

Solemn Mass of Pentecost Sunday



SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024 | 10:30AM



ARCHDIOCESE
OF BRISBANE

Solemn Mass of Pentecost Sunday
In Celebration of the 150th Anniversary
of the Opening and Blessing of the
Cathedral of St Stephen

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Principal Celebrant

The Most Reverend Charles Balvo
Apostolic Nuncio to Australia

Concelebrants

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

The Most Reverend Ken Howell
Bishop of Toowoomba

The Most Reverend Tim Norton SVD
Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane

Bishops of Australia
Clergy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane
and visiting clergy

Deacon

Reverend Deacon Chad Hargrave

Master of Ceremony

Stephen Seuseu

Musicians

The Choir and Schola of the Cathedral of St Stephen
The Cathedral Brass Ensemble
Christopher Trikilis *Director of Music*
Dominic Perissinotto *Cathedral Organist*
Christopher Trikilis *Cantor*

NOTE

*Please ensure you have switched your mobile phone off or to silent
so that the sacred nature of the worship is not disturbed.*

Pentecost Sunday, 1874, was the first Sunday after the Opening and Blessing of the as-yet unfinished Cathedral of St. Stephen. It is appropriate then that we culminate our festivities of thanksgiving on this Feast of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost Sunday.

We welcome those who have joined us for this celebration. A cathedral is more than a religious building and certainly more than just another building. This Cathedral stands as a testimony to the life of God's Spirit at work in the Church and in the world and also stands as a witness to the living power which is poured into the heart of every believer. Therefore any cathedral, and in particular the Cathedral of St. Stephen, is about the work of God who gathers all those who seek meaning and hope, and enlivens the spirit of the faithful so that we might be eager and generous participants in God's mission to the whole of creation. This is a place of welcome, open to all who seek sanctuary and solace, whether this be in times of sorrow or joy, sadness or expectation, doubt or faith.

I am grateful to all who have been part of the planning, preparation, and organisation of this time of celebration. Thank you to all who have been generous in your time and energies. These celebrations have provided the Church of Brisbane with an opportunity to acknowledge and give thanks for the commitment and generosity of generations who have gone before us, as well as recognising our responsibility as the current custodians of this splendid sacred space. We celebrate more than a building; we celebrate today what we celebrate here everyday – the gift of the life-giving power of the Spirit of God who transforms us all into Living Stones and witnesses to the foundation and corner stone, Jesus Christ. May this same Spirit come upon us afresh, transforming all that is stone into life and grace.

St Stephen, pray for us.

Fr Anthony Mellor
Dean, Cathedral of St Stephen

Brass Fanfare

Introit

Please stand

Spiritus Domini,
replevit orbem terrarum: alleluia.
Et hoc quod continet omnia
scientiam habet vocis,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord has filled
the whole world, alleluia.
And that which contains all things,
knows every language spoken
by men, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Text: Wisdom 1:7

Processional Hymn

All sing

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come
From Thy bright heav'nly throne;
Come, take possession of our souls,
And make them all Thine own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above,
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sevenfold in Thy grace,
Finger of God's right hand;
His promise, teaching little ones
To speak and understand.

O guide our minds with Thy blest light,
With love our hearts inflame;
And with Thy strength, which ne'er decays,
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;
True peace unto us bring;
And through all perils lead us safe
Beneath Thy sacred wing.

Through Thee may we the Father know,
Through Thee th'eternal Son,
And Thee the Spirit of them both,
Thrice-blessèd Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,
With His co-equal Son:
The same to Thee, great Paraclete,
While endless ages run.

Introductory Rites

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Celebrant Peace be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Celebrant Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the
sacred mysteries.

All I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Celebrant May Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All Amen.

