



St Paul's Cathedral

Together transforming our City and Diocese

Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer

The Seventh Sunday After Trinity

19 July 2026, 8 am

*Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina,
Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379*

WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We want to be a place of transformation for our city and church where all people can come to experience and know God's love in Christ Jesus. We are an international community and are delighted that you're here!

At this service we follow Christ's command to remember him in the breaking of the bread. During the distribution of communion, all baptised Christians are welcome to receive and eat the bread and wine; others may receive a blessing. If you would prefer neither, please remain in your seat.

THE SERVICE LEADERS

President and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor.

Cantor: Canon Philip Nicholls, Director of Music.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*All stand for the procession. Please join saying those parts of the service printed in **bold** type, and in singing the Communion Hymn.*

THE GREETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The president welcomes the people, and acknowledges the Country on which we meet.

We meet on land that was taken, not ceded—the Sovereign Country of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation. We give thanks for their ancestors, acknowledge the ongoing right and responsibility of their elders to care for this Country, and pay our respects to all First Peoples here today.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets:

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

THE COLLECTS

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast revealed to thy Church thy eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like thy bishop Gregory of Nyssa, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of thee, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 28.10-19a

Read by Peter Burman

A reading from the Book Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel.

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

PSALM 139.1-9, 12-14

Please join in saying the verses of the Psalm printed in bold.

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.
You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.
For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.
You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.
Where shall I go from your spirit: or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.
If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand shall lead me: and your right hand shall hold me.

**For you have created my inward parts:
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I will praise you, for you are to be feared:
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

**You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you:
when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.**

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8.12-25

A reading from the Epistle of Paul to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labour, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Please stand for

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew: 13.24-30,36-43
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while everybody was asleep

an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

For the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson, Precentor

THE NICENE CREED

We stand and together affirm the faith of the church as we say:

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

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The following sentences are read:

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. *St Matthew 5.16*

Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth; where rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. *St Matthew 6.19*

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. *St Matthew 7.12*

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts 20.35*

The people are seated as the altar is prepared. The president gives thanks for the offering:

All things come of thee, O Lord: **and of thine own do we give thee.**

Please sit or kneel for

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church:

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy Holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness and peace; and so to direct all kings and rulers, that under them thy people may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto thy servant *Charles* our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, especially to thy servants *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury, *Mark*, our Primate, *Ric*, our Archbishop, and *Andreas*, our Dean, that they may both by their life and doctrine

set forth thy true and living Word and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Guide and prosper, we pray thee, those who are labouring for the spread of thy Gospel among the nations, and enlighten with thy Spirit all places of education and learning; that the whole world may be filled with the knowledge of thy truth.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy Holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [*specific intercessions may be added here*]. And we commend to thy gracious keeping, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them everlasting light and peace.

And here we give thee most high praise and hearty thanks for all thy Saints, who have been the chosen vessels of thy grace, and lights of the world in their several generations; and we pray, that rejoicing in their fellowship, and following their good examples, we may be partakers with them of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St Matthew 11.28

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2.1*

Please stand for

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.**

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed

through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again; Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

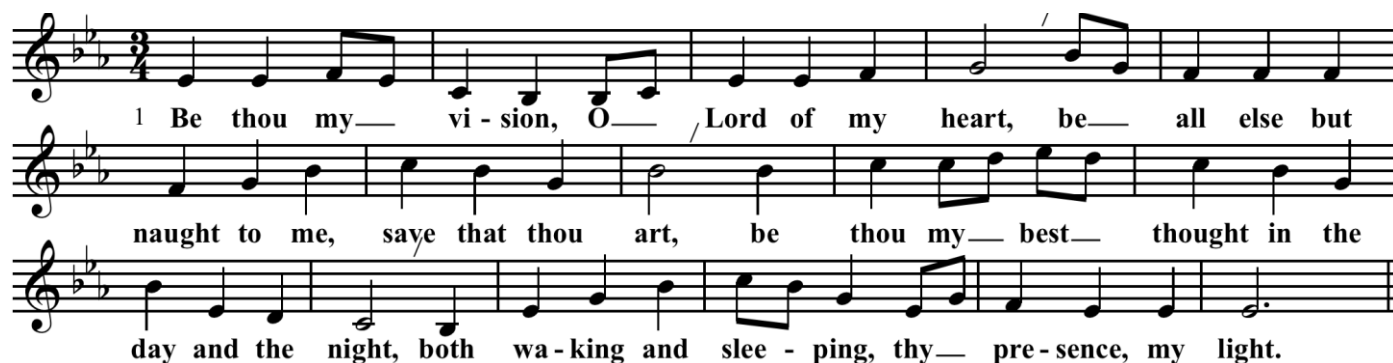
Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Communion. A welcomer will direct you. We have returned to sharing the common cup for those who would like to receive wine. You are welcome to receive only bread, or a blessing instead. Gluten free wafers are available.

