



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

open doors ... open hearts ... open minds

13 January 2019

Baptism of our Lord

We are a generous faith community—centred on Jesus, seeking wisdom for life and acting with compassion—in the heart of Grafton since 1842.

The Cathedral is open every day. You are always welcome to use the Cathedral and its grounds for prayer and reflection, and we encourage you to make this a place of pilgrimage and prayer for our City.

Entrance Hymn

Christ when for us you were baptised [250 TIS]

Prayer of the day

Loving God,
your Son came to seek the lost,
and was baptised with sinners: grant that we,
who have been baptised in his name,
may reach out in love to those in need
with the mercy of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. Amen.

Offertory Hymn

Lord Jesus joy of loving hearts [499 TIS]

Mission Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky [658 TIS]

BIBLE READINGS

First Reading

[Isaiah 43.1-7]

But now thus says the Lord ,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, ‘Give them up’,
 and to the south, ‘Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.’

Psalm 29

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:
 ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
2. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:
 O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
 the God of glory thunders,
 the Lord upon the great waters.
4. The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
 the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:

the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

6. He makes them skip like a calf:

Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7. The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:

the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

8. The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,

and strips bare the forests:

in his temple all cry ‘Glory.’

9. The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:

the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

10. The Lord will give strength to his people:

the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

[Acts 8.14-17]

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading

[Luke 3.15-22]

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

JANUARY SERVICES

The Wednesday 10.00am service is still in recess for the summer break. The next Wednesday service is on 6 February 2019. That day will also be the date for the monthly Wednesday Worshippers Morning Tea.

JANUARY BUSINESS HOURS

Parish Office Re-opened on Monday **7th January 2019**

OpShop Re-opens tomorrow on Monday **14th January 2019** from 9.00am

Bookshop Re-opens 9.30am on Tuesday **22nd January 2019**

MAJOR PARISH DATES FOR 2019

As you mark up your calendar for 2019, you may like to have the following parish dates ...

Dean's Forum

During 2019 we shall only have a Dean's Forum on the first Sunday of the month:

February 3 Intro to the Year of Luke (The Dean)

March 3 Mindfulness for Christians (John Shearer)



Other dates will be: April 7, May 5, June 7, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6 and November 3.

Parish AGM

The AGM will be held after the 9.00am service on 24 February.

Can you please ensure that all reports for the Annual Report are sent to the Parish Office by Friday 1st February which will allow ample time for the Administrator to compile the report so that it is available in the Cathedral by the weekend of 16th February.

Key festivals and holy days:

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| January 6 | Epiphany |
| January 27 | Australia Day service |
| March 6 | Ash Wednesday |
| April 10 | Liturgy of the Oils |
| April 14 | Palm Sunday |
| April 19 | Good Friday |
| April 21 | Easter Day |
| April 25 | ANZAC day |
| May 30 | Ascension Day |
| June 9 | Pentecost |
| June 16 | Trinity Sunday |
| June 22/23 | Synod |
| July 25 | Cathedral Festival (St James) |
| September 29 | Jacaranda Sunday |
| November 3 | All Saints and All Souls |
| November 24 | Christ the King |
| December 1 | Advent Sunday |
| December 15 | Carols and Lessons |
| December 25 | Christmas Day |

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL

As of this week you have generously given \$1,203.35. We will be sending in the money at the end of this month. If you haven't already and would still like to give to this important charity then please put your gift into an envelope and it can be collected with your weekly giving on a Sunday or else you can hand it into the Parish office during the week.

PRAYER BOOK REPAIRS

A huge "THANK YOU" to Allen Madden who has repaired 30 of our Prayer Books. This will have saved the Parish a considerable amount of money as it will have extended the life of these books by at least 10 years. This work is on top of the repairs he has made in the past to many of the hymn books.

AUSTRALIA DAY

We will be celebrating Australia Day with a special service at 9.00am on Sunday 27th January in the Cathedral after which everyone is invited to bring a plate and share in a Morning Tea either outside if it's not too hot or wet or in the Edwards Hall. Please let others know and invite them to the occasion.

READING WITH SPIRITUAL EYES (CATHEDRAL BOOKCLUB)

Our book for the first school term next year is *Shell*, a new novel by Kristina Olsson. In this big, bold and hauntingly beautiful portrait of art and life, *Shell* captures a world on the brink of seismic change through the eyes of two unforgettable characters caught in the eye of the storm as Australia moves from the comfort zone of the 1950s into the new world of the 1960s. It reminds us why taking a side matters.

The book will be available from the Cathedral Bookshop when they re-open on 22nd January. The book club will meet in the Cathedral Bookshop to discuss this book on Tuesday, April 2 at 6.00pm.



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Prayers for those in need

Cheryl Cook
Kathryn Douglas
Roy Ford
Gail Gilmore
Gladys Gray
Brian Holley

Fay Kelly
Ruth Kingsley
Doris Lee
Joan Marr
John McAnally
Jan Pitt

Eileen Rogan
Muriel Shepherd
Tammy Uren
Jessie Usher
Keith Zietsch

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed:

Year's Mind: Marie Kelly, Melvie Reardon, Elizabeth MacDonald, Dulcie Thompson, Margaret Cromack, Duncan MacRae, Bert McNee

Cathedral Prayer

Living and eternal Christ, bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage and prayer. May our doors always be open to pilgrims, may our hearts always be open to one another, and may our minds always be open to new truth. Draw us deeply into the mystery of your life, your death and your resurrection, now and always. Amen.

Around the Parish this Week

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| Today | Baptism of our Lord – First Sunday after Epiphany 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Christ Church Cathedral) |
| Monday | 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) |
| Tuesday | 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) |
| Wednesday | 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) |
| Thursday | 7.00am – Produce Markets (Op Shop Car Park) 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) |
| Friday | 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) |
| Saturday | 8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) |
| Next Sunday | Second Sunday after Epiphany 9.00am – Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism (Christ Church Cathedral) |

Next Sunday's roster: Cathy Eggins & Jenny Vaughan (sidespeople), Katherine Lentfer (Reader 1), Betty Ford (Reader 2 & Prayers), Rex & Nita Child (Morning Tea)



Please visit the Cathedral web site for the latest news, additional information, and the text of sermons as well as video recordings of many special moments in our life as a faith community.
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