Kyrie Eleison

The Choir sings the Kyrie Eleison from

'Missa Brevis B-flat K.275' – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Kyrie Eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe Eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Choir sings the Gloria from

'Missa Brevis B-flat K.275' – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam, Domine
Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater
omnipotens. Domine Fili
unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine
Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata
mundi, suscipe deprecationem
nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram
Patris, miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus, tu solus
Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum
Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei
Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest. And
on earth peace to people of good
will. We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you. We
give you thanks for your great
glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O
God Almighty Father. Lord Jesus
Christ, Only-begotten Son. Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father: You take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us. You
take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer. You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. For you alone
are the Holy One. You alone are
the Lord. You alone are the Most
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit in the glory of God the
Father. Amen

Collect

Presider Let us pray.
O God, who by the mystery of today's great Feast
sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation,
pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit
across the face of the earth,
and, with the divine grace that was at work
when the Gospel was first proclaimed,
fill now once more the hearts of believers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.

All Amen.

Please be seated

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 2:1-11
Henry Smerdon

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103



Lord, send out your Spi - rit, and re -
new the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. R.

2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. R.

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. R.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:16-25

Jenny Nijman

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Sequence of Pentecost

All sing

On this important solemnity, we sing the ancient formula of the Sequence. The Choir sings odd-numbered verses, all join in even-numbered verses.

Please stand

1. Ho - ly Spi - rit, Lord di - vine, come, from
2. Come, O Fa - ther of the poor, come, whose

1. heights of heav'n and shine, come with
2. treas - ured gifts en - dure, come, our

1. bless - ed ra - diance bright!
2. heart's un - fail - ing light!

3. Of con - sol - ers, wis - est, best, and our
4. In our la - bour rest most sweet, pleas - ant

3. soul's most wel - come guest, sweet re -
4. cool - ness in the heat, con - so -

3. fresh - ment, sweet re - pose.
4. la - tion in our woes.

5. Light most bless - ed, shine with grace in our
6. Left with - out your pre - sence here, life it -

5. heart's most se - cret place, fill your
6. self would dis - ap - pear, noth - ing

5. faith - ful through and through.
6. thrives a - part from you!

7. Cleanse our soil - ed hearts of
8. **Bend** the stub - born heart and

7. sin, a - rid souls re - fresh with -
8. **will,** melt the fro - zen, warm the

7. in, wound - ed lives to health re - store.
8. **chill,** guide the way - ward home once more!

9. On the faith - ful who are
10. **Give** us vir - tue's sure re -

9. true and give pro - fess their faith in
10. **ward,** give us your your sal - va - tion,

9. you, in your sev'n - fold gift de - scend!
10. **Lord,** give us joys that nev - er end!

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*v. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Gospel

John 20:19-23
Dcn Chad Hargrave

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Deacon A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,
he will be my witness.
And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me from the outset.
I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated

Homily

The Apostolic Nuncio

Renewal of Baptism Promises and Sprinkling

Please stand

Celebrant Dear sisters and brothers,
through the Paschal Mystery
we have been buried with Christ at Baptism,
so that we may walk with him in newness of life.
And so, let us renew those promises
by which we once renounced Satan and his works
and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.
And so, I ask you:

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom
of the children of God?

All I do.

Celebrant Do you renounce the lure of evil so that sin may have no
mastery over you?

All I do.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

All I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God, the Father almighty
Creator of heaven and earth?

All I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered death and was buried,
rose again from the dead,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All I do.

Celebrant This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church.
We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*The Apostolic Nuncio now moves through the Cathedral
sprinkling the assembly with Holy Water.*

Universal Prayer

Celebrant Dear friends, we have gathered to celebrate God's Spirit dwelling among us in this Cathedral and throughout the Church. Let us give voice to that Spirit in the prayers we offer together.

Reader *(Read in Vietnamese by Peter Pham)*
For Pope Francis, bishops, priests, deacons and ministers of the Church, that inspired by the Spirit, they may boldly proclaim the joy of the gospel and the hope of the resurrection.

Cantor Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Reader *(Read in Tagalog by Grace Camacho)*
For all the nations, that they will be renewed and transformed by the Spirit into communities of peace, mercy and compassion.

Cantor Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Reader *(Read in Malayalam by Sajitha Wilfred)*
For the people of Brisbane as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the mother church of our Archdiocese, that strong in faith and built on love, we will come to know the hope to which we are all called.

Cantor Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Reader *(Read in Gaelic by Eugene McAteer)*
For all who live in this Great South Land of the Holy Spirit,
especially our First Nations people, that we will walk
together the path of reconciliation and harmony towards a
better future for all.

