Welcome to ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



Jesus said ... I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. John 10.9

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
30 APRIL 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.

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

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Bp Michael Hough, Fr Roger Kelly, Peter-Barnabas Wild, Shelley Young, Eileen McSweeney, Sharon Mulready, Nelson Rufatt, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Rob Whalley, Helen Drummond, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Jenny Pickering, John McLaughlin, Stephen Miles PRIEST, Kate Jessup, Paul Kathner, Verity Anne CSJE, Don McDonald.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- April 30 Bruce Chinnery, Marjorie Doreen Dover
- May 1 Sr Margaret Anne CHN
 - 2 Annie Eggington, Arthur Gunston, Alan Lawton
 - 3 Andrew James Bennie, Mary Robbins
 - 4 Roberta Alicia Lyons, Elizabeth Jane Trehern
 - 5 William A'Beckett, Helen Claridge, William James PRIEST, May Johns, John William Stringer PRIEST,
 - 6 Grace Ferguson, Carol Hunter, May Johns, Made Sukarna

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:

Entrance Hymn:

[9.30am & 11.00am] NEH 105(i) Christ the Lord is risen again

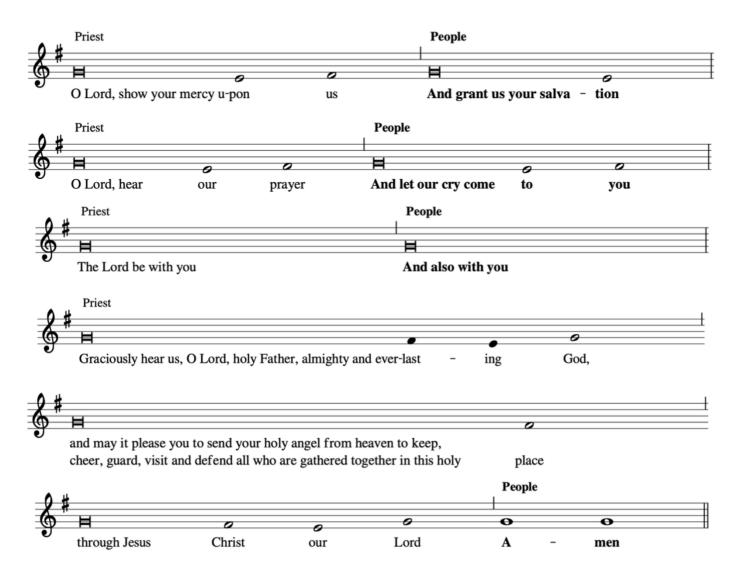
9.30am Family Mass begins on page 4.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth, alleluia; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, for praise becomes the upright. The merciful love...

Celebrant:

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

Christ is Risen. Alleluia.

He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

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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.

God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep;
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 2.42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

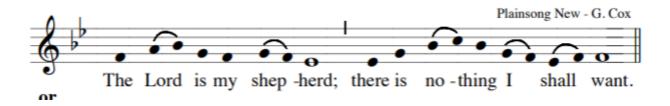
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell

their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. R.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. R.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. R.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. R.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Peter 2.19-25

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you. And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [10.1-10]. H Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the sheepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him

because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved,

and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

At High Mass Notices and Liturgical Welcome to Mother Kathryn Bellhouse as Assistant Priest in the parish. See page 19.

Please sit for the Homily by Mthr Katherine Bellhouse

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 risen Lord be always with you. And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON [Sung by the choir]

O God, my God, to you do I watch at break of day, and in your name I will lift up my hands, alleluia.

Offertory hymn NEH 282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me

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 9.30am the Sanctus is sung by the people. 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.

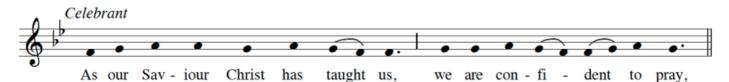
The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



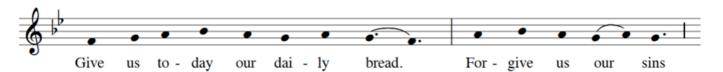
The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:

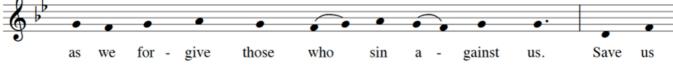
Bles sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power are yours_for e-ver and_ e - ver. A - men.





