Welcome to ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 3RD DECEMBER 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language) 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 (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube) Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Baby Leo, Bp Peter Hollingworth, Malcolm Delbridge, Frances O'Neil, Julie-Anne Bird, Janine Harris, Susanne Marsden, Col Robinson, Lena Sheridan, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Athol Leach, Barbara Ure-Smith, Sophia Errey, Michael Malady, Margaret Ong.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

December

- 3 William Outhwaite A'Beckett
- 4 Charles Joseph La Trobe, Edwin Edward Pitman
- 5 Thomas Best, Richard Banfield Kent, Elizabeth Le Roux, Bruce Maxwell Lowman, John Howell Wilkes, Violet Irene Chapman
- 6 Janet Campbell
- 7 Dorothy Champion, John Frewer BISHOP
- 8 Amy Archer, Hope Amelia Gay, Helen Clarine Seager
- 9 Hector Robinson BISHOP, Monica Sheffield

Please contact the Parish Office or email <u>office@stpeters.org.au</u> 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: Kenneth Leighton (1929-88) Communion Service in D

The Great Litany replaces the introit hymn and the asperges for the season of Advent at 11.00am.

God the Father, have mercy on us.

God the Son, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt of your word and your laws,

good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

good Lord, deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder and dying unprepared, good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgement,

good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation, good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; and by your preaching of the kingdom,

good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; and by your precious death and burial,

good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

good Lord, deliver us.

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

Hear us, good Lord.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, good Lord.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, good Lord.

Guard and strengthen your servant, Charles the King, that he may put his trust in you and seek your honour and glory.

Hear us, good Lord.

Endue the members of our parliaments and all who govern us with wisdom and understanding.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all.

Hear us, good Lord.

Remember the ancient peoples of this land and forgive the sins of ignorance and neglect done against them.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep all your people.

Hear us, good Lord.

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

Lord, have mercy.

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.

Lord, have mercy.

Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Lord, have mercy.

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble. Lord, have mercy.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. Lord, have mercy.

Hear us as we remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the peace of Christ, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. **Lord, have mercy.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal: have mercy on us.

The celebrant censes the altar during the Kyries, which are sung by the choir.

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Christ have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 64.1-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make our name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of our hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80



Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Stir up your might, and come to save us. **R.**

Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand has planted. **R.**

Let your hand be upon the one at your right, the one whom you have made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 13.24-end

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

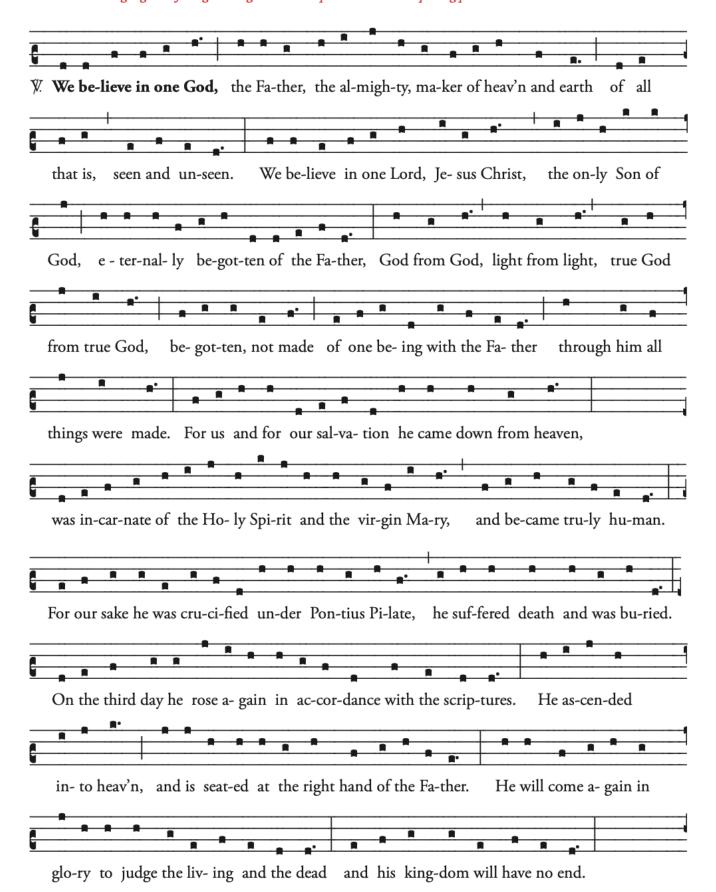
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

