



## Sixth Sunday of Easter 10 May 2026

Setting: A Community Mass – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)  
President: The Reverend Canon Camellia Flanagan  
Gathering in God's name *Page 119 (Green "A Prayerbook for Australia")*

**Introit** A Round of Praise – Music: Trad Czech folk melody; text based on Psalm 150

**Entrance Hymn** 121 TIS God himself is present

### Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

#### Sentence

'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'

John 14.23

#### Invitation to Confession

Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

*Silence may be kept.*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and a true heart.

#### The Collect of the day

O God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
joys beyond our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love for you,  
that, loving you above all else,  
we may obtain your promises  
that exceed all we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

Acts 17.22-31

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

<sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands,  
<sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.  
<sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,  
<sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.  
<sup>28</sup> For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,  
“For we too are his offspring.”  
<sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.  
<sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,  
<sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’  
Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** 66.7-8, 12-19 (Chant – Howard Helvey (1968- ))

*<sup>7</sup> O bless our God, you peoples:  
and cause his praises to resound,  
<sup>8</sup> Who has held our souls in life:  
who has not suffered our feet to slip.  
<sup>12</sup> I will come into your house with burnt-offerings:  
and I will pay you my vows,  
<sup>13</sup> The vows that opened my lips:  
that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.  
<sup>14</sup> I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts,  
with the sweet smoke of rams:  
I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.  
<sup>15</sup> Come then and hear, all you that fear God:  
and I will tell what he has done for me.  
<sup>16</sup> I called to him with my mouth:  
and his praise was on my tongue.  
<sup>17</sup> If I had cherished wickedness in my heart:  
the Lord would not have heard me.  
<sup>18</sup> But God has heard me:  
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.*

*<sup>19</sup> Praise be to God:  
who has not turned back my prayer,  
or his steadfast love from me.*

## **Second Reading**

1 Peter 3.8-22

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.

<sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.

<sup>10</sup> For

‘Those who desire life

and desire to see good days,

let them keep their tongues from evil

and their lips from speaking deceit;

<sup>11</sup> let them turn away from evil and do good;

let them seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>12</sup> For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

<sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,

<sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you;

<sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

<sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

<sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,

<sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water.

<sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

<sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

John 14.15-21

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon** The Very Reverend Naomi Cooke

**Offertory Hymn** 641 TIS This is my will, my one command

**The Great Thanksgiving** Thanksgiving 1 on page 128, preface 154

**The Lord's Prayer** Page 141

**Communion Anthems** If Ye Love Me – Thomas Tallis (1505 - 1585)  
God to enfold me – Stanley Vann (1910-2010)

**Post Communion & Blessing** Page 155

**Notices**

**Mission Hymn**

372 TIS Jesus lives! Your terrors now can, O death, no more appal us

**Organ Postlude**

Psalm XIX – Benedetto Marcello (1686 - 1739)

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## Unearth the Secrets of Grafton Cathedral: Heritage Tour 2026

**Great Mother's Day outing!**  
**Learn about our Cathedral**  
**from Mother Camellia**  
**Sundays 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 – 2.45**  
**Bookings from our website**

## Cathedral Parish Directory

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### Prayers for those in need

Joy Baldwin Sue Cotter Gail Gilmore Amy McArdle Betty Gilbert	Ruth Kingsley Roy Ford Mervyn Kingsley Brian Fowler Lynelle Lichon	Francis TeTana Kevin Vaughan Colin Clague Margaret Petersen	Aneta Jones Grace Clague Kahla Clague Patrick Fleming
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### Remembering those who have died

**Recently Departed:** Archie O'Keefe, Kathryn Lentfer, John McFarlane  
& Norman Walsham

**Year's Mind:** Ollie Layton, Iris Sanders, Graham Lentfer, Edna Murray, Derek Palmer,  
Vic Eggins, Dulcie Beazley, Valmai Ebeling & Gillian Mears.

## Around the Parish this Week

<b>Today</b>	<p><b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  <b>9.00am – Cathedral Live &amp; Online:</b>  <a href="http://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream">www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream</a></p>
<b>Weekdays</b>	<p><b>Morning Prayer</b> 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral &amp; via Zoom  <b>Evening Prayer</b> 5.15 Mon - Fri <b>Zoom only</b></p> <p style="color: red;">Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page <b>CALENDAR</b> to access via Zoom</p> <p><b>Cathedral Office</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri)</b></span></p> <p><b>Cathedral Bookshop</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri)</b></span></p> <p><b>Cathedral OpShop</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat)</b></span></p> <p><b>Wednesday Worship Eucharist</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>at 10.00 am</b></span></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>
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<p><b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>  <b>9.00am – Cathedral Live &amp; Online:</b>  <a href="http://www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream">www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream</a></p>
<b>Birthdays this coming week</b>	<b>Happy birthday</b> Colin Clague, Ruth Kingsley & Jade McDonogh

### 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.**

# 2026 CATHEDRAL CALENDAR



APRIL

**1-TAIZE  
2-MAUNDY THUR  
3-GOOD FRIDAY  
4-EASTER VIGIL  
FAMILY SERVICE  
5-EASTER SUNDAY**

MAY

**1-EVENSONG FOR  
EASTERTIDE  
3-FAMILY SERV 4PM  
6-TAIZE  
9-MEN'S BBQ BREK  
12-PARISH COUNCIL  
24-PENTECOST  
31-TRINITY SUNDAY**

JUNE

**3-TAIZE  
7-FAMILY SERV 4PM**

JULY

**1-TAIZE  
5-FAMILY SERV 4PM  
5-12- NAIDOC WEEK  
11-MEN'S BBQ BREK  
14-PARISH COUNCIL  
19-DEDICATION  
FESTIVAL**

AUGUST

**2-FAMILY SERV 4PM  
5-TAIZE  
14-EVENSONG**

SEPTEMBER

**1-5 OCT SEASON OF  
CREATION  
2-TAIZE  
6-FAMILY SERV 4PM  
12-MEN'S BBQ BREK  
15-PARISH COUNCIL**

OCTOBER

**4-FAMILY SERV 5PM  
7-TAIZE  
17-BLESSING OF PETS  
30-8 NOV - JACARANDA  
FESTIVAL**

NOVEMBER

**1-JACARANDA  
ORGAN RECITAL 3PM  
1-JACARANDA  
ECUMENICAL SERVICE  
4-TAIZE  
6-EVENSONG FOR  
ALL SOULS  
10-PARISH COUNCIL  
14-MEN'S BBQ BREK  
22- CHRIST THE KING**

DECEMBER

**2-TAIZE  
6-FAMILY SERV 5PM  
18-CAROLS &  
LESSONS 6.30PM  
24-CHILDREN'S  
SERVICE  
24-CHRISTMAS EVE  
MIDNIGHT  
25-CHRISTMAS DAY**

