

The Cathedral parish acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

OUR MISSION

We strive to be an inspiring Catholic community in the heart of our city, welcoming everyone and providing sanctuary for the marginalized, the sorrowful and the seeker of Jesus' love.

CATHEDRAL PARISH

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The Cathedral toilets are downstairs and accessible to the public. Please ensure that children are accompanied when they go to the toilets. Let's work together to build a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. Contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns or questions.



There is a feedback box in the foyer if you have any suggestions, etc. for the safeguarding officers.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD YR A

Saturday 31 December

5:00pm – 6:00pm Confessions
6:00pm – Children's Vigil Mass

Sunday 1 January 2023

8:00 am – Mass
9:30 am – Mass
11:00 am – Mass
5:00 pm – Mass

Monday – Friday

8:00am – Mass
11:00am – 12:00 Noon Confession
12:10pm – Mass

Wednesday

7:30pm – Miraculous Medal Novena

Friday

11:00am – Holy Hour

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

Saturday 7 January

6:00 pm Fr Israel Quirit
(C) Lisa Deans
(R) Paul Connelly

Sunday 8 January

8:00 am Fr Sean Fernandez
(C) Godfrey Bonavia
(R) Damie Bowen
(R) Eleanor Le Coultre

9:30 am Fr Richard Smith
(C) Rebecca Henderson
(R) Sally Cook
(R) Leticia Craig

11:00 am Fr Richard Smith
(C) Kath Jaques
(R) Barbara van Reyk
(R) Bianca Vernie

5:00 pm Fr Israel Quirit
(C) Guilbert Cabagyo
(R) Josephine Cabagyo
(R) Kevin Clarke

9:30 am **ST FRANCIS XAVIER**
Fr Richard Rutkauskas
(R) Hector
(R) Ken

DEAN I extend the thanks of the Cathedral priests to all the parishioners who have been so generous to us over Christmas. Thank you to all those left cards, presents and best wishes for us. Thank you too to those who have been so generous with their time and talents over the Christmas period. So many people volunteered to prepare and beautify the Cathedral and to serve the Christmas liturgies behind the scenes, on the sanctuary and in the choir loft. We would not have had the beautiful Masses we had without our generous volunteers and ministers. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families.

A new year begins with the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is also the World Day of Peace, which, though, a Catholic commemoration, is truly for all the world. Every year the popes have released a message for the World Day of Peace and this year Pope Francis reflects on the covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine. He reflects that the pandemic exposed our fragility and our need for one another; the war is 'reaping innocent victims and spreading insecurity'. He writes that 'while a vaccine has been found for Covid-19, suitable solutions have not yet been found for the war. Certainly, the virus of war is more difficult to overcome than the viruses that compromise our bodies, because it comes, not from outside of us, but from within the human heart corrupted by sin.' As we reflect on this where does it lead us?

First of all, to let our hearts be changed by our experience of the crisis, to let God, at this time in history, transform our customary criteria for viewing the world around us. We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common.

Mary, our Mother, who pondered on the Word of God can help us on our journey to a conversion of mind and heart. Like her, let us ponder the Word of God in prayer; let it sink into our minds and hearts and, through the power of the Spirit, change the way we think and act.

APPEAL FOR UKRAINE There will be a leaving collection at the Cathedral **this weekend**. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes will support *Mudra Sprava* (Wise Action), a Petriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au.



CATHEDRAL SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME 2023 Please find the dates for the Confirmation and First Communion Programmes below. If your child does not attend a Catholic school please contact the Cathedral office regarding additional classes. Please also contact the office if your child has not made their first confession.

Confirmation

Event	Date	Time	Place
Enrolment and Commitment Mass	11 March 2023	6pm	Cathedral
Parent-child workshop	18 May 2023	5pm – 6.30pm	Parish Centre
Confirmation Mass	28 May 2023	11am	Cathedral

First Communion

Event	Date	Time	Place
Enrolment and Commitment Mass	24 June 2023	6pm	Cathedral
Parent-child workshop	3 August 2023	5pm – 6pm	Parish Centre
First Communion Mass	19 August 2023	11am	Cathedral