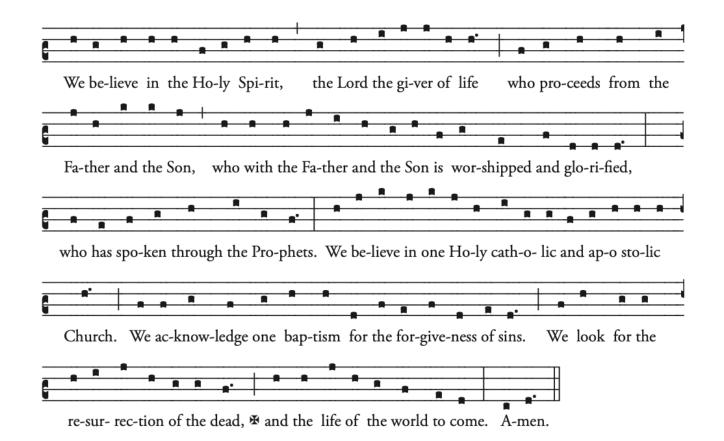
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Greg Davies

The Creed

All stand and sing together facing the High Altar. The priest intones the opening phrase.





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]

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Offertory hymn NEH 9 Lo! he comes with clouds descending.

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 glory 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:

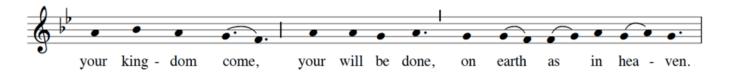


Celebrant:

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.

Samuel Webbe (1740-1816) Rorate caeli

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 14 The advent of our God

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:

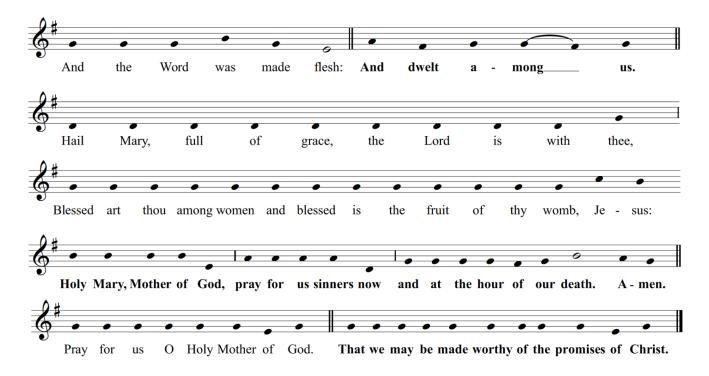
Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

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

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.





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: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645)

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 December 10th

Isaiah 40.1–11; 2 Peter 3.8–15a; Mark 1.1–8

NOTICES

For your Diary

Advent 2 – Latrobe Sunday

Advent Study Group: The Meaning is in the Waiting by Paula Gooder

With Carol O'Connor, Wednesday, 2.15pm (after the 1.15pm Mass). In the Vicarage. Wednesdays: 29th November; 6th 13th & 20th December, 2023.

'One of the oddest features of Advent is that it requires us to wait for something that has already happened, as well as something that has not.'

What does it mean to mark time for an event that happened two thousand years ago? To wait for the birth of Christ that we experience year after year? More awkwardly, how does the anticipation of 'end times' fit into this double vision of Advent?

Come along this Advent and join us to engage with a biblical view of time reflected upon by Paula Gooder. Each candle on the Advent wreath represents a biblical character or characters in the long run-up to Jesus' life. In her book, The Meaning is the Waiting, Paula Gooder explores who they are and why they matter.

Please let Carol in the Bookroom know if you are interested in coming along and order a copy of Paula Gooder's book.

Sunday December 24		Morning Masses for Advent 4
	6pm	Christmas Eve Children's Mass
	-	with the telling of the Nativity
		story and the arrival of St Nicholas
	10.30pm	High Mass and blessing of the
	-	Crib

Monday December 25	10.00am	High Mass for	Christmas Day
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Sunday December 31	8am	Low Mass
Feast of the Holy Family	9.30am	Family Mass
	11.00am	High Mass

7.00pm Festival of Lessons and Carols,

followed by New Year celebra-

tions in the parish hall

Monday January 1 9.00am Mass Mary, Mother of the Lord

Weekly Reflections

Reflection for the First Sunday in Advent, the 1st of December 2023. Written by Philip Harvey for the pew notes of St Peter's Eastern Hill, Melbourne.

Iniquity is not a word we hear every day. It is not the first word we use when complaining about something or someone iniquitous. It would be unusual for someone to say of another, that their problem is their persistent iniquity. Yet, when we read the paper, browse the browser, glance at news screens, a main theme is a world of iniquity.

