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CATHEDRAL UPDATE • JANUARY 2018



INTRODUCING OUR NEW DEAN

Fr Greg Jenks commenced his ministry as our new Dean in mid-September last year, but his installation as the Eighth Dean of Grafton was delayed due to ill health. Following surgery in late October, Fr Greg returned to work at the end of November and is now very settled into Cathedral life.

The installation service will be in Christ Church Cathedral at 6.00pm on Friday, 2 February.

You are invited to join us for this special service in the life of our Cathedral community.

There will be light refreshments served after the service, so it will assist with our catering if you could RSVP by dropping us an email (graftoncathedral@tpg.com.au) or calling the Cathedral Parish Office on (02) 6642 2844.

Prior to being appointed Dean of Grafton, Dr Jenks was Dean of St George's College in Jerusalem. He brings a deep knowledge of the Holy Land to his ministry as Dean, as well as connections with various parts of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Before going to Jerusalem, Fr Greg was the Academic Dean and Lecturer in Biblical Studies at St Francis Theological College, Brisbane.

The service on 2 February will also include the installation of a new set of Canons for the Cathedral. The 'Canons' are senior clergy and lay members of the Diocese of Grafton who are either elected or appointed to serve as the 'Chapter' for the Cathedral. In this case, we have four new Clerical Canons and three new Lay Canons to be commissioned. Their role is focused on how the Cathedral serves the City of Grafton, the Diocese of Grafton, and the wider community on the Northern Rivers.



FAREWELL TO BISHOP SARAH

Last November, the Cathedral community was shocked to hear of the resignation of our Bishop due to health concerns. Bishop Sarah has won the affection and support of Anglicans across the Diocese as she guided us through some challenging times related to the Royal Commission. Sadly her term as the first woman to serve as a diocesan Bishop in the Australian Church is ending prematurely. As she leaves the Diocese in March, Bishop Sarah will be surrounded by love and appreciation. We wish +Sarah and Fr Ian every blessing as they return to Canberra, and look forward to seeing them both at the Cathedral from time to time.

A special service to mark the end of Bishop Sarah's ministry here will be held at the Cathedral at 10.00am on Saturday, 3 March. Please plan to join us for the laying up of her pastoral staff that morning, and keep both +Sarah and Ian in your prayers.

UPCOMING CATHEDRAL EVENTS

There are lots of other special events planned in the Cathedral during the next couple of months, so this list may help to you know what is happening.

For further details about any of these events, follow us on Facebook or visit the Cathedral web site.

- JANUARY 28 **Australia Day Services:** 8.00am and 9.30am
- FEBRUARY 4 **Discernment Synod Eucharist** (8.00am) to begin process of finding a new Bishop for the Diocese of Grafton
- FEB / MARCH **Reformation Exhibition:** The Cathedral Bookshop will host an exhibition of historical materials from the *Centre for Coins, Culture and Religious History* to mark the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther inaugurating the Reformation. The exhibition will include artefacts from the late medieval period as well as the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The materials will be updated each week over a four week period so that we can display all the items in the space available within the Bookshop. Other similar displays are planned for later in the year, with a new set of materials each school term.
- FEBRUARY 13 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party** in the Cathedral Hall, from 6.00pm. This is also a family-friendly event as we get ready for the start of Lent.
- FEBRUARY 14 **Ash Wednesday** services will be at 7.30am, 10.00am and 6.00pm.
- DURING LENT We have a special **program of Lenten studies** planned over five Tuesday nights, commencing 20 February and being repeated after the Wednesday 10.00am service for those not able to attend on a Tuesday evening. More details on the Cathedral web site and on our Facebook page, as well as in the weekly Sunday bulletin.
- DURING LENT **Reading with Spiritual Eyes:** This is a book club with a difference. One book is chosen to be read each school term. These are regular books with no overt religious character. The group then gathers in the Bookshop near the end of the term to discuss the chosen book from the perspective of faith. Again, more details on the web site or our Facebook page, as well as in the Sunday bulletin.
- FEB 21 / MAR 21 **Organ Recitals:** If you are free during the day, these lunch time organ recitals by Robert Eather, our Director of Music, are worth adding to your calendar.
- MARCH 25 **Palm Sunday:** Join us for this wonderful start to Holy Week and Easter, as we wave those palm branches and re-enact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey as a sign of peace. This is a fantastic family-friendly event, with a single service at 9.00am that morning. There will be 11.00am services at Copmanhurst and Lawrence later in the morning.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Mon & Tue in Holy Week: 8.30am Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week: 10.00am Eucharist

Maundy Thursday: 7.00pm Eucharist with Feet Washing & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday: 9.00am Liturgy of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 7.00pm Lighting of the Holy Fire & First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day: 9.00am Eucharist at Cathedral, 11.00am at Copmanhurst & Lawrence