Cantor Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Reader *(Read in Spanish by Diana Bello)*
For all in our midst and in the world who struggle as a
result of loneliness, poverty, oppression or war, that the
love and compassion of Christ will bring lasting peace to
their lives.

Cantor Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Reader *(Read in Pidjin by Bernadette Joel)*
For the recently deceased and for those whose anniversary
of death occurs around this time, that they will be raised to
glory by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cantor Let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Father of life, hear our prayers, and re-recreate us in
your Holy Spirit so that we might be a source of
forgiveness and a community of hope for a wounded
world. Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Offerings

Mario and Lily Mangano

*During the Preparation of the Gifts, the Choir sings
'A sound came from Heav'n' – Douglas Mews (1918-1993)*

*A sound came from heav'n:
A sound like a strong wind blowing,
from heaven, too, tongues of fire,
They were fill'd with the holy Spirit.
Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful
and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.*

Text: Acts 2

Please stand for the incensing of the Faithful

Prayer over the Offerings

Celebrant Grant we pray, O Lord,
that, as promised by your Son,
the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly
the hidden mystery of this sacrifice
and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Preface

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

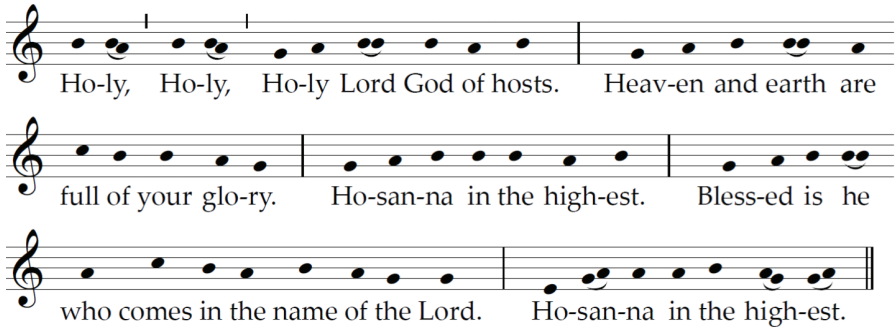
All We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right and just.

Sanctus

Mass XVII



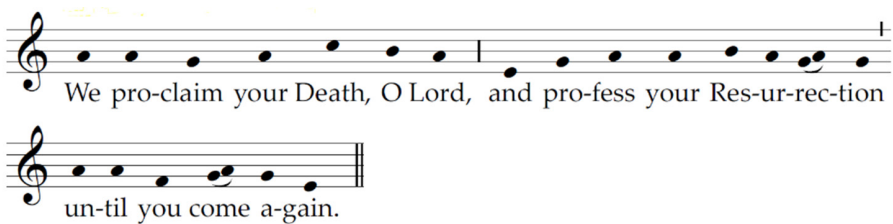
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Please kneel

Eucharistic Prayer

Memorial Acclamation

Mass XVII



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion
un-til you come a-gain.

Amen

Please stand

The Communion Rite

Celebrant At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All (sung) **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Celebrant Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All **And with your spirit.**

Deacon Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Agnus Dei

*The Choir sings the Agnus Dei from
'Missa Brevis B-flat K.275' – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Please kneel

Fraction Rite

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God.
Behold him to takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

All Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word,
and my soul shall be healed.

Holy Communion

Communion Motet

*During Communion, the Choir sings
'O Sacrum Convivium' – Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

O sacrum convivium,
in quo Christus sumitur;
recolitur memoria passionis
ejus; mens impletur gratia;
et futurae gloriae
nobis pignus datur.

*O sacred banquet, in which
Christ is received; the memorial
of his passion is renewed;
the soul is filled with grace;
and a pledge of future glory
is given to us.*

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:26

Communion Antiphon

Factus est repente de caelo
sonus adventiis spiritus
vehementis, ubi errant
sedentes, alleluia: et replete
sunt omnes Spiritus Sancto,
loquentes magnolia Dei.
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Suddenly, a sound came from
heaven like the rush of a mighty
wind, in the place where they were
sitting, alleluia; and they were
all filled with the Holy Spirit, and
announced the great things God
has done, alleluia, alleluia.*

Text: Acts 2-2.4.11

Communion Hymn

All sing

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
in your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's, and Christians prove.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church,
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given,
that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her
may retain all its force
and that this spiritual food
may gain her abundance of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Concluding Rite

Solemn Blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

Deacon Bow down for the blessing.

