



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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

27 October 2019

Jacaranda Sunday

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.

PROPERS FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR C)

<i>Setting</i>	Parish Eucharist – Michael Dudman
<i>Opening Hymn</i>	Father all-loving and ruling in majesty [TIS 160]
<i>Prayer of the day</i>	Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
<i>Alleluia Song</i>	Richard Bruxvoort
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	The God of Abraham praise [TIS 125]
<i>Mission Hymn</i>	O breath of life come sweeping through us [TIS 409]
<i>Organ Postlude</i>	Fanfare – Kenneth Leighton

BIBLE READINGS

First Reading

[Joel 2.23–32]

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,
 the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
 my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
 and praise the name of the Lord your God,
 who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to
shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
 and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 your old men shall dream dreams,
 and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
 in those days, I will pour out my spirit.
I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of
smoke.
The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and
terrible day of the Lord comes.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount
Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and
among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Psalm 65

1. You are to be praised, O God, in Zion:
 to you shall vows be paid, you that answer prayer.
2. To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins:
 when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.
3. Blessed are those whom you choose and take to yourself
 to dwell within your courts:
 we shall be filled with the good things of your house,
 of your holy temple.

4. You will answer us in your righteousness
with terrible deeds, O God our saviour:
you that are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the distant seas;
5. Who by your strength made fast the mountains:
you that are girded with power;
6. Who stilled the raging of the seas, the roaring of the waves:
and the tumult of the peoples.
7. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth are afraid at your wonders:
the dawn and the evening sing your praises.
8. You tend the earth and water it:
you make it rich and fertile.
9. The river of God is full of water:
and so providing for the earth, you provide grain for us all.
10. You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between:
you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.
11. You crown the year with your goodness:
and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.
12. The pastures of the wilderness run over:
and the hills are girded with joy.
13. The meadows are clothed with sheep:
and the valleys stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading

[2 Timothy 4.6–8, 16–18]

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

[Luke 18.15–30]

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'

A certain ruler asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honour your father and mother." ' He replied, 'I have kept all these since my youth.' When Jesus heard this, he said to him, 'There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, 'How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' Those who heard it said, 'Then who can be saved?' He replied, 'What is impossible for mortals is possible for God.' Then Peter said, 'Look, we have left our homes and followed you.' And he said to them, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.'



Annual Jacaranda Organ Recital
Sunday October 27, 3pm
Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton
Entry by donation
Part of the Jacaranda festival for over 75 years...

2019 FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS (30 Oct – 2 Nov)

The theme for this year's Festival of Flowers is "Bridges of the Clarence" and the floral arrangements will celebrate many of the different river crossings in the Clarence Valley. The festival runs from next Wednesday, 30 October to Saturday, 2 November 2019.



We are also looking for helpers for setting up tomorrow and Tuesday and then volunteers to greet visitors at the ticket desk for the duration of the flower display. If you can assist at any time during the Festival of Flowers, please contact Leoné Roberts or Beth Wykes.

Morning and afternoon tea and coffee with scones @ \$5 will be served in the Cathedral grounds. Please support.

NEXT SUNDAY: DEAN'S FORUM

The Dean's Forum next Sunday will provide an Introduction to the Year of Matthew.

At the beginning of December, we start a new liturgical year during which we focus especially on the way that the Gospel of Matthew interprets the meaning of Jesus. After a year of listening closely to Luke's take on Jesus, in the coming year we will be hearing how Matthew understands Jesus. This seminar will help us prepare to spend a year with Matthew as we explore the meaning of Jesus for us today.

SPECIAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

A special meeting of Parishioners is to be held at 11.00am at the Cathedral after the 9.00am Service on Sunday, 17 November 2019.

The only business for this meeting is to receive a report on the proposals for a restructure of the Diocese of Grafton, which will have been presented to a special meeting of parish representatives from across the Diocese on Saturday, November 9. This meeting will mark the beginning of an extended consultation period with parishes and congregations across the Diocese. That consultation process will continue through until April 2020.

We encourage every parishioner to attend so that we can hear about the Diocese's plans and their possible impact on the Parish of Grafton, including the Cathedral and our other two churches at Copmanhurst and Lawrence.

MYSTICAL MONDAYS AT GRAFTON CATHEDRAL

A series of weekly workshops introducing the rich history of mysticism in the church, and offering learning on the basic practices of Christian meditation and contemplative prayer.

These sessions will be held on 5 successive Mondays: 18 & 25 November and 2, 9 & 16 December.



5.30 – 6.30 p.m. in the Hunt Hall (behind the Parish Office)

NO CHARGE – FREE ENTRY

Session #1 – What is Christian mysticism? Is this for everyone? Tips for beginners.

Session #2 – The Desert Mothers and Fathers: the Middle Eastern foundation

Session #3 – The English Medievals: Julian of Norwich, Walter Hilton, the author of “The Cloud of Unknowing”.

Session #4 – The Spanish Revival: Francisco de Osuna, Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross

Session #5 – Modern Americans: Thomas Merton OCSO and John Main OSB

CATHEDRAL ROSTERS

The Rosters are available near the Cathedral entrance. If you are already on the roster, please pick up your copy. For those who are not yet on a roster please consider if you could join us and assist in any of the roles from sides persons, readers, or preparing and serving morning tea after the service. Thank you to those who are already helping.

Every Saturday at 4.00pm a small group of people meet to set up the Cathedral for the next day's services. This is very helpful on a practical level, but it also a lovely way to prepare mentally and spiritually for the next day's worship. If you would like to be part of this team, perhaps just once a month, please speak with Camellia or the Dean.

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Prayers for those in need

Cheryl Cook
Candice
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Kathryn Douglas
Roy Ford
Gail Gilmore
Gladys Gray

Brian Holley
Fay Kelly
Ruth Kingsley
Doris Lee
Joan Marr
John McAnally

Eileen Rogan
Val Rogers
Muriel Shepherd
Tammy Uren
Jessie Usher

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed:

Year's Mind: Meg Imeson, Jeremy Challacombe, Sue Challacombe, Ron Brotherson, Max Anderson, Peggie Payne, Robert Hendrie

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

Today	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Cathedral) 11.00am – Baptism (Cathedral) 11.00am – Eucharist (All Saints, Lawrence) 3.00pm – Jacaranda Organ Recital 6.00pm – Jacaranda Ecumenical Service
Monday	S/S Simon and Jude 8.30am – Eucharist (Chapel of the Epiphany) All day set-up of Flower Festival (Cathedral) Grafton Embroidery Group Display all week (Hunt Hall)
Tuesday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 9.00am – CSU Exams (Edwards Hall) All day set-up of Flower Festival (Cathedral) 4.00pm – CVAS School Council Meeting (Edwards Hall) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Wednesday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 9.00am – Flower Festival Opening (Cathedral) 10.00am – Morning/Afternoon Teas till Saturday in Cathedral Grounds 10.00am – Eucharist (Cathedral) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany)
Thursday	8.30am – Morning Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00am – Produce Markets (Op Shop Car Park) 1.00pm – CSU Exams (Edwards Hall) 5.15pm – Evening Prayer (Chapel of the Epiphany) 7.00pm – Choir Practice (Cathedral) 7.00pm – Living the Questions (Edwards Hall)
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	All Saints & All Souls – Memorial of the Departed 9.00am – Sung Eucharist (Cathedral) 11.00am – Dean’s Forum (Edwards Hall)

Next Sunday’s roster: Shirley Graham/Kaye Ware (sidespeople), Reg Bultitude (Reader 1) Roger Millard (Reader 2 & Prayers), Peter Mears (Morning Tea)



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