



Third Sunday in Lent

23 March 2025

Setting Parish Eucharist – Michael Dudman (1938-1994)

Gathering in God's name *Page 119 (Green "A Prayerbook for Australia")*

Introit *Oculi mei* – Plainsong

Entrance Hymn 102 TIS Praise to the living God

Sentence

'As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts,' says the Lord. Isaiah 55.9

Invitation to Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence may be kept.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The Collect of the day

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith
with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 55.1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 63.1-9 Chant – Robert Knox Kennedy (1945-)

- 1 O God, you are my God:
eagerly will I seek you.*
- 2 My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.*
- 3 So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:
and saw your power and your glory.*
- 4 For your unchanging goodness is better than life:
therefore my lips shall praise you.*
- 5 And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.*

*6 My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.*

*7 When I remember you upon my bed:
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,*

*8 How you have been my helper:
then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,*

*9 Then my soul clings to you:
and your right hand upholds me.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10.1–13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 13.1-9

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

Repent says the Lord:

The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Very Reverend Naomi Cooke

The Apostles' Creed Page 123

Offertory Hymn 197 TIS God's Son came to bless us

The Great Thanksgiving Thanksgiving 1 on page 128, preface 151

The Lord's Prayer Page 141

Communion Anthem *Drop, drop slow tears* – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
O Jesu mi Dulcissime (O Jesus, most sweet to me) – Marian Garau (1952-)

Post Communion & Blessing Page 151-152

Mission Hymn 262 TIS When pain and terror strike by chance

Organ Postlude *Fantasia in 5 parts in C minor BWV 562*– J S Bach (1685-1750)

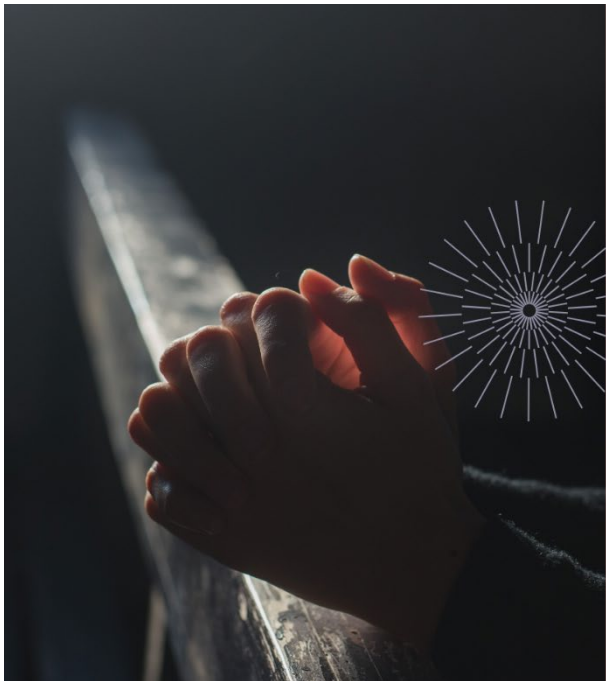
CATHEDRAL FAMILIES SUNDAY @5PM

**MONTHLY
6TH
APRIL**

Godly Play
Conversation
Communion
Dinner on
the grass



DINNER INCLUDED AFTERWARDS
BRING A PICNIC RUG AND PLATE OF FRUIT
OR VEG TO SHARE



EASTER & HOLY WEEK GRAFTON CATHEDRAL

Palm Sunday 13th April

9am Eucharist with Procession of Palms

Wednesday 16th April

10am Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 17th April

7pm Eucharist with Foot Washing

8pm The Watch

Good Friday 18th April

9am Stations of the Cross

Saturday 19th April

6pm Children's Easter Vigil Family Service

Easter Sunday

9am Easter Day Eucharist

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Cathedral Prayer

Living and eternal Christ bless the ministry of this Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage, prayer and discovery. 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.

Prayers for those in need

Joy Baldwin Sue Cotter Gail Gilmore Allen Madden Amy McArdle	Ruth Kingsley John McAnally Roy Ford John McFarlane Fay Powell	Mervyn Kingsley Aneta Jones Grace Clague Kahla Clague Ressinda Flower
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Remembering those who have died

Year's Mind: Ian Robinson, Jim Coombes, Marjorie Henwood, Gloria Hogan, Peter Challacombe & Pat King

Around the Parish this Week

Today	<p>Third Sunday in Lent 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au</p>
Birthdays this week	<p>Noel Baldwin, Deanne Johnston, Lynette Copson & Jenny Vaughan</p>
Weekdays	<p>Morning Prayer 8.30am Wed, Thurs & Fri at the Cathedral & via Zoom Evening Prayer 5.15 Wed, Thurs & Fri Zoom only</p> <p>Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom</p> <p>Cathedral Office 9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral Bookshop 9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri)</p> <p>Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat)</p> <p>Wednesday Worship at 10.00 am</p> <p>Please ensure that we have your email address and mobile number so we can reach out to you with information, news and pastoral support. If you need pastoral care or other support, please call either Dean Naomi or Deacon Grant.</p>
Next Sunday	<p>Fourth Sunday in Lent 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au</p>
Bank Details For direct deposit	<p>The Anglican Parish of Grafton BSB: 705 077 Acc: 00033630</p> <p>Any donations gratefully received for the ongoing maintenance of the Cathedral and furthering our ministry</p>

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YEAR 2025

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

JAN

28 - Parish Council

FEB

2 - Family Service 5pm
5 - Taize 8.30am
6 - RAP Launch
23 - AGM 11am

MAR

2 - Family Service 5pm
5 - Taize 8.30am
5 - Ash Wednesday
11 - Parish Council
15 - Men's BBQ Brekkie

APR

2 - Taize 8.30am
6 - Family Service 5pm
9 - Chrism Mass & Oils
Blessing 10am
17 Maundy Thursday
18 - Good Friday
20 - Easter Sunday
29 - Parish Council

MAY

4 - Family Service 5pm
7 - Taize 8.30am
17 - Men's BBQ Brekkie

JUN

1 - Family Service 5pm
4 - Taize 8.30am
8 - Pentecost
15 - Trinity Sunday

JUL

2 - Taize 8.30am
6 - Family Service 5pm
6-13 NAIDOC Week
8 - Parish Council
19- Men's BBQ Brekkie
25 - 141yrs since
Dedication

AUG

3 - Family Service
5pm
6 - Taize 8.30am

SEP

1-4 Oct Season of Creation
3 - Taize 8.30am
5 - Parish Council
7 - Family Service 5pm
20 - Men's BBQ Brekkie

OCT

1 - Taize 8.30am
5 - Family Service 5pm
24-2Nov Jacaranda
Festival
26 - Organ Recital 3pm
26 - Ecumenical Service
6.30pm

NOV

All Saints & All Souls
2 - Family Service 5pm
5 - Taize 8.30am
11 - Parish Council
15 - Men's BBQ Brekkie
23 - Christ the King

DEC

3 - Taize 8.30am
6 - Family Service 5pm
Carols & Lessons
Christmas Services