Celebrant May God, the Father of lights,
who was pleased to enlighten the disciples' minds
by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete,
grant you his blessing and make you always abound
with the gifts of the same Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples,
powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil
and pervade them with it is purifying light.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant And may God, who has been pleased to unite
many tongues in the profession of one faith,
give you perseverance in that same faith,
and, by believing, may you journey from hope to clear
vision.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant And may the blessing of Almighty God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you forever

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

All 
Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Recessional

*The Choir sings 'Hallelujah Chorus' from
Messiah HWV 46 – George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*

Hallelujah!

*For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ,
and He shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings, and Lord of lords!*

Hallelujah!

Text: Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16

*All are welcome to join us for
refreshments in the Cathedral Precinct
at the conclusion of today's Mass.*

150 Years of St Stephen's Cathedral

- 1843 Visit of John Bede Polding OSB, Archbishop of Sydney.
An Aboriginal mission is established at Dunwich,
Stradbroke Island.
- 1843 James Hanly, first parish priest, arrives in December.
- 1845 Land granted for a Roman Catholic Church, School
and Parsonage.
- 1848 St Stephen's Church work begins.
Work began on this little stone church in November 1848, using
a design of Gothic revival architecture attributed to Augustus
Welby Northmore Pugin.
- 1850 St Stephen's Church first Mass.
Fr James Hanly celebrates the first Mass in the church on
12 May 1850 when there were just sixty Catholic families
in town.
- 1859 Brisbane becomes a Diocese.
In 1859, with the appointment of Bishop James Quinn, Brisbane
becomes a diocese and the church a cathedral.
- 1863 St Stephen's Cathedral foundation stone.
Bishop Quinn, the first bishop of the diocese, lays the
foundation stone of the new cathedral on the feast of
St Stephen. A larger and more ornate church was envisaged
than the present one but the economic depression of the
mid-1860s resulted in only part of the original foundations
being laid.
- 1869 St Mary MacKillop arrives to work in Brisbane.
- 1874 St Stephen's Cathedral is solemnly blessed and opened.
On Sunday, 17 May 1874, the still incomplete cathedral was
solemnly blessed and opened. It covered about a third of the
area of the one first planned.

- 1882 Bishop Robert Dunne is appointed second Bishop of Brisbane.
- 1884 St Stephen's Cathedral facade is completed.
During the time of Bishop Dunne, the top of the gable and the spires are added to the Elizabeth Street facade in 1884.
Next the cathedral is enriched with stained glass and marble.
- 1887 Brisbane is elevated to a Metropolitan See.
Bishop Dunne is appointed the first Archbishop of Brisbane.
- 1912 Bishop James Duhig of Rockhampton appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Brisbane.
- 1917 Archbishop Duhig is appointed the second Archbishop of Brisbane following death of Archbishop Dunne on 13 January 1917.
- 1920 St Stephen's Cathedral transepts.
On 3 October 1920, Archbishop Duhig lays the foundation stone of new transepts.
- 1922 St Stephen's Cathedral transepts are completed.
On 2 April 1922, the transepts are blessed and opened.
- 1948 Fr Patrick O'Donnell is appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Brisbane on 8 November 1948.
- 1965 Archbishop Duhig dies and Archbishop O'Donnell becomes the third Archbishop of Brisbane on 10 April 1965.
- 1973 Archbishop O'Donnell resigns after turning 75 years.
Archbishop Francis Rush is appointed the fifth bishop and fourth Archbishop of Brisbane and installed on 29 May 1973.
- 1980 St Stephen's Cathedral Renovation.
Archbishop Francis Rush undertakes the complete renovation and extension of the Cathedral during the 1980s.
- 1989 Dedication of the Cathedral.
On 4 December 1989, Archbishop Rush dedicates the Cathedral of St Stephen.

