebrated and the Cathedral car park will be available.

BRISBANE OPEN HOUSE

On the weekend of **13/14 October** the Cathedral of St Stephen and St Stephen's Chapel will participate in Brisbane Open House (BoH). BoH celebrates the city's architecture, giving visitors a rare insight into contemporary, historic and environmentally significant buildings in the heart of the city. The Cathedral precinct has participated in Brisbane Open House for a number of years and it is a pleasure to welcome visitors.

A MINISTRY FOR YOU?

An important ministry here at the Cathedral is that of serving at the Altar. Each Sunday we are blessed with many dedicated servers who assist to ensure that all our masses not only run smoothly but are occasions of true prayer and reflection. As a community we are grateful. If you would like to discover more about joining the Altar Servers Team here at the Cathedral please contact Fr Odinaka or the coordinator, Len Hannah on 0417 762 789.

GROUPS VISITING THIS WEEK

On Tuesday we welcome the **Caboolture After Hours School Care Group** for a tour of the Cathedral precinct.

IN TRANSITION

With joy we welcome **Lily Canet, Grace Andrews and Miluna Uttamchandani** who were baptised at the Cathedral on Saturday and we congratulate **Kelly Heaton & Michael Green** who were married at the Cathedral.

DONATE YOUR OLD READING GLASSES!

Have you got old reading glasses lying around your home? Our Cathedral YAM (Young Adult Ministry) is coordinating the collection of no longer used reading glasses which will be sent to Papua New Guinea. Drop them off to the box outside the sacristy – to give someone clear vision is a great gift to give!

LIVE STREAMING

A reminder that every Sunday the 10am Solemn Mass is broadcast live via our Archdiocesan YouTube channel archbne.org/bzt. If you can't make it to Mass or you know someone who is housebound, why not invite them to join us via this marvellous technology!

TEN STEPS TO MAKING A HOME FOR EVERYONE IN OUR LAND

The title of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2018–2019 is *A Place to Call Home*. The Statement confronts Australia's growing homelessness and housing insecurity, affirms that secure housing is a human right and a public good, and draws inspiration from the life and teaching of Jesus and our Christian tradition.

Here are ten steps we can take to work towards making a home for everyone in Australia.

1. REFLECT ON THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

Every day in our streets, we, like the Samaritan, see wounded people desperately in need of help. They are the homeless and the lost, injured by misfortune, by violence and by poverty. How have so many people come to be on the streets of such a rich nation?

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 3

The Bishops' Statement begins with Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. Consider this parable in the light of Australia's homelessness crisis. There are various ways we can be Good Samaritans: some people help with emergency relief or a bed for the night, while others use their community connections to provide support and create more housing. All kinds of responses are needed.

2. GET THE FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND THE HOUSING CRISIS.

The 2016 Census has revealed there are 116,427 people in Australia who are homeless ... That number includes not only people who are on the streets or sleeping rough, but also those who are 'couch surfing', living in boarding houses or emergency accommodation, or staying in severely overcrowded dwellings.

The people we see on the streets are just the tip of the iceberg.

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 6

Homelessness can often be a hidden problem and it is not confined to our major cities. There are many factors that can lead to homelessness, but ultimately, it is a result of poverty. Find out what the housing issues are in your local area, in your diocese or state, and nationally. Seek out information about Australia's housing crisis from research bodies such as:

Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016 census: www.abs.gov.au
Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute: www.ahuri.edu.au
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, National Social Housing Survey: www.aihw.gov.au

3. REACH OUT TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOUSING DIFFICULTIES AND HOMELESSNESS.

A place to call home is indispensable to our sense of self. Without it 'our spirit and identity are adrift, and our capacity for community engagement is weakened'.

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 4

It is likely that people in your own networks, parish and local area have experienced homelessness or housing difficulties. They possess a humanity and dignity that needs to be honoured. Hearing their stories can build relationships that address personal needs and build solidarity.

Buy a copy of *The Big Issue*, a magazine by people who are homeless: www.thebigissue.org.au

Read stories from people who have experienced housing difficulties, for example <https://vincentcare.org.au/stories/client-stories>

Read the Vincent de Paul Society's publication *The Ache for Home*: www.vinnies.org.au

4. UNDERSTAND THE BIGGER PICTURE BEHIND THE HOUSING CRISIS.

Homelessness reaches more widely across our society than we might realise and touches more than those who are evicted or who cannot find a permanent home. In fact, a shadow of homelessness falls on anyone who struggles to meet barely-affordable rent or mortgage payments ... an overpriced market is pushing more individuals and families into homelessness.

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 7

How can we improve understanding of the wider economic circumstances that drive people into homelessness? How do factors such as poverty, domestic violence and mental illness contribute to homelessness and housing stress? What has to change in our cities and communities so that everyone can have a place to call home?

Read the section 'The nightmare of homelessness' in the Bishops' Social Justice Statement.

Read *The State of Homelessness in Australian Cities* (2018) from the Centre for Social Impact: www.csi.edu.au/research/project/the-state-of-homelessness

Read *The Human Face of Homelessness* from Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

5. MAKE OUR PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES WELCOMING PLACES.

People experiencing poverty are never to be regarded as 'a problem', but as principal partners in the work of building up bonds of unity and social cohesion.

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 12

Start a conversation about how your parish can extend a welcome to everyone who comes to your church. How can people experiencing housing difficulties be protected from falling by the wayside?

Are there ways your parish can identify those needing help?

Is there someone in the parish who knows what resources are available for people with housing needs?