During the distribution of Communion, please join in singing

THE COMMUNION HYMN



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart, be all else but
naught to me, saye that thou art, be thou my best thought in the
day and the night, both wa - king and slee - ping, thy pre - sence, my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
be thou my great Father, thy child let me be,
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor earthly vain praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish, 8th century, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
Versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)
New English Hymnal 339

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, **Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come.**
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And
lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Please stand

THE GLORIA

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please be seated for

THE NOTICES

Please stand for

THE BLESSING

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sundays during Services

LIVESTREAMED SERVICES

Sunday 8am & 10am

PRAY WITH US

FOR THE WORLD Lord our God, as we pray for diplomacy over violence in the world's trouble spots, hear our prayers for peace between nations and for all whose lives are devastated by conflict. Strengthen aid agencies and medical personnel as they strive to relieve suffering and bring care where it is desperately needed. Give help and hope to those affected by natural disasters, earthquakes, tornadoes, and wildfires. In Australia, we place before you the anxiety of poultry farmers facing the economic threat of bird flu. We give thanks for the Diocesan Ministry Conference, for its thoughtful program, careful organisation, and shared worship and fellowship. Guide participants to put their insights into action to bring about Diocesan renewal.

FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (Abp Ezekiel Kondo).

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN CHURCH The Diocese of Riverina: Bishop Donald Kirk; St Alban's Cathedral, Dean Thom Leslie; clergy, lay ministers and people.

FOR THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Marningatha Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Melbourne, Deanery of Port Phillip: St Luke's South Melbourne, Holy Trinity Port Melbourne, All Saints' East St Kilda, St James the Great East St Kilda, Christ Church St Kilda, St Silas & St Anselm Albert Park, Parish of Holy Trinity Balaclava and Elwood; Peninsula Grammar School.

FOR OUR CATHEDRAL Our Precentor, the Revd Canon Dr Tim Watson; our Succentor, the Revd Lydia Thangadurai; leaders of Bible readings & intercessions; Associate Clergy, the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Ames, the Revd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacher, the Revd Dr Garry Deverell, the Revd Canon Prof. Dorothy Lee AM FAHA, the Revd Canon Philippa Lohmeyer-Collins, the Revd Canon Glenn Loughrey, the Revd Canon Peter MacPherson, the Ven Archdeacon Ray McInnes, the Revd Canon Robert Vun, and the Revd Canon Jane Window.

FOR THOSE IN SICKNESS OR NEED Stephen Ames, Rowena Armstrong, Cynthia Balderstone, Christine Bandias, Chris Carolane, Cecilia Cheng, Ken and Robyn Dusting, Cecilia Francis, Noelene Horton, Greg Hurworth, Gaye Loughrey, Esme Mitchell, Celina Ong, Tania Perry, Skipper family, Vinson family, Lesley and Ray Way.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED Tracey Mander.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

- 19 Russell Tullie Madigan 1999
Ada May Hall (Congregation, Benefactor) 1982
- 22 Thomas Russell Hope Clark (Priest, Canon) 1998
Olive May Blake (Congregation) 2017
- 24 Emma Rodgers Goe (wife of Bishop Goe, Founder Mothers' Union Australia) 1901
Lindsay Thompson (40th Premier of Victoria) 2008
Ian Symons Heffernan (Congregation) 2013

NOTICES

We are delighted you have joined our service If you have any questions and would like to speak to a staff member, please phone the Cathedral office 9653 4333. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please fill out a Welcome Card available from the back of the Cathedral, so we can keep in touch with you.