- 1991 Archbishop Rush resigns after turning 75 years and Bishop John Bathersby of Cairns is appointed fifth Archbishop of Brisbane on the 3 December 1991 and installed on 30 January 1992.
- 1999 St Stephen's Chapel is restored. Archbishop Bathersby solemnly dedicates the restored St Stephen's Chapel on 5 February 1999.
- 2000 Cathedral of St Stephen Organ. Archbishop Bathersby blesses the Jubilee Pipe Organ on 29 October 2000.
- 2010 Mary MacKillop is proclaimed Saint by Pope John Paul II in Rome on 17 October.
- 2011 Archbishop Bathersby resigns after turning 75 years.
- 2012 Archbishop Mark Coleridge is appointed sixth Archbishop of Brisbane on 2 April 2012 and installed on 11 May 2012.
- 2017 Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Following the installation of a new tabernacle and artwork, Archbishop Coleridge blesses the refurbished Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 2018 Shrine to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. On 21 October, Archbishop Coleridge blesses the shrine to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and entrusts all victims and survivors of sexual abuse to her intercession.
- 2024 On 17 May, the 150th Anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Cathedral is celebrated.

And the story continues....

26 May 2024 (Sorry Day).

The Reconciliation Garden will be blessed and opened by Archbishop Coleridge.

Archbishops of Brisbane



Bishop James O'Quinn

- Consecrated Bishop of Brisbane 29th June 1859.
- Was the first Bishop of the newly created Diocese of Brisbane.
- Bishop Quinn brought with him priests and Sisters of Mercy, who established themselves immediately in the Diocese.
- In 1875 Bishop Quinn changed his name to O'Quinn to honour the great Irish 'liberator' Daniel O'Connell.
- Bishop O'Quinn was the driving force behind the construction of St Stephen's Cathedral, which was officially opened in 1874.
- He attended the First Vatican Council in Rome in 1869.
- Bishop O'Quinn knew and had a somewhat fractured relationship with Mary Mackillop.
- Bishop O'Quinn died on 18th August 1881 and is buried in the Cathedral crypt.



Archbishop Robert Dunne

- Robert Dunne became the Bishop of Brisbane 18th June 1882.
- The Diocese was elevated to that of an Archdiocese, and Dunne became the first Archbishop of Brisbane 13th May 1887.
- Archbishop Dunne was known as being primarily focused on pastoral engagement and was regarded very fondly by the people of Brisbane, preferring to be called 'Father' rather than 'Your Grace'.
- He was known for showing compassion and outreach to all, especially those in the more rural parts of the Archdiocese.
- He moved into the renovated residence of 'Dara' in 1891.
- During the 1890s Archbishop Dunne had a passion for education. Many schools were established during this time, including Nudgee College, and Archbishop Dunne was a vital force in the creation of a State University, the University of Queensland opening in 1910.
- Through his encouragement of Irish land settlement and education, an emerging Catholic middle class arose during Dunne's time as Archbishop.
- He died on 13th January 1917 and is buried in the Cathedral crypt.



Archbishop James Duhig

- James Duhig became Archbishop of Brisbane on 13th January 1917, after spending time previously as Co-adjutor Archbishop of Brisbane, assisting Archbishop Dunne who was elderly and infirm.
- He is Brisbane's longest serving Archbishop, his episcopate lasting until 1965.
- Archbishop Duhig is a seminal figure in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, his building projects have become somewhat legendary, and he is often referred to as 'James the Builder'.
- He was responsible for the building and setting up of hundreds of parishes, schools, and religious orders in Brisbane.
- Archbishop Duhig felt that St Stephen's Cathedral was too small for his growing Archdiocese and so formulated a vision to create the Holy Name Cathedral, opposite All Hallows School, on the land that the Archbishop's residence 'Dara' was on, a house he proceeded to have torn down to make way for the new Cathedral. The Cathedral was never completed.
- Archbishop Duhig saw the Brisbane Archdiocese through the end of the First World War, the Depression, and the entirety of the Second World War.
- He was a keen supporter of immigrants, especially the Italian community.
- James Duhig was knighted in 1959.
- The Second Vatican Council occurred towards the end of his life, and while he was of another era, he left the way open for change.
- Archbishop James Duhig died on 10th April 1965, and is buried in the Cathedral crypt.



