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Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia Parish Church of the City since 1846



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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

23 July 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language in the Handfield Chapel) 9.30am FAMILY MASS 11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2nd & 4th Sundays).

6.00pm Low Mass (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday in the Handfield Chapel.

This is also live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Sarah Dowe, Allie, Roger Boey, Rob Berryman, Susanne Marsden, Sue Tan, Christie and Shirley O'Connor, Bruno Lezzi, Terry Maher, Robert Saliba, Shirley Sinclair, Nelson Rufatt, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Fr Rob Whalley, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED James King, Lallie Smith, Frances Joan Wellam, John Capp, Wendy Hudson Pr, Margaret Boyle.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- July 23 John Adams, Ernest Reglar
 - 24 Donald McCall, Ronald Franc
 - 25 Joyce Bruce, Isobel Letts, Joseph Ernest Mack, Anne Mawbey, John Preston Walker
 - 26 Arthur Blakson, Elsie Louise Brooks, Basil Cooper, Edwyn Hall, Laura Harrison, Albert Hearn, Donald Murray, Olive Plunkett
 - 27 Fred Carlisle Armstrong, Elfreda Moira Housden, Charles Prior, William Rayment, Amy Ward
 - 28 Felix Arnott BISHOP, Lucy Garlick, Reginald Miller
 - 29 Richard Garton, Philip Jenkins, Myrtle Liversidge

Please contact Eugene Chin at the Parish Office or email office@stpeters.org.au to have names added to the sick list. They will remain on our prayer list for one month unless requested to be extended.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.

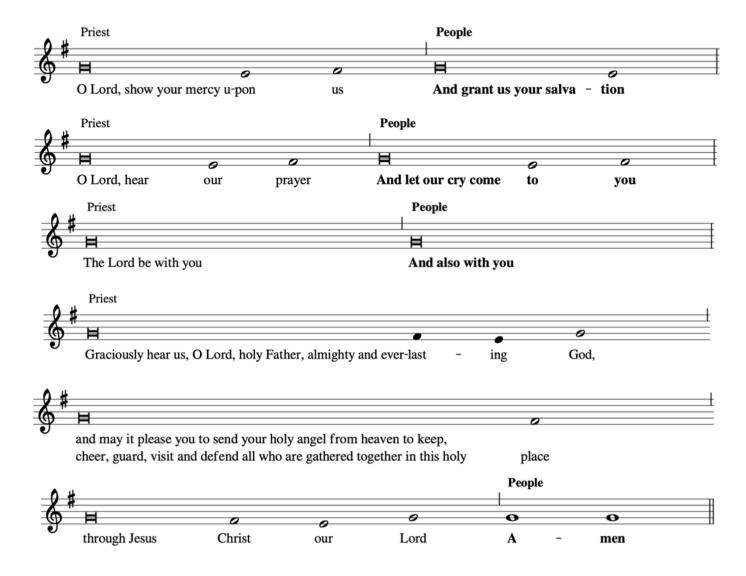
Mass setting: J. Langlais (1907-91) Missa in simplicitate

Introit Hymn: NEH 414 O for a closer walk with God

At 11.00am the sanctuary party enters the chancel to prepare for the Asperges.



The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant intones the responsory.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

V. God, save me by your name, and by your strength defend my cause. See, I have God for my help...

Celebrant:

In the name of the Father, ♣ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Please kneel

The Deacon introduces the Confession:

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.

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution.

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 Kyries are sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Christ have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.

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. 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.
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. Amen.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 44.6-8

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

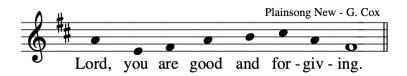
- ⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
- I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.
- ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.
- Who has announced from of old the things to come?* Let them tell us* what is yet to be.
- ⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 86



You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication. **R.**

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. **R.**

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me. Give your strength to your servant. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8.12-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

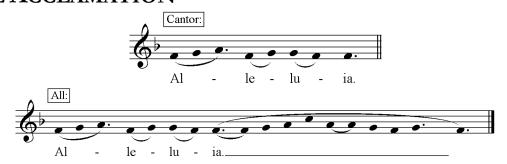
¹² So then, brothers and sisters,* we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba!* Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness* with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I 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 bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; 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 is seen? 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

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

²⁴ 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!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Philip Gill.

Please stand for the Creed.

[A copy of the music for the Sung Creed is available at the back of the church.]

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, 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, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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; 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, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel. After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light ★ perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. Celebrant:

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON [Sung by the choir]

The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and his judgments are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb, for your servant keeps them.

Offertory hymn NEH 401 Light's abode, celestial Salem

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant:

Blessed are you, Lord God... Blessed be God forever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and fglory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.

The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.

At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the

Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:



Celebrant:

We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

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 peace.

Celebrant:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament. All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION MOTET Sung by the choir.

G. Fauré (1845-1924) Ave verum corpus

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 387 Jesus, good above all other

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANGELUS

At 11.00am only The Angelus is led and sung by the Celebrant. The church bell rings three times during the recitation of the Hail Mary, and nine times during the final Collect.





Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray. We beseech thee O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.

Postlude: J. Langlais Pasticcio

If you are a new parishioner, or a visitor to St Peter's, please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door as you leave the church. All are welcome for refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

Readings for

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost OS17

1 Kings 3.5–12, Psalm 119.129–136, Romans 8.26–end, Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

NOTICES

Parish PO Box NO longer in use.

