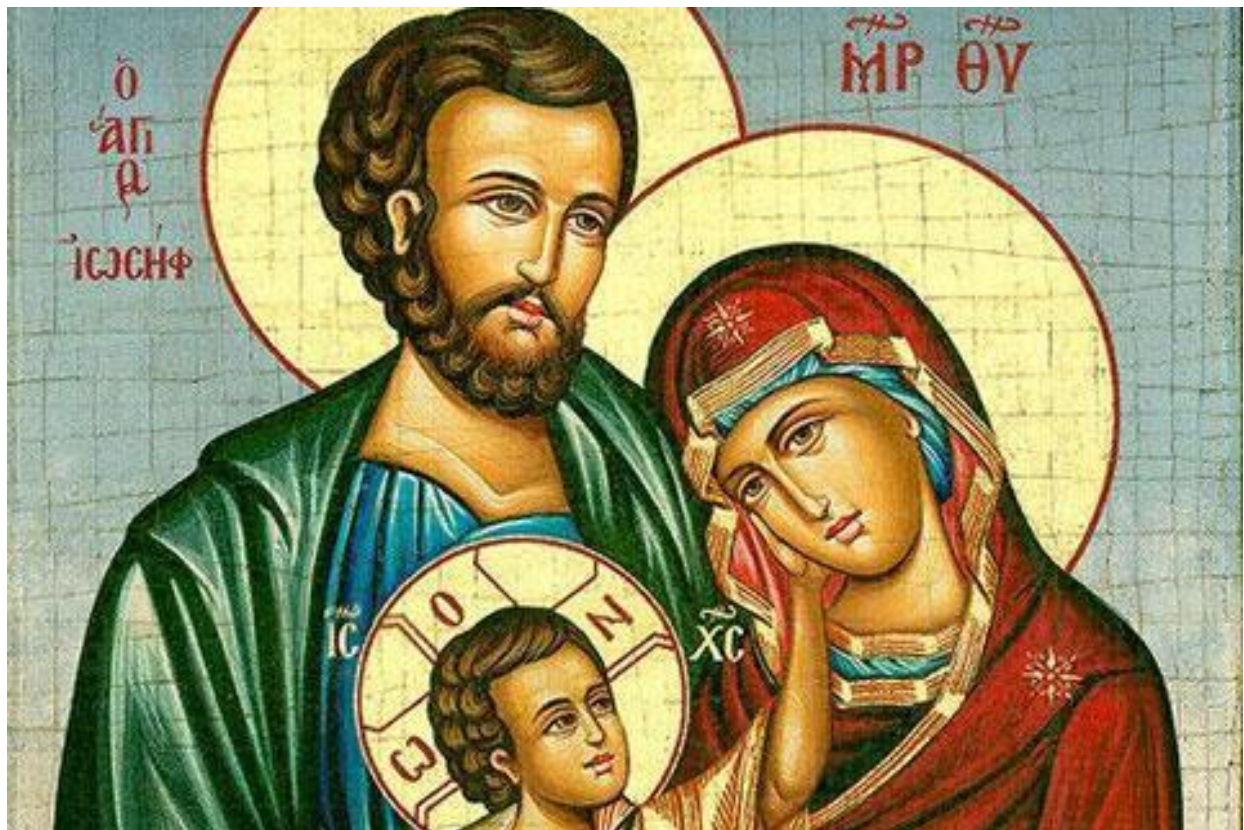




CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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



**HOLY FAMILY
SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Mass setting: St Thomas Mass (David Thorne)

Entrance Hymn:

Once in royal David's city [TIS 312]

Once in royal David's city,
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby,
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and despised, and lowly,
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood
day by day, like us, he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles, like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness
and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that Child so dear and gentle,
is our Lord in heaven above:
and he leads his children on,
to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him: but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high,
when his children gather round
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95. *alt.*

Sentence of Scripture

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.

— Colossians 3: 14-15

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:
'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Silence is kept.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise (Gloria in excelsis)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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.**

Collect

God of community,
whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood:
may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours
that we fail not in loyalty to you,
but make choices according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from Old Testament

1 Samuel 2:18 – 20, 26

Hear the word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

A Reading from New Testament

Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hear the word of the Lord,
All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

[Luke 2: 41-52]

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Fr Ian Chaplin

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

All We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

All We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.
Let us bring before God the needs of the world.

