

# NEWSLETTER

## *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Message Stick

This weekend the Brisbane East Deanery receives the message stick as part of the invitation to the 150 year celebrations of the Cathedral of St Stephen. It will be displayed in Sts Peter and Paul's this weekend before it makes its way to other parishes in the Deanery.

*The Message Stick, an ancient and culturally significant instrument of welcome and acceptance, is travelling around the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This journey is designed to herald the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the completion and opening of the Cathedral of St Stephen on the sacred lands of the First Nations Peoples of Meanjin Brisbane. The Message Stick holds an invitation for parishioners across the Archdiocese to come together on Pentecost Sunday at the Cathedral to celebrate this momentous occasion.*

### Prayer for the Sesquicentenary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

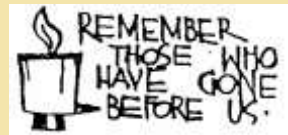
**L:** Down by the river, heavenly Father, on this earth our mother, where children of the Dreaming long made a home before us, our forebears in faith have built this mother church of St Stephen, a family home for you and us.

**ALL:** Stone by stone and prayer by prayer they have raised this holy house, familiar forms on foreign land, a place where Brisbane could know Christ's sacrifice and feast, where you could speak and we could listen, where the tide of your mercy could flow.

**L:** Here saints and sinners have come, bringing their young and their dead, all their hopes and their dreams. Through times of sorrow and joy the stones have spoken of Easter, of a life that is bigger than death, of a love that has the last word. Through one hundred and fifty years, we have made the building and the building has made us, a temple of living stones.

**ALL:** Now we tell the story of your grace, thankful as we remember. By that same unflinching grace may this cathedral never cease to be a home for all at the heart of the city and a house for you, God-with-us, on this earth down by the river. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationships of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



Please pray for our departed loved ones, especially Bernie Spoerlein, Meripa Toma Deir, Rony Romao Figueiredo, Bernard Larkin, Sylvia Sane recently deceased and also for Dolores Reyes, Dulcie O'Connell, Robyn Illett, Bill Hanley, John and Joan Momot, Patrick and Clare Dugger, John Smith, Les and Ruby Richards, Kretschmer, McLachlan and Hanly families, Norma, Katie, Norman, Patricia and Daniel Timmins, Patrick and Pat Boyle, Karen Baker, Mike West, Begley and Bourke families.



Please remember the sick in your prayers – Hazel Langthorne, Joy Ashworth, Pete Waldron, Margaret McLaughlin, Angela Krista, Anita Xavier, Mick Shelton, Ray Moresi, Megan Stuart, Remy Rossi, Lance Tutanoa and Roy Hogan.



### Liturgy and Prayers this Week 5 February – 11 February 2024

Monday	-	St Agatha	-
Tuesday	-	St Paul Miki and Companions	-
Wednesday	7:00pm		Mass
Thursday	-		-
Friday	8:00am		Mass + Adoration + Benediction
Saturday	9:00am	St Scholastica	Mass
Sunday	5:30pm(Vigil) 8:00am and 5:30pm		<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	Readings – Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1 Mark 1:40-45		
Reconciliation	Saturday 9:30am and 5:00pm		
Rosary and Angelus	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass		
Meditation	Tuesday 4pm at the Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.		

### DIARY DATE CLAIMERS

#### Saturday 3 February

Rosary in the hall at 4:15pm

#### Tuesday 6 February

Meditation resumes at 4pm @ Lourdes Hill Convent

#### Thursday 8 February

Playgroup 9am-11am

#### Friday 9 February

Drop in Morning 10am in the Hall

#### Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

- **Collection Boxes at the church doors** - cash donations
- **Tap and Go device** – pre-set to \$10 donation at the door
- **Give via direct debit or your Credit Card** - please call the parish office or find the form on the website (Quick Links)
- **Direct deposit donation to our bank account** - **BSB 064 786 A/C 100016732 (Ref: surname)**

Another easy way to support the Parish is by using the Parish Giving App: <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

**DROP-IN-FRIDAY** Come and enjoy hospitality plus morning tea and join in the conversation with some friendly people on the second Friday of each month. Held in the parish hall from 10am-12 noon. Next date is 9 February 2024. All very welcome.



This weekend we welcome Augustinian priest, Fr John Sullivan to celebrate our 8am Mass. Please make him feel welcome.

**FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER DURING LENT** - Pope Francis has asked that we dedicate 2024 to *PRAYER* in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. You are invited to Regina Caeli Church, 81 Waverley Road, Camp Hill for six Friday evenings before Passion (Palm) Sunday, focusing on the next Sunday's Gospel using a range of great prayer traditions. You'll be very welcome! There is plenty of space on site for car parking.

**Place: Regina Caeli Church, 81 Waverley Rd, Camp Hill.**

**When: Fridays during Lent Time: 6:00pm- 6:40pm**

**SUPPORT YOUR PARISH** – Our pastoral needs are great. You can help. Join our planned giving program and be part of our regular work for Christ. Contact the parish office or see the brochure at the back of the church. Commencing from this Sunday we will resume sending the collection plate around during the offertory at Mass.



## PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2024

Please mark these important dates in your diary.

**PENANCE** (Year 5 children)

**Parent information sessions**

15 February 7pm **OR** 16 February 9:30am

**FIRST COMMUNION** (Year 4 children)

**Parent information sessions**

24 April 7:30pm **OR** 26 April 9:30am

**Celebration of First Holy Communion 25-26 May**

**CONFIRMATION** (Year 3 children)

**Parent information sessions**

8 August 7pm **OR** 9 August 9:30am

**Celebration of Confirmation**



**A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.**

A riddle for you - Jim is six feet tall, he works as a butcher. He wears size ten shoes and is forty years old. *What does he weigh?*

## IN THE ARCHDIOCESE



**A VOCATION VIEW:** The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicts the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond? Please pray for vocations. Scan the QR code to find out more, or please telephone the vocation office on 1300 133 544 or visit [www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com) Follow us on @vocationbrisbane

**TWO MINUTE HOMILY** by priests from across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. You are able to watch this week's homily [here](#).

**LITURGY IN FOCUS** Lecture and Discussion Series. Join internationally acclaimed Catholic speaker, Fr Richard Leonard SJ as he presents LIVING LITURGY: BEING SENT OUT ON MISSION TO THE WORLD. Wednesday 13 March 2024 7pm-8.45pm Hanley Room, Francis Rush Centre (located beside the Cathedral). For more information and to register, visit [RichardLeonard \(weebly.com\)](http://RichardLeonard.weebly.com)



## This week's goal: Ecological Spirituality

This week's goal refers to the spiritual connection between human beings and the planet earth. This helps us to 'discover God in all things'. Consider blessing a natural space as a reflection or meditation area and regularly pray outdoors.



Sts Peter and Paul's School runs a **Support-a-Reader Program** for the students in the early years, which is designed to develop reading skills and enhance literacy acquisition. The program relies on volunteers from the Parish and School communities. Reading is conducted in the meeting room of the Good Samaritan Hall on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 1:50 to 2:55pm. If you would like to be part of this valuable program or if you require further information, please contact Mary Clarris by email [mclarris@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mclarris@bne.catholic.edu.au) or telephone the school office on 3399 1281.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is the first day of the season of Lent. It is designated by the Church as a day of fasting and abstinence, as is Good 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. The law of fasting applies to people from 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 usually abstains from meat. The practice of fasting and abstinence aims at leading us to interior conversion by making us more disciplined and more charitable. We fast in order to share our time and our treasure with an attitude of love towards God and others. In addition, the practice helps us imitate the example of Jesus who fasted for forty days in the desert. The ashes that are marked on our foreheads on the first day of Lent are a symbol of humility, purification and sorrow and remind us of the need to repent.

**Mass will be celebrated in the parish at 9am and 7pm**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be celebrated in the church throughout Lent on Friday evenings at 7pm.



**LENTEN PRAYER GROUP** will be hosted in the parish on Wednesdays at 11am starting *Ash Wednesday*, 14 February. Please let us know by phone or email if you are interested in joining the discussion. The resource *A Resurrected Life* will be used and available for \$8 each. **EVERYONE WELCOME.**

## PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP NEWS

Whose feast do we celebrate on 8 February? What does ACRATH stand for? Have you heard of its vital work? Why is this important in Australia? Please read the email attachment to find the answers to these questions or pick up a brochure at the church doors.

**Next meeting: 9am 25 February in the Parish Board Room**



# MUSIC ON SUNDAY

Readings – Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19 Mark 1:29-39

## GATHERING HYMN

### PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the almighty,  
The king of creation!  
O my soul praise him,  
For he is your health and salvation.  
All you who hear, now to his altar draw near,  
Join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord,  
Let us offer our gifts at his altar;  
Let not our sins and transgressions  
Now cause us to falter.  
Christ the high priest bids us all join in his feast,  
Victims with him on the altar.

Praise to the Lord,  
Who will prosper our work and defend us;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend us  
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do,  
He who with love will befriend us.

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**GLORIA** *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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, *(all bow)*  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified died and was buried; he descended into hell  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right  
hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will  
come to judge the living and the dead. I 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. Amen

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross  
and Resurrection you have set us free.



## COMMUNION HYMN

### I HAVE LOVED YOU

I have loved you with an everlasting love,  
I have called you and you are mine;  
I have loved you with an everlasting love,  
I have called you and you are mine.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
He will bring you his light and his peace.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
He will bring you his joy and his hope.

Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:  
He will bring you his care and his love.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU

Take the word of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's word and make them grow

*Refrain:*

*Go in peace to serve the world, in peace to serve  
the world.*

*Take the love of God, the love of God with you as  
you go.*

Take the peace of God with you as you go.  
Take the seeds of God's peace and make them grow

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