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DURING 2019
JACARANDA FESTIVAL

CATHEDRAL NEWS



season of creation

Celebrate Creation @ Grafton Cathedral

During September—as we welcome Spring to our lives once more—we will be joining with many other parishes and congregations around the country to observe the **Season of Creation**. This is an annual celebration of prayer and action to protect creation. It is celebrated by Christians of all traditions. The Bishop has encouraged parishes and schools in the Diocese of Grafton to observe this special liturgical season.

On the final Sunday of this special season we are inviting people to bring their animals to the Cathedral at 10.30am for the annual blessing of the animals.

1 September

OCEAN

8 September

FAUNA & FLORA

15 September

STORM

22 September

COSMOS

29 September

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Dean's Forum

We have three sessions of the Dean's Forum during the Spring term at Grafton Cathedral.

September 1

Perspectives on Christian-Muslim Relations
(The Dean)

In light of recurring acts of violence at least partly motivated by religion, how do we reclaim a more constructive sense of our mutual relations as Christians and Muslims?

October 6

Faith-based responses to climate change
(The Revd Peter Moore)

Fr Peter Moore is an accredited climate change workshop facilitator and a member of ARRCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change). In this session, we will be updated on the latest data as well as practical ways for people of faith to respond to the crisis our planet is now facing.

November 3

Introduction to the Year of Matthew (The Dean)

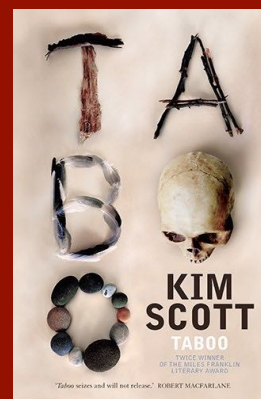
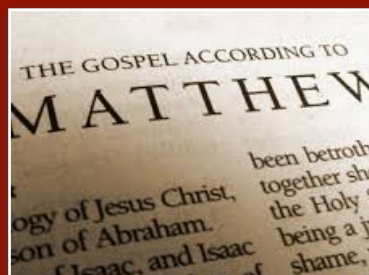
At the beginning of December, we start a new liturgical year during which we focus especially on the way that the Gospel of Matthew interprets the meaning of Jesus. After a year of listening closely to Luke's take on Jesus, in the coming year we will be hearing how Matthew understands Jesus. This seminar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

The Dean's Forum is held in the Edwards Hall of the Cathedral Parish Centre on the first Sunday of the month. It begins at 11.00am. Morning tea is available in the Edwards Hall after the 9.00am Sunday Eucharist.

Cathedral Book Club

Each school term we choose a recent fictional work which we read and then we meet to discuss the chosen book and reflect on ways in which this book engages with our spiritual wisdom. We call this process 'reading with spiritual eyes' and it is good practice for seeing God at work in everyday aspects of our lives, not just in the religious bits.

We meet again on Tuesday, 3 September, when we shall be discussing *Taboo*, by Tim Scott.



There will be many special events at Christ Church Cathedral during the Jacaranda Festival.

The Cathedral will be open every day from early morning until late afternoon.

Grafton Embroidery Group

Fiftieth anniversary exhibition in the Hunt Hall throughout the whole of the Festival.

Festival of Flowers

The Cathedral will again host a major floral art exhibition. The theme for this year is **bridges of the Clarence**, to celebrate the completion of the new Grafton Bridge and to recognise all the other bridges across our Big River. The Festival of Flowers will be open from Wednesday through Saturday of Jacaranda Week.

Devonshire Teas

The Cathedral community will be serving Devonshire teas in the gardens during Jacaranda Week, so we look forward to many visitors relaxing with a scone and a cuppa.

Organ Recital

The annual Jacaranda Organ Recital is performed by Robert Eather, our Director of Music at 3.00pm on Sunday, 27 October. This

recital is a long-standing tradition within the Jacaranda Festival, and we serve Devonshire Tea in the Cathedral grounds afterwards.

Ecumenical Service

At 6.00pm on Sunday, 27 October the Cathedral will host an ecumenical service as part of the Jacaranda Festival calendar. This event is supported by the churches whose clergy comprise the Grafton Ministers' Association.

We expect to welcome many people who come to see the Cathedral and to pray within its sacred spaces.

It is a privilege to be a place of pilgrimage and prayer for locals and visitors at this time of the year.



Remembering them always ...

ALL SOULS COMMEMORATION

Sunday, 3 November

During the year, families and the wider community gather at the Cathedral to mark the passing of friends and loved ones. These events are very personal gatherings and often occur while the grief is still raw.

On the Sunday closest to All Saints and All Souls, we invite those who have lost loved ones during the past twelve months to join us for a Sunday service at the Cathedral when we pray for all those who have died as well as for the family and friends left behind.

Please join us for this special service.

Friends for LUNCH



12.00—1.30pm every Thursday

From the first week in September, there will be a light lunch served in the Edwards Hall each Thursday.

There is no charge for this meal, but a gold coin donation is welcome.

The aim is to address the social isolation which can so easily become a reality in many people's lives.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with this program: perhaps helping with the meal one week and sitting as a guest at the lunch table for the other weeks of the month.

Please make this event widely known among your friends and acquaintances.

CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL CHRIST THE KING

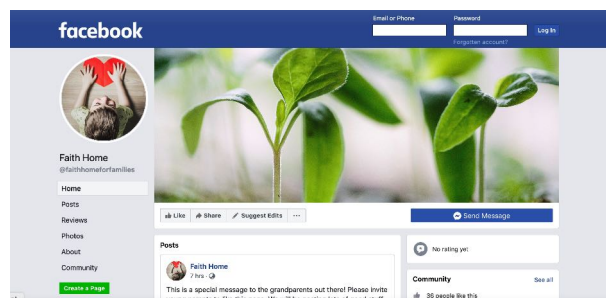
24 November, 9.00am

Please join us for this special service as we conclude the Church Year. The Bishop will be with us for the morning, and we hope to have a number of people for confirmation or to be welcomed into the life of the Anglican Church. Please speak to the Dean for further information about confirmation preparation.

SEPTEMBER @ your Cathedral

Here are some of the special events at the Cathedral during September:

- 01** Morning Tea (Parish Centre) followed by the Dean's Forum
- 03** Book Club (Edwards Hall, 6.pm)
- 04** Musica Viva concert (1.30pm)
- 05** Friends for Lunch (Edwards Hall)
- 06** Information session on Diocesan bullying and harassment procedures
- 14** Sixtieth anniversary of Cathedral consecration, Holy Cross Day 1959
- 18** Parish Council (Edwards Hall)
- 21** ABM Celebration (Edwards Hall)
- 27** National Police Memorial Service
- 27** CVAS Year 12 Valedictory Service
- 28** Pioneer Ministry seminar
- 29** Blessing of the Animals, 10.30am
- 29** Parish Forum (fifth Sunday)



faith @ HOME

Resources for families and children

Helping families to experience and practise the Christian faith at home. This page is run by members of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton.

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