Wonderful counsellor,
give your wisdom to the rulers of the nations.
Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

Mighty God,
make the whole world know
that the government is on your shoulders.
Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father,
establish your reign of justice and righteousness for ever.
Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

Prince of peace,
bring in the endless kingdom of your peace.
Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

Almighty Lord,
All hear our prayer
and fulfil your purposes in us,
as you accomplished your will
in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Together we say the 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.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

– Isaiah 9:6

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace in a COVID-safe manner.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory hymn:

Joseph, your love of life [TIS 328]

**Joseph, your love of life brought an engagement -
promise to love and share your life with Mary;
thus did great Love come from the love between you:
God with us, Jesus.**

**Joseph, you stayed with Mary, strangely pregnant;
Fears fled when in a dream God's holy angel
told you to cherish Wisdom of Mary,
naming him Jesus.**

**Joseph, your son's birth, hidden in a cow-shed,
left only you as midwife for the birthing.
You helped and guarded Mary as she laboured,
bringing us Jesus.**

**Joseph, your anxious caring set you dreaming,
dreams full of warning, dreams of death and danger.
Trusting your spirit, you were quick and acted,
saving your Jesus.**

**Joseph, your loving presence and protection
prompted your son to share with his disciples
his name for love most freeing, deep and faithful:
Ábba, dear father'.**

**Joseph, your spirit gives us hope and vision
when life is crisis, chaos, or destruction:
may, we, like you, find, growing up among us,
Christ's loving presence.**

Patrick George Michaels 1954-

The gifts are brought to the Lord's Table.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer.
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ.

By his death on the cross,
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name.
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,

his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise.

All Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND HOLY COMMUNION

The president breaks the bread.

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Agnus dei (Lamb of God) is sung.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Holy things for holy people.
Broken things for broken people.

All the children of God have a place at God's Table.

Those who prefer to receive a personal blessing from the priest rather than Holy Communion are invited to come to the Altar and simply cross their arms in front of them so the clergy know their desire.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Notices

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Final hymn:

O little town of Bethlehem [TIS 316]

O little town of Bethlehem
how still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by:
yet, in your dark streets shining
the everlasting light,
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in you tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King
and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in
be born to us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
their great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us
our Lord Immanuel.

Phillips Brooks 1835-93 *alt.*

The president says

God of heaven, dwelling among us,
we thank you for feeding us with this holy food.
By your grace keep us ever faithful
to your Word made flesh
that as his body in the world
we may bring your presence to all people.

**Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

The Blessing

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All Glory, thanks and praise to God.

Organ Postlude:

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First Sunday after Christmas

Thank you!



In a world that often feels divided, you've come together with churches across Australia to stand alongside those uprooted by conflict and disaster. Thank you for standing with Act for Peace's local partners to bring practical care – as well as hope, peace, joy, love and light – to people in urgent need around the world.

By joining together through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping build a world where all people have a safe place to belong. **Thank you.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

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Please use this QR code to make an online gift to the 2021 Christmas Bowl appeal and have your gift counted as part of the total contribution from Grafton Cathedral.



January 2 – January 30 2022

Usual Sunday services at 9.00 am at Grafton Cathedral only.

There will be no services at Lawrence during January 2022.

There will be no Wednesday services in January at Grafton Cathedral except:

Australia Day which will be 10.00 am 26 January 2022

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Prayers for those in need		
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Remembering those who have died		
Recently departed: Corey Chapman & Ailsa Ellem		
Year's Mind: Joyce Watts, Lorna O'Hara, Araleen Nizette & Leslie Nelson		


NEW YEAR OPENING DATES:

Parish Office – Monday 10 January

Cathedral Bookshop – Tuesday 25 January

Cathedral OpShop – Monday 10 January (limited hours)

Cathedral Food pantry – Monday 17 January.

Around the Parish this Week	
Today	<p>First Sunday After Christmas 9.00am – Cathedral Live Online: https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/this-sunday</p>
Weekdays	<p>Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer are said at 8.30am and 5.30pm every day except Sunday mornings. Join us by Zoom using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2379732870?pwd=eFRvaEpjWmJxaDZldDlkdVJiNm9Zdz09</p> <p>Wednesday worship: 10.00am (not during January)</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.</p> <p>If you need pastoral care or other support, please call either Canon Camellia or Deacon Grant.</p>
Next Sunday	<p>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 9.00am – Cathedral Live Online: https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/this-sunday</p>
	<p><i>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: www.graftoncathedral.org.au</i></p>

