



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 23 August 2026

Gathering in God's name *Page 119 (Green "A Prayer Book for Australia")*
Setting: A Community Mass – Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Introit

Inclina, Dómine - Plainsong

Entrance Hymn

626 TIS Lord of creation, to you be all praise

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

Sentence

Martha said, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

John 11.27

Invitation to Confession

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Silence may be kept.

Let us therefore bring our sins before the one true God, in penitence and faith.

The Collect of the day

O God, fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 1.8-2.10

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced

labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' ¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

Psalm 124 (Anglican Chant – John Harrison (1808-1871))

*¹ If the Lord had not been on our side,
now may Israel say:*

*if the Lord had not been on our side,
when our enemies rose against us,
2 Then they would have swallowed us alive:
when their anger was kindled against us.
3 Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,
and the torrent gone over us:
the raging waters would have gone clean over us.
4 But praised be the Lord:
who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.
5 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler:
the snare is broken, and we have gone free.
6 Our help is in the name of the Lord:
who has made heaven and earth.*

Second Reading

Romans 12.1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 16.13-20

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
You are the Messiah,
the Son of the living God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Very Reverend Naomi Cooke

Offertory Hymn 446 TIS Glorious things of you are spoken

The Great Thanksgiving Thanksgiving 4 on page 136

The Lord's Prayer Page 141

Communion anthem There's a wideness in God's mercy
– Maurice Bevan (1942-2006)

Post Communion & Blessing Page 143

Notices

Mission Hymn 611 TIS God of grace and God of glory

Organ Postlude Fantasia in G minor – Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)



*Being Petrichor:
Hope in barren & parched lands*

Petrichor is the scent of rain, and, in times of drought, is a sign of hope in parched lands. Come and be refreshed with the Living Water in Scripture, silence, music and prayer.

Led by

REV KATHERINE BOWYER

SAT 5	Sept 2026	10am - 3pm Grafton Cathedral
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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:

[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/CATHEDRAL-QUIET-DAY-2026](https://events.humanitix.com/cathedral-quiet-day-2026)

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Remembering those who have died			
Recently Departed: Gae Palmer, May Orr, Victoria Moorhead and Barbara Simmons			
Year's Mind: Joan Brayshaw, Eileen Cartwright, Fiona Copson, Mary Pleffer, Artie Ford, Doug Campbell & Judy McKenna.			

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Around the Parish this Week	
Today	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream
Birthdays this week	Bob Booth, Robyn Vicary, Greg Nelson, Sue Cotter, Matilda Scott, Mavis McAnally, Barry Johnson, Margaret Tarrant & Allan Hayman 
Weekdays	Morning Prayer 8.30am Mon - Fri at the Cathedral & via Zoom Evening Prayer 5.15 Mon - Fri Zoom only Simply use the link on the Cathedral web page CALENDAR to access via Zoom 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) Wednesday Worship Eucharist at 10.00 am 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.
Next Sunday	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9.00am – Cathedral Live & Online: www.graftoncathedral.org.au/livestream
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

JULY

1-TAIZE
4-ECUMENICAL NAIDOC SERVICE 2PM
5-FAMILY SERV 4PM
5-12- NAIDOC WEEK
11-MEN'S BBQ BREK
25-MOTHERS UNION
150 ANNIVERSARY EUCHARIST 10.30
19-DEDICATION FESTIVAL

AUGUST

2-FAMILY SERV 4PM
5-TAIZE

SEPTEMBER

1-5 OCT SEASON OF CREATION
2-TAIZE
4-EVENSONG FOR CREATIONTIDE 5PM
5-CATHEDRAL QUIET DAY
6-FAMILY SERV 4PM
8-PARISH COUNCIL
12-MEN'S BBQ BREK

OCTOBER

4-FAMILY SERV 5PM
7-TAIZE
10-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 6PM
14-MEN'S BBQ BREK
17-PARISH COUNCIL
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



Evensongs for 2026 Cathedral Church of Christ the King Grafton

Creationtide

Friday 4 September 5.00pm
Preacher: Rev Katherine Bowyer

All Souls

Friday 6 November 6.00pm
Preacher: Rev Canon Sally Miller