



Third Sunday After Epiphany

Australia Day

25 January 2026

Setting: St Thomas Mass – David Thorne (1950-)

Gathering in God's name Page 119 (Green "A Prayerbook for Australia")

Preface, Post-Communion, Blessing (Australia) P 161

Introit: Let the words of my mouth – *Dulcie Holland (1913-2000)* Aust composer

Entrance Hymn 598 TIS Dear Father, Lord of humankind

Sentence

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4.23

Invitation to Confession P - 199

The Collect of the day

Loving God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
and the strength of the hearts that serve you:
help us so to know you that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may faithfully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Australia Day

Bounteous God,
we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land,
a land of despair and hope,
a land of wealth and abundant harvests,
a land of fire, drought and flood.
We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land
and bring forgiveness, reconciliation,
and an end to all injustice;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 9.1-4

¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalms 27.1-10 (Anglican Chant – Henry G Ley (1887-1962))

*¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?*

*² When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.*

*³ If an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.*

*⁴ One thing I have asked from the Lord,
which I will require:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,*

⁵ *To see the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to seek his will in his temple.*

⁶ *For he will hide me under his shelter
in the day of trouble:
and conceal me in the shadow of his tent,
and set me high upon a rock.*

⁷ *And now he will lift up my head:
above my enemies round about me.*

⁸ *And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary
with exultation:
I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.*

⁹ *O Lord, hear my voice when I cry:
have mercy upon me and answer me.*

¹⁰ *My heart has said of you, 'Seek his face':
your face, Lord, I will seek.*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom,
and healed all who were sick.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.’

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.

¹⁹ And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them.

²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Offertory Hymn 533 TIS I come with joy to meet my Lord

The Great Thanksgiving Thanksgiving 1 on page 128, preface 161

The Lord's Prayer Page 141

Communion anthems St Richard's Prayer – *Clifford Boyd (1930-2002) Aust composer*
A Prayer of King Henry VI – *Henry G Ley (1887-1962)*

Post Communion & Blessing Page 161

Mission Hymn 672 TIS *Lord of earth and all creation*

Organ Postlude "Westminster Abbey" – Dom Andrew Moore (1954-)

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An evening of music & food in the beautiful heritage Cathedral

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Saturday 14th Feb 2026

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| Recently Departed: Ivy Gray & Joy Smith | | | |
| Year's Mind: Olive McAteer, Thelma Thompson & Edna Hastings | | | |

| Around the Parish this Week | |
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| Today | Third Sunday After Epiphany 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream |
| Weekdays | <p>Morning Prayer 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral & via Zoom Evening Prayer 5.15 Mon - Fri Zoom only</p> <p>Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom</p> <p>Cathedral Office 9.00am–5.00pm(9-3 Fri) Cathedral Bookshop 9.30am–3.30pm(Tues-Fri) Cathedral OpShop 10.00am–4.00pm (Mon – Fri) 9.00-12.00 (Sat) <u>ALL THE ABOVE OPEN</u></p> <p>Wednesday Taizé 8.30am Worship Eucharist at 10.00 am</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> |
| Next Sunday | THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream CATHEDRALFAMILIES@5 5.00pm |
| Birthdays this coming week | Happy birthday to Max Johnson, Debra Kelsall, Roy Ford & Michael Willet |
| Cathedral Prayer | |
| <p>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.</p> | |



2026 CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

JANUARY

27-PARISH COUNCIL

FEBRUARY

**1-FAMILY SERV 5PM
4-TAIZE
14-VALENTINE'S DAY
EVENTS
17-PANCAKE TUESDAY
18-ASH WEDNESDAY
22-AGM**

MARCH

**1-FAMILY SERV 5PM
4-TAIZE
10-PARISH COUNCIL
12-CONSECRATION
21-MEN'S BBQ BREK
26-CHRISM MASS**

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
12-PARISH COUNCIL
16-MEN'S BBQ BREK
24-PENTECOST
31-TRINITY SUNDAY**

JUNE

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

JULY

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

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