Please do NOT send any letters or documents to our old PO Box, as it has been closed and no longer in use. All post should be addressed to 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002

For your Diary

Ethics of Health Care Funding – A Conversation and Book Launch (Wednesday 1 November 2023 4.00pm)



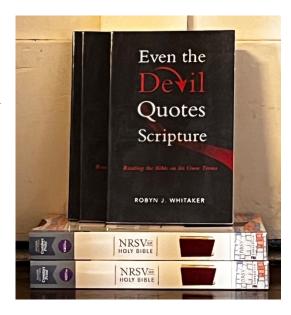
Our own Stephen Duckett will be having his book launch on this date, please go to Trybooking for more details and to book.

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St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

St Peter's Bookroom is representing St Peter's this Sunday afternoon at St John's Toorak, by launching Robyn Whittaker's new book: **Even the Devil Quotes Scripture**. Robyn is associate professor of New Testament at the University of Divinity, Melbourne.

Even the Devil Quotes Scripture: Reading the Bible on Its Own Terms by Robyn Whitaker



Robyn J. Whitaker looks to the Bible as a guide to interpreting the Bible, and her findings breathe new life into our understanding and use of Scripture. The uses of Scripture within Scripture are flexible, open to frequent reinterpretation, and rarely literal.

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Whitaker ascertains one definitive characteristic of inner-biblical interpretation: love. After all, the Old Testament passage most frequently quoted in the New Testament is Leviticus 19:18: "Love thy neighbor." Thus, Whitaker proposes a hermeneutic of love-a litmus test for the validity of a scriptural interpretation measured in charity. Ideal for any devoted reader of the Bible, **Even the Devil Quotes Scripture** opens our eyes to the Bible as a living, loving gift of God's unfolding revelation.

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Weekly Reflections

Imagine. Emperor Tiberius, known in his latter years as "the old goat", holed up in a mansion on the Isle of Capri, receives a curious visitor: one Mary from Palestine, by the lake of Galilee. What is this person doing

here? Why has she come? She enters his room holding out, of all things, an egg.

He has been told she is a woman of means, and yet her hands are creased, and her face is, he notices, sun scorched – deeply lined between the brows and around the eyes. "Jesus of Nazareth," she says, "whom my people had crucified at the hand of your governor, has risen from the dead." She



lowers her eyes, and lifts her hand. "As surely as Life breaks forth from the egg, he has broken out of the tomb. ... I saw him with my own eyes. He spoke to me."

He scoffs. "There is as much chance of that, Madame, as that egg in your hand turning red."

He cannot believe his eyes. She smiles, with a kind of triumph in hers. The egg is bright red.

As his attendants escort her away, he can hear her voice reverberating against the stone of the corridor. *I saw him: he has broken out of the tomb.****

On Saturday July 22nd falls the Feast of Mary Magdalene. The Byzantine legend of Mary evangelising Emperor Tiberius may be no more than that: legend. What it preserves is the memory of Mary Magdalene as a rather bold woman of means, sent out by our Lord to proclaim the Easter mystery. In the East she is called the "myrrh-bearer", a title that alludes to her encounter with the risen Lord when bringing spices to anoint him in the tomb. The title neither exalts her as an inapproachable heroine nor demeans her as a penitent whose past somehow clings to her, even as she is held up as an example of moral redemption. She was a relatively ordinary woman—albeit one of extraordinary courage—who was graced by our Lord.

Like many of the apostles, we do not know a great deal about her. We are told that Jesus performed an exorcism on her, and that she was one of the women who left home and family to take his yoke upon herself, ministering to him as he ministered to the people of Galilee and beyond (Luke 8.1-3). We are pretty sure she was one of the few disciples who witnessed in horror as he was crucified, and that she was among the first to encounter him once he had risen from the dead, being sent out to bear witness to him. Hence, in the Western Church, she is declared "an apostle to the apostles."

On her feast we call on her to pray for us, that we may be firmly rooted in the mystery of faith, which she, with all the apostles, has bequeathed to the church: that Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead, and that all who embrace him in faith, though we die, shall surely live with him.

Mthr Kathryn



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Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass 6pm Low Mass [1^{st} , 3^{rd} & 5^{th} Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2^{nd} & 4^{th} Sundays]

Weekday Services

Mon-Fri Mass at 8.00am (9.00am on Public Holidays); Wednesday 1:15pm Mass; Saturday 12noon Mass Special Devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham on the 4th Saturday of the month Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 7.00pm

Clergy and Lay			Parish Council
Ministers	Each ID	0.400.070.040	Membership
Vicar:	Fr Michael Bowie		Fr Michael Bowie (President)
Assistant Priest:	Mthr Kathryn Bellhouse		Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)
Associate Clergy:	Fr Graeme Brennan		Peter Griffin (Treasurer)
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and Programs			Stuart Hibberd
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	den)	0419 335 793	We are an inclusive and welcoming
	Rachel Ellyard (People's Wardens)	0419 572 033	church, built on the unceded lands of
	Daniel Ferguson		the Wurundjeri people. Our mission
COVID Safe & Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793	is: "Worshipping Christ in the Eu- charist; serving Christ
Flowers:	Michael Upson	0492 964 984	in the world".
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