Bible Studies Come and discuss Genesis at either of our two morning Bible studies. This Sunday the Precentor, Tim Watson, will kick-off our five-week series at both the 9.15am and the 11.45am Bible studies looking at Genesis 28. It's an intriguing passage where Jacob has a dream of the famous "stairway to heaven." Both studies take place in the David Penman Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

Genesis Series At the morning services from July 19-Aug 16 we will have five weeks looking at Genesis 28-45. The series will include famous passages like Jacob's ladder, Jacob marrying Rachel, Jacob wrestling with God, Joseph's betrayal by his brothers and the final, tearful reconciliation in Egypt. We will read stories of deception, love, family dysfunction, suffering, exile, reconciliation and surprising blessing. Jacob is fearful and manipulative; Joseph experiences betrayal and injustice; brothers carry guilt and jealousy; families struggle with favouritism and division. Yet through all of it, God remains faithful to his covenant promises. The five Sunday morning sermons will be augmented by five Sunday morning Bible studies especially written for the series. If you haven't started already, we encourage you to begin reading Genesis. Any questions to Canon Peter MacPherson.

Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 22 July, 1pm: Robert Sholl (Organ) Robert Sholl is currently an organist and academic in the UK, and has studied in Melbourne, Paris, and London. This recital presents some classic organ works by J.S. Bach, Herbert Howells, Jeremiah Clark, and Marcel Dupré, alongside the world premiere of *Towards a still point* by Melbourne-based composer Tom Henry, a short improvisation by Dr A.E. Floyd, organist of St Paul's Cathedral (1914-47), and an improvisation on a well-known Australian theme.

Thursdays at Two Next week, on Thursday 23 July at 2pm, Samantha Clarke is looking forward to sharing stories about the work of Mercy Ships in providing free surgical care, medical training and healthcare education in sub-Saharan Africa through its hospital ships. With patients' stories, videos and personal insights, Samantha will share the remarkable impact of this work in her presentation entitled "The Life Changing Work of Mercy Ships". All are invited and will be very welcome to come to Thursdays at 2 to hear Samantha and enjoy a time of fellowship over afternoon tea.

Congregational Meetings Dean Andreas will lead congregational meetings on August 23rd after each of the morning services.

Get to Know You At the two morning Bible studies on August 30, Dean Andreas will lead a “Get to Know You” session. The idea is that he will interview three people at each session (six people in total) asking them to tell some of their story: how they became a Christian and how their faith shapes their lives today. If you would like to volunteer to be interviewed please speak to the Dean or one of the other clergy.

Bellringers The St Paul's Cathedral Bellringers rang a quarter peal for the Provincial Choral Eucharist of the cathedral on Sunday 28th of June. The Bellringers are always recruiting and would love to speak to anyone interested in taking lessons. Contact Tower Captain Paige on 0400 063 741.

Baptism Confirmation and Reception Choral Eucharist will be held at 4pm this afternoon. 16 candidates will be baptised, they and 4 others will be confirmed, and 2 received into the Anglican church by Bishop Alison Taylor and our own clergy. Please come along to this multi-lingual service to support the candidates from our Farsi, Mandarin and English congregations. PLEASE NOTE, following this, there will not be a 6pm service.

TWO CATHEDRAL EOFY FUNDRAISING APPEALS

Farsi Ministers and ECC We are so pleased that Revds Pedram and Leili Shirmast have joined us on a shared full-time load. We need to raise funds for their stipend and to enable Pedram to lead our ECC program during Canon Chris Carolane's sick leave. The total cost of funding these ministries for the next twelve months will be roughly \$150,000. Tax deductible donations can be made via the Melbourne Anglican Foundation:
<https://melbourneanglicanfoundation.au/donate-migrants-refugees-settlement-fund/> choosing 'St Paul's Cathedral' or the Office. We much value your support!