Archbishop Patrick O'Donnell

- Patrick O'Donnell became Archbishop of Brisbane immediately upon Archbishop Duhig's death, as he had been Coadjutor Archbishop of Brisbane, with the right of succession, since 1948.
- He was well known to the Archdiocese as a result, and known as 'Paddy' to many.
- From 1962 to 1965 Archbishop O'Donnell attended each of the sessions of the Second Vatican Council, and he was responsible for the implementation of the many changes that followed.
- He took up residence of a home called 'Glengariff' in 1949, donated by the prominent Byrne family. Rather than moving into 'Wynberg' after Duhig's death, now known as the Archbishop's residence, he stayed at 'Glengariff' for the rest of his life.
- He was responsible for moving the Archdiocesan administration into the Cathedral precinct.
- He increased the role of the laity within the Archdiocese and their participation on boards and councils.
- He was a great supporter of the Catholic Colleges at the University of Queensland and oversaw extensions to the Seminary at Banyo.
- He was required to submit his resignation, as was now the rule, at the age of 75 in 1972. He retired as Archbishop in March 1973.
- After a retirement that he is said to have enjoyed greatly, Archbishop O'Donnell died on All Souls Day 1980. He is buried in the Cathedral crypt.



Archbishop Francis Rush

- Archbishop Francis Rush was consecrated Archbishop of Brisbane on 5th March 1973.
- Archbishop Rush was a much-loved leader of the Archdiocese, with Bishop Gerry describing him as, “...the greatest man I have known personally, and, for many more than myself, one of the kindest”.
- He was serving as Bishop of Rockhampton during the Second Vatican Council between 1962 and 1965 and was lauded for how he shepherded his Diocese through the resulting changes.
- He was a devoted supporter of ‘Vatican II’ and encouraged his priests to adhere to its principles. Inspired by this council, he also oversaw a renewal of religious orders in the Archdiocese.
- Archbishop Rush fought for social justice, especially within the first nations communities. He did so, often, with the help of clergy from other denominations. Indeed, ecumenism was a passion of his, culminating in his leading all the Dioceses in the Catholic Province of Queensland in joining Queensland Churches Together.
- At the age of 75 he offered his resignation to the Pope and he retired in 1991.
- Archbishop Francis Rush died on 21st July 2001. He is buried in the Cathedral crypt.



Archbishop John Bathersby

- Archbishop John Bathersby was consecrated on 30th January 1992.
- From the onset of his episcopate, he stated that his major focus would be the subjects of spirituality, ecumenism, and social justice.
- Archbishop Bathersby was a devoted supporter of various ecumenical organisations, both locally and internationally, between Roman Catholics and Anglicans, Roman Catholics and the Uniting Church, and President of the National Council of Churches in Australia.
- He served as the Chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Justice, Development, Ecology, and Peace from 2000-2006.
- Archbishop Bathersby was a keen supporter and promoter of the hugely successful World Youth Day that took place in Australia in 2008.
- Growing up in Stanthorpe, Archbishop Bathersby was an avid mountain climber and bushwalker, often officiating at a mass after a gruelling walk high in the hinterlands.
- He completed a doctorate in Rome and was for some time the Spiritual Director at the Seminary at Banyo.
- Archbishop Bathersby retired on 14th November 2011.
- He died on 9th March 2020 and is buried in the Cathedral crypt.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge

- Archbishop Mark Coleridge was consecrated as Archbishop of Brisbane on 11th May 2012.
- Archbishop Coleridge has spent time in Rome both as a student doing Doctoral studies in Sacred Scripture, and working for the Vatican Secretary of State.
- Consecrated as an Auxiliary Bishop in Melbourne, he was appointed the Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn in 2006, before being announced as the next Metropolitan Archbishop of Brisbane in April 2012.
- Archbishop Coleridge led the Archdiocese through the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (2013-2017), the coronavirus pandemic (2020-2021) and the Fifth Plenary Council (2021-2022).
- Archbishop Coleridge was twice elected President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (2018-2022)
- Archbishop Coleridge called a diocesan synod in 2024.
- Archbishop Coleridge is known for his oratory as a teacher and preacher.

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