



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL GRAFTON

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VOCATIONS SUNDAY
31 JANUARY 2021



MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MURRAY

All Christians are called to ministry.

This might involve some form of ordained or licensed ministry in the church, or responding to a wider vocation in a trade or profession.

Whatever form it takes, the local Christian community should energise people's desire to use their gifts to serve God in the world. This means that all of us have a responsibility to encourage one another to be attentive to God's call and to affirm each other's gifts.

As we participate in Vocations Sunday, let's not only explore our own calling, but also think of how we can encourage others to explore their gifts, call and response.

Apart from this liturgy, a variety of other resources are available that can help people explore the various options for service in the Diocese of Grafton, which I encourage you to read or to pass onto someone whom you think God might be calling to licensed or authorised ministry in the church.

+Murray

To reflect further about God's call on your life and your vocation, please read the Bible readings that have inspired others in their ministry.

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks
Archdeacon Stuart Webb
Archdeacon Matthew Jones
Dean Greg Jenks

Micah 6:6-8
John 13:12-17
Psalm 40
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

GATHERING AND PREPARATION

Mass setting: *St Thomas* (David Thorne)

Acknowledgement of Country

Introit

Grant we beseech thee merciful Lord -J Hawes

Entrance Hymn: *Come to us creative Spirit* (TIS 652)

Come to us, creative Spirit,
in this holy house;
ev'ry human talent hallow,
hidden skills arouse,
that within your earthly temple,
wise and simple may rejoice.

Poet, painter, music-maker,
all your treasures bring;
craftsman, actor, graceful dancer,
make your offering;
join your hands in celebration:
let creation shout and sing!

Word from God eternal springing,
fill our minds, we pray;
and in all artistic vision
give integrity:
may the flame within us burning
kindle yearning day by day.

In all places and forever
glory be expressed
to the Son, with God the Father
and the Spirit blest:
in our worship and our living
keep us striving for the best.

David Mowbray, 1938-

The priest greets the people.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

All The Lord bless 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.**

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Confession and absolution

By the mercies of God,
let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to him,
which is our spiritual worship.

Silence is kept.

**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, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.
*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

**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.**

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Collect

God of compassion,
you have shown us in Christ
that your love is never ending:
enable us both to love you with all our heart
and to love one another as Christ loved us.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A Reading from the Old Testament

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Hear the word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

- 1 *O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord
with my whole heart:
in the company of the upright
and among the congregation.*
- 2 *The works of the Lord are great:
and studied by all who take delight in them.*
- 3 *His deeds are majestic and glorious:
and his righteousness stands for ever.*
- 4 *His marvellous acts have won him a name
to be remembered:
the Lord is gracious and merciful.*

- 5 *He gives food to those that fear him:
he remembers his covenant for ever.*
- 6 *He showed his people the power of his acts:
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.*
- 7 *The works of his hands are faithful and just:
and all his commandments are sure;*
- 8 *They stand firm for ever and ever:
they are done in faithfulness and in truth.*
- 9 *He sent redemption to his people,
he ordained his covenant for ever:
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.*
- 10 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and of good understanding are those
that keep his commandments:
his praise shall endure for ever.*

The Gospel

[Mark 1:21-28]

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
All maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
All God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

All Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

All For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

All he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

All With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

All We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

All We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

God of our salvation,
hope of all the ends of the earth,
we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That the world may know Jesus Christ
as the Prince of Peace,
we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That all who are estranged and without hope
may be brought near in the blood of Christ,
we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That the Church may be one in serving
and proclaiming the gospel,
we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That we may be bold to speak the word of God
while you stretch out your hand to save,
we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That the Church may be generous in giving,
faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming,
we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That the Church may welcome and support
all whom you call to faith,
we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

For all those living with illness or other adversity, and especially
Sue Cotter, Brian Holley, John McAnally, and Muriel Shepherd, we
pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That the day may come when every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

For all the faithful who have gone before us, and especially
Shirley Harris whose year's mind occurs this week,
we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

Together we pray 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

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel:
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.

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: Christ is the one who calls (A&M 2014, 487)

**Christ is the one who calls,
the one who loved and came,
to whom by right it falls
to bear the highest name:
and still today
our hearts are stirred
to hear his word
and walk his way.**

**Christ is the one who seeks,
to whom our souls are known.
The word of love he speaks
can wake a heart of stone;
for at that sound
the blind can see,
the slave is free,
the lost are found.**

Christ is the one who died
forsaken and betrayed;
who, mocked and crucified,
the price of pardon paid.
Our dying Lord,
what grief and loss,
what bitter cross,
our souls restored!

Christ is the one who rose
in glory from the grave,
to share his life with those
whom once he died to save.
He drew death's sting
and broke its chains,
who lives and reigns,
our risen King.