Halo Heaters Isn't it lovely and warm in the front part of the nave thanks to our new Halo Heaters? We are now hoping to connect the next four heaters towards the entrance of the Cathedral and also place Halos into the Macartney and Ascension Chapels. We are raising a total of \$750,000 to upgrade our electrical infrastructure. Again, tax deductible donations can be made via the Melbourne Anglican Foundation: <https://melbourneanglicanfoundation.au/donate-melbourne-anglican-cultural-organisation/> choosing 'Light Up St Paul's Cathedral' or the Office. Thank you for your gifts!



ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Our friends at St Jude's Carlton are raising funds to replace the organ which was destroyed in the terrible church fire in 2014. Costs are \$250,000 and tax-deductible donations can be made through the Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation, by navigating to "St Jude's Carlton Organ Appeal".

OUR ADVOCACY FOR JUSTICE

First Nations Justice We want to see a more just settlement for all Indigenous People. Our Governing Body, the Cathedral Chapter, supports the path to reconciliation outlined in the Statement from the Heart through Voice, Treaty, Truth Telling and Makarrata (Justice). We provide resources so that we can educate ourselves and value respectful and informed debate on this important issue.

Refugee Justice We want to see a strong, supportive and diverse society. That's why we campaign for refugees and seek to build greater public awareness about asylum seekers. We provide free cultural and language classes, and work to be a safe place where migrants and refugees can make new friends and rebuild their lives.

Climate Justice We want to see greater and quicker action to mitigate the climate crisis we face. We're an inaugural member of Victoria's Climate Pledge, TAKE2, and work to reach net zero as soon as possible. That's why we use only energy from renewable sources and take continued action to reduce our waste and emissions.

Safe Kids and Families We strongly condemn any form of abuse - in church, at our workplace, or in the home - and are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable people. Our staff and volunteers complete training and relevant checks. If you have any concerns about child safety, please ring 1800 135 246 (Kooyoora Professional Standards). If you face family violence and need help, please ring 1800 732 732 (1800 RESPECT) or 13 92 76 (13 YARN) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis Support.

READ THE BIBLE WITH US

You may like to use these readings, which the Cathedral Clergy and staff use for daily prayer, as part of your personal devotions throughout the week.

Mon: Ps 48; Romans 1.26-32

Tues: Ps 50; Romans 2.1-11

Wed: Ps 51; Romans 2.12-24

Thurs: Pss 54, 55.1-12; Romans 2.25-3.8

Fri: Pss 56, 57; Romans 3.9-20

Sat: Pss 62, 63; Romans 3.21-31

Next Sunday: Genesis 29.15-28; Psalm 128; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.44-58

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Mon 20 July	12.15pm Holy Communion 2.30pm English Conversation Class 5.10pm Evening Prayer in Simple English
Tues 21 July	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong 6.30pm Lowther Hall Chamber Strings Concert (Open to school community)
Wed 22 July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Lunchtime Concert: Robert Sholl (Organ) 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Thurs 23 July	12.15pm Holy Communion 2pm Thursdays at Two: Samantha Clarke, Ambassador for Mercy Ships Australia 2pm Anglican Schools Service 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Fri 24 July	12.15pm Holy Communion 5.10pm Choral Evensong
Sat 25 July <i>St James the Apostle</i>	12.15pm Holy Communion 1pm Farsi Fellowship کلیسای جامع پولس رسول ملبورن پذیرای فارسی زبانان عزیز می باشد و جلسات پرستشی به زبان فارسی، هر هفته شنبه ها ساعت ۱۲:۱۵ ظهر برگزار می شود.
Sun 26 July	8am Holy Communion (<i>Book of Common Prayer</i>) <i>Preacher: The Revd Leili Shirmast</i> 10am Choral Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Leili Shirmast</i> 1pm Mandarin Service 圣保罗大座堂有一个中文群体在每个星期日下午一点正崇拜 <i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Robert Vun</i> 4pm Choral Evensong <i>Preacher: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor</i> 6pm Gather at St Paul's Sung Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Lydia Thangadurai, Succentor</i>