Read *A Handbook for Building Stronger Parishes*, available from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference shop: www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop

6. TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT HOUSING INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS.

In Australia there are many organisations working to help people who experience marginalisation and homelessness. In particular, Catholics can be proud of the work of diocesan social services, charities like Vinnies and initiatives by religious orders that reach out to people who are homeless.

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 15

Commit to helping those in need in the local community through the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Care and other charities and services.

With others in your parish, consider if there are resources or properties that could house a family or individual in need. Consider housing development models that aim to end homelessness like those of the Australian Catholic Housing Alliance:

www.catholichousing.org.au

7. ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE LOCALLY AND NATIONWIDE

Australia needs to become more a community willing to address both the causes and the consequences of homelessness. We need the social, economic and political resolve to address this crisis ... Everyone deserves a place to call home.

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 18

Encourage your parish, school or youth group to make homelessness a priority issue. Link with other social justice groups that work to end homelessness.

Join the *Everybody's Home* campaign: everybodyshome.com.au

Consider if your group or parish could join a larger organisation or help form one. Examples are: Shelter, Council to Homeless Persons, state Community Alliance groups and the Australian Council of Social Services.

8. HELP COMBAT MISUNDERSTANDING AND MISREPRESENTATION.

For any of us, a sudden personal or health crisis can cause great hardship and put pressure on family life. But for some people who lack the necessary economic resources or social support, such crises can lead to homelessness.

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 7

How often do we hear calls to 'clean up the streets' or people in need being dismissed as 'lazy', 'irresponsible' or worse? Do councils and neighbourhoods always welcome proposals for shelters or facilities for homeless people? Challenge the myths that further marginalise people experiencing homelessness.

Challenge the myth that homelessness will always be with us. Homelessness can be solved.

Support the Mercy Foundation's work to end homelessness: www.mercyfoundation.com.au

9. REMEMBER: STANDING WITH THOSE IN NEED IS CENTRAL TO OUR FAITH

The Church and international law both regard housing as an essential entitlement for all people to meet their basic needs, flourish in community and have their inherent human dignity affirmed and upheld by others.

Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 12

Every person has an inherent dignity as a child of God, and that dignity obliges us to identify with those who are less fortunate. Let's make this a basis or our work for justice. Consider how we can use more compassionate language, upholding the dignity of the most vulnerable and ensuring that they flourish in a just and generous society.

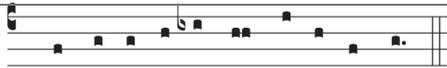
10. LET US PRAY

Prayer is a powerful way to bring about change in ourselves and our society. The prayer card that accompanies this leaflet is for personal or family use or for schools and parishes.

This brochure and additional information specific to your diocese is available at the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/ten-step-leaflets/

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.
The 12:00pm Mass will be led by the Choir of St Francis Church, Melbourne under the direction of Mr Tony Way.

	6:00PM; 8:00AM 10.00AM	12:00PM	7:30PM
Processional	CWB 448	CWB 448	CWB 586
Kyrie	CWB 4b	Missa Brevis – Gabrieli (arr. Heagney)	CWB 4b
Gloria	CWB 5		CWB 5
First Reading	Numbers 11:25-29		
Responsorial Psalm	 R: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.		Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14
Second Reading	James 5:1-6		
Gospel Acclamation	 R: Al-le- lu- ia, al-le- lu- ia, al-le-lu- ia.		John 17:17
Gospel	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48		
Offertory		Come to me – Willcock	CWB 497
Sanctus	CWB 11a	CWB 11a	CWB 11a
Memorial Acclamation	CWB 12a		
Agnus Dei	CWB 17a	CWB 77 Missa Brevis - Gabrieli	CWB 17a
Communion Hymn	CWB 489	CWB 489	CWB 388
Recessional	CWB 503	CWB 503	CWB 489

OFFERTORY MOTET, 12pm Mass

Matthew 11:28 – 30

Come to me all you that are weary and bearing heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Christopher Willcock SJ (1947–)

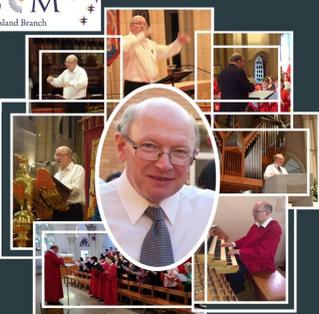
COMMUNION MOTET, 12pm Mass

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae, miserere mei.

Hail true born body, born of the Virgin Mary:
who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for man.
From whose pierced side flowed blood:
be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.
O sweet, O holy, O Jesus son of Mary, have mercy on me.

Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)





Launch Concert for Ralph Morton Memorial Fund

Join us for a national launch of RSCM Australia's Ralph Morton Memorial Fund - a fund to continue Ralph's work to provide church music training to young people.

The concert will feature the choirs of St Francis (Melbourne), St Andrew's Cathedral (Sydney), St John's Cathedral, and the Cathedral of St Stephen

Where: Cathedral of St Stephen
When: 3pm on Sunday 30 September
Cost: \$20 (contributed to the fund)

BOTH LIVES MATTER: The Queensland Parliament is to debate whether to make abortion legal. Late-term abortions will be legal in Queensland as long as two doctors agree that it "in all the circumstances, the termination should be performed". This will mean that social reasons will be enough for a legal abortion of a full-term baby. We believe both lives matter and the bill should not go ahead. You can sign the petition after Mass today, or visit our website to learn more: <https://community.actonit.com.au/aob/>.