Christ is the one who sends,
his story to declare;
who calls his servants friends
and gives them news to share.
His truth proclaim
in all the earth,
his matchless worth
and saving name.

Timothy Dudley-Smith, b.1926

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.

You anointed him as Messiah,
the light of the nations,
and revealed him as the hope
of all who thirst for righteousness and peace.

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 priest breaks the bread.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus dei (Lamb of God)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.*

The priest elevates the consecrated elements and calls the people of God to
the Table of Jesus.

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion Anthems

Panis Angelicus – Claudio Casciolini

The Call – Stuart Beer

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

Anyone who would normally receive Holy Communion in their own Christian tradition is welcome to receive the Sacrament with us here today.

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: *Hope of our calling* (A&M 2013, #493)

Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
by those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
will bring his gospel to a waiting world.

Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.

Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair the gift of life restored;
our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.

Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest from the kingdom's seeds.

Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
old joys remembered and new purpose found,
our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Ally Barrett, 1975

The priest says

God of the nations,
we thank you for nourishing us with this holy sacrament.
Guide us by your presence,
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,
and establish your justice in the earth.

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

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world;
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 to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Postlude

Grand Choeur – Theodore Dubois

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NEWS FROM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council met on 20 January 2021 for the first time since November. This was a timely opportunity to review the year that now lies behind us while also beginning to look ahead into what the new year may offer us.

- This time last year, none of us guessed what an impact would be made by an obscure virus first noticed in the wet markets of Wuhan province in China. Since then the virus has gone everywhere, and our lives have been turned upside down. What could have been a financial disaster for the parish was reversed by the amazing generosity of so many people. We shall have full details for everyone at the AGM on Sunday, 28 February.
- Despite the financial challenges which remain, Parish Council decided to proceed with plans to appoint someone to replace Roger Millard when he retires this week.
- We noted that the heritage works on the roof over the Chapel and the Northern Transept were completed successfully and under budget, while the organ console was able to be completely rebuilt and refurbished.
- There are still major challenges ahead as the Diocese implements the restructuring plan that was adopted by Synod in September last year, and this will impact our Parish as our churches in Copmanhurst and Lawrence are both listed for closure.
- The diocese has also indicated its intention to place a levy on general purpose trust funds (not trusts for special purpose) to assist in meeting the costs of compensation payments to victims for sexual abuse by church workers.
- We noted the need to reimagine our relationship with CVAS and our plans for ministry with families and youth, following the resignation of Leanne Harvey in December.



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OFFICE COORDINATOR

This is a part-time position, requiring 15 hours per week over 5 mornings (Mondays to Friday) each week. The hours are flexible and can be varied in school vacation periods. Please make this opportunity known among your family and friends.

A detailed position description is available on request.

Applications close: Friday, 12 February 2021.

In the first instance, expressions of interest should be directed to the Dean of the Cathedral, Dr Greg Jenks (0426 067 344).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note that our 2021 AGM will be held in the Cathedral shortly after the end of our morning worship on **Sunday, 28 February**. We have quite a number of positions to fill, including Churchwardens, Parish Council, Parish Nominators and Synod Representatives.

DIGITAL OFFERINGS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

Please help us grow and consolidate our parish finances by moving to digital offerings, whether to support the general funds of the Cathedral or to support particular appeals such as ABM, the Cathedral Pantry, the Church in Jerusalem or our Heritage program.

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Prayers for those in need

Joy Baldwin
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 Gladys Gray

Brian Holley
 Fay Kelly
 Ruth Kingsley
 Joan Marr
 John McAnally

Kay Metcalfe
 Eileen Rogan
 Val Rogers
 Muriel Shepherd
 Tammy Uren
 Jessie Usher

Remembering those who have died

Recently departed:

Year's Mind: Shirley Harris

Around the Parish this Week

Today **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
9.00am - Cathedral Live Online:
<https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/this-sunday>

Weekdays **Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer** are said at 8.30am and 5.30pm every day except Sunday mornings. We have a number of people from around the Diocese as well as parishioners who join us via Zoom for some of these daily prayer services. You are welcome to join us any time you are free. Simply use the following link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2379732870?pwd=eFRvaEpjWmJxaDZldDlkdVJiNm9Zdz09>

Afterschool Kids Club: Stay tuned for information about when this activity can resume.

Wednesday worship: 10.00am

Cathedral Youth Group: We hope to have more soon information about when this activity can resume.

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 Greg, Canon Camellia or Deacon Grant.

PLEASE MAINTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF VIGILANCE AND PERSONAL HYGIENE AS WE SEEK TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS

Next Sunday **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
9.00am - Cathedral Live Online:
<https://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/this-sunday>
10.30am - DEAN'S FORUM



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