

Dear friends,

Parents often warn their children not to fall in with the wrong crowd. This, too, it seems was a concern of the family of Jesus. Mark tells us this revealing little story about a tense moment in the family life of Jesus: “Jesus went home, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.” So, what was the problem? The size of the crowd or who the crowd was? Or both?

It appears that Jesus’ family weren’t they only ones concerned. The scribes are more than concerned; they are outright hostile and identify Jesus as a demonic force. Beelzebul is associated with gluttony and envy, which are accusations that are levelled at Jesus elsewhere.

Certainly, hungry people and envious people are creating a major disturbance. The people crowding out the house are seeking the company of Jesus; the scribes are envious of his popularity. In amongst all this disturbance, Jesus makes one of the more ambiguous

comments in all of the gospels: he speaks of the only “eternal sin” of the “sin against the Holy Spirit”. There has been a lot of ink spilled about what this sin might be and perhaps we should be thankful that Jesus has left us to speculate and not provide us with a definitive explanation.

Is it complete and absolute denial of God? Is it despairing over God’s forgiveness? Is it pride and arrogance before God? Is it failing to recognise the power of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? Is it not recognising our own sin? Whatever it is, the above are all things that we need to avoid, because each can create their own worlds of chaos and confusion. Rather than fearing that we might fall into the trap of the “eternal sin”, we would be wise to concentrate on Jesus’ call for us to follow him in the power of the gospel.

When we embrace the way and life of Jesus, we become not just disciples but members of his family – and receive the eternal reward of being counted as people of Jesus’ household. *Fr. Anthony*



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*St Patrick's Church
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*Villa Maria Aged Care Chapel
171 St Paul's Tce
Spring Hill*

No public Masses until further notice.

Cathedral of St Stephen Mass Times

Monday to Friday	8:00am *	10:00am	12:30pm	5:10pm
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St Patrick's Mass Times

Sunday	9:00am	11:00am
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1300 304 550

STOPLine is an external service provided for the Archdiocese to receive confidential disclosures. Disclosures can be made anonymously.

Mountain for the Rite of Christian Burial at 2.00pm.

The Mass will be livestreamed via the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@IpswichCatholicLive>

Waterfront Brisbane

We have been advised that weekend work involving a road closure of Eagle Street in both directions of travel between Market Street and Charlotte Street will take place commencing **7 pm Friday 14 June until 6am Monday 17 June**. See map below.

Access to the car park will not be restricted, however parishioners travelling into the city via the freeway should exit at Elizabeth Street.



St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

Our St. Stephen's Cathedral Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is launching our Winter Appeal this weekend. Last year, members of the Conference assisted over 3,000 people, many of whom are homeless in the CBD, Fortitude Valley, and Spring Hill areas. This year, a significant number of people sleeping rough and facing hardship have sought our help.

To donate, please look for envelopes at the entrance points of the Cathedral. To donate via EFT: St Stephen's

Catholic Mission invites you to a dialogue on Mission in Action as we hear Cardinal Giorgio Marengo share how we can help support the work of the church in Mongolia.

Cardinal Marengo, who first went to Mongolia in 2003, is a strong believer in interfaith dialogue. It is through the grace of God he continues his ministry in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Donations are welcome and will support the work of the church in Mongolia.



Monday 24th June 2024

Time:
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm



Venue:
Hanly Room - St Francis Rush Centre
196 Charlotte St, Brisbane

Register via Trybooking
www.trybooking.com/cQTQF
or QR Code

**Cathedral of St Stephen
Concert Series Presents
Dominic Perissinotto (Organ)
Sunday 7 July 2024 | 3pm**



**Charles Widor – Symphony No 5 in
F minor Op 42 No.1.**
<https://www.trybooking.com/CROCD>



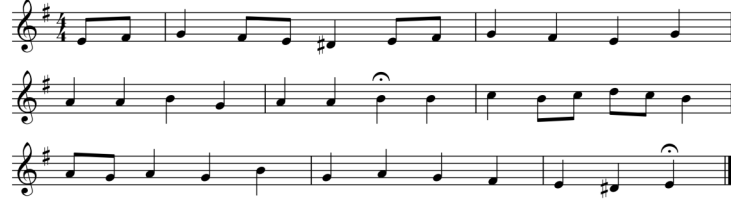
Peter's Pence Collection

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. This year, the collection will be taken up on **29/30 June**.

The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

Please come prepared on the weekend of **29/30 June** to contribute to the Peter's Pence Retiring Collection.

Support for the Cathedral Parish



If you should count each sinful deed,
 Lord, who could stand when you appeared?
 But with you is forgiveness found,
 And therefore, Lord, you shall be feared.

Out of the depths I call to you,
 Lord, hear my voice and heed my prayer.
 Look with compassion on my plea;
 Weigh my petition, Lord, with care.

O Israel, wait upon the Lord
 With whom mercy is always found,
 Who pardons us from all our sin,
 And in whom liberty abounds.

All glory to the Father, Son,
 And to the Holy Spirit be;
 As from the first it was, is now,
 And will be for eternity.

KYRIE & GLORIA

Missa Aeterna Christi Munera GP da Palestrina (1525-1594)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 129



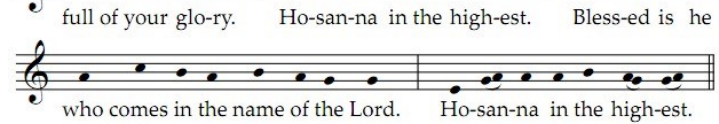
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 12:31, 32



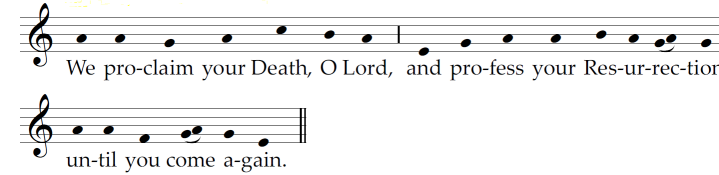
*The prince of this world will now be cast out,
 and when I am lifted up from the earth
 I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.*

OFFERTORY MOTET Cantata 147

<p>Jesus bleibet meine Freude, Meines Herzens Trost und Saft. Jesus wehret allem</p>	<p><i>Jesus remains my joy, the comfort and life's blood of my heart. Jesus defends me against</i></p>
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION ICEL #1



LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Missa Aeterna Christi Munera GP da Palestrina (1525-1594)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Matthew 12:50

<p>Quicumque fecerit voluntatem Patris mei, qui in caelis est: ipse meus frater, soror, et mater est, dicit Dominus.</p>	<p><i>Whosoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, my sister and my mother, says the Lord.</i></p>
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COMMUNION HYMN CWBII 469

- Christians, let us love one another,
 as we share the true living bread.
 Jesus is our God and our brother,
 with his flesh and blood we are fed.

*Refrain Ev'ry one who loves is born of God.
 Jesus is our life, God is love.*

- We who break this bread are one body,
 we who share this cup are all one.
 Children of our Father in heaven,
 sharers of the life of God's Son.

Refrain

- We who eat and drink at this table
 die and rise again with our Lord,
 drawing from our rock living water
 for all those who thirst for accord.

Refrain

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Prelude and Fugue in A Major
 – Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)*