Wickedness, sin, vice, lawlessness, the synonyms are familiar to all of us. Though when Isaiah uses the word he seems not simply to be talking in such specific terms. Iniquity is a state that we fall into, easy to do and much harder to extract ourselves from. Our hearts are drawn into this state, such that we find excuses to prolong the condition. At its worst, "we all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away." We live with our wrongdoing, persist quite willingly, while longing to be free of it. Isaiah discerns this as separation from God: "there is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you."

Far from treating this as a simplistic equation of righteousness versus unrighteousness, Scripture takes time to describe the intrinsic relationship between ourselves and our Maker. It's not just others' problem, it's our

problem. Those who "remember you in your ways" will be aware that "we are all your people", we may be forgiven and known, where our iniquity will not be remembered forever.

This God, "who works for those who wait for him", remains present. In this, the words of the Gospel are insistent as those of the Prophet. To know neither the day nor the hour of his arrival is to be on constant alert for that moment. Distractions and diversions, excuses and tiny litanies of iniquities, are not going to cut it. Overcoming separation, keeping watch, staying awake are imperatives. It is a message repeated often enough for anyone to hear.

Given the choice, this makes sense of the ecstatic opening to the letter to the Corinthians, residents of a city not unfamiliar with iniquity. Thanks are given to God for the grace given in Christ Jesus, "for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind." They are told that "he will strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord."

Isaiah 64: 1-9, 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9, Mark 13: 24-end.

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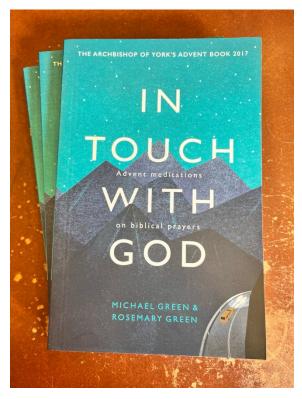


Advent is here!

See our wide range of wonderful titles - from small booklets (\$5.95) to more reflective, longer reads.

A wide range of wonderful Advent calendars are still available - choose one for yourself or your family to open each day of December until Christmas.

RECOMMENDED TITLE



In Touch With God: Advent Meditations on Biblical Prayers

By Michael Green and Rosemary Green

Make this Advent a time to refresh and enhance your spiritual life by reflecting on some of the greatest prayers in the Bible and the people who prayed them.

Abraham, Moses, Hannah, David, Isaiah, Mary . . . This sequence of twenty-five inspiring meditations looks at how our forebears in faith turned to God, both in

times of trouble and times of joy and celebration.

These deeply prayerful reflections on Scripture will help you get in closer touch with God throughout this Advent season and beyond into the year ahead.

\$26.95

St Peter's Bookroom Book Fair 2024 - storage space

High quality book donations are already starting to arrive for the next Book Fair in September 2024.

We are in great need for dry and safe storage spaces. Do you have an empty garage or know of a space we could use? It needs to be relatively close to the city for access.

Please let us know in the Bookroom if you can assist.

Carol O'Connor

email: bookroom@stpeters.org.au

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News from the Foundation.

All Are Invited - Foundation Soiree and Celebration Please Join Us on 7 December 6-8pm in the Parish Hall

This will be a lovely evening of celebration with Foundation supporters and all parishioners to celebrate and give thanks, Excellent food by Peter Rowland, French champagne and a beautiful musical performance.

Please book at:

https://www.trybooking.com/CNLJK

Note: As in past years, the evening is fully funded by a private benefactor — Foundation funds are NOT used.

Foundation Christmas Appeal

Please give generously

We need your help to continue our important work, providing breakfast and support services to the most disadvantaged, every day of the year We need to raise an additional \$100,000 this Christmas.

This will enable us to serve a sit down breakfast every weekday, as we did before the pandemic, for all of 2024.

It will also enable us provide much needed Christmas cheer packages and some dignity to those who have nothing.

You can donate through this link: https://www.spehcf.com.au/check-out/donate?donatePageId=62f5171f2cd41248af0bbb71

Giving thanks for our Daily Mass



A thank you to Christy, a regular daily Mass worshipper of over 30 years for organising and hosting an early Christmas celebration for the regular daily Mass worshippers.

Annual Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our annual parish meeting. It was well attended and progressed in a timely and orderly manner. Thank you to all who are stepping down and congratulations to all who have been elected



and taken up positions in Parish Council and as Wardens, thank you.

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