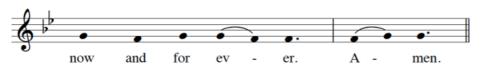












Celebrant:

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.

The Celebrant recites silently the Communion Antiphon.

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.

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 77 The God of love my Shepherd is

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. Alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia. He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia. As he promised hath arisen, alleluia. Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia.

O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy unto the world: grant we pray that by the help of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of life eternal, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Postlude: K. Leighton (1929-88) Fantasia on 'St Columba'

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 the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

NOTICES

[See page 18 for Weekly Reflections]

Welcome Mthr Kathryn Bellhouse as our new Assistant Priest We extend a very warm welcome to Mthr Kathyrn this morning for her first Sunday with us as Assistant Priest at St Peter's. Please keep Mthr Kathryn in your prayers as she settles in to her ministry with us.

Roster to Polish wood in the church! Following our clean up of the church on Holy Saturday, we realised that the wood in the church needs some appropriate polishing. We need three to four volunteers to assist with this task on the first Sunday of the month following High Mass, for the next three months. On Sunday May 7th we hope to start with the Handfield Chapel. Polish and cloths will be provided and it will take no more than one hour. If you can help please write your name on the sheet at the back of the church or see Fr Greg.

Why a Book Fair?



Living in an age where there is a superfluity of books and also belonging to an Anglican church which maintains the ministry of a bookshop, you would think having an annual Book Fair is obvious. This year we have two! Charging a basic \$2- a book and taking just on \$8 000 within only one-and-a-half days over a weekend (10)

hours in total), you also would think reason enough for a Book Fair.

For us at St Peter's, resources and time are limited. But now after mounting our 12^{th} – or is it the 13^{th} ? – Book Fair, we have our routine in place.

But are these reasons enough? It is not just the quantity but the high quality of hardcopy books looking for a new readership which is impressive. Much of this literature is not available in public libraries, or readily available for readers in spirituality. There are generous quantities of excellent fiction and non-fiction, but we also receive donations from retiring clergy and deceased estates. Our theology library sources are bountiful. It causes much joy and comfort for the donors to know the books will go to good homes. The amount of very good theology and spirituality alone justify their airing to find the right students, clergy, and other seekers of God. Before our Book Fair we toss a lot of the dross; yellowing dusty Penguins don't stand a chance. We make connections into the Diocese and beyond by advertising widely, sending a personally addressed email to each Anglican parish in Melbourne, and to all the Catholic and Anglican theological schools and libraries. What was left-over this time was minimal. Last Monday it took one van to remove the left-over theology to Corpus Christi College for re-sorting into their seminary library, and another single van took the rest to an Opp Shop in Thornbury. The skip, which had been ordered to take residual books, was used for other purposes. By 11am, the hall was once more spick and span, all done and dusted.

But again, are the above reasons enough?



Increasingly what is most inspirational is how parishioners and friends come and work together during this whole process. Last week over 40 volunteers signed up to help. Five were non-parishioners. From beginning to end, and especially during the event itself, bonds of friendship grew and the great

sense of our community deepened. The Book Fair is about working together in fellowship and friendship. It's about social health, mental health, spiritual health. Phil Stranieri's Sausage Sizzle and Dawn Best's Devonshire Tea were a testament to our need to sustain our physical health! Just before beginning the event Fr Michael blessed the Book Fair, reminding us that we are each models to others in what the best Christian communities can look like. So, at 10am Saturday morning, we flung wide the doors and welcomed all and sundry into the St Peter's Hall. Carol O'Connor

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Philip Harvey writes ...

For a little while now, Australia has been a land of long 5-wire fences and stock grids. Sheep are familiar in the landscape, but not shepherds. Yet the role of the shepherd is perfectly understood in time and imagination, such that it takes little to explain the claim "The Lord is my shepherd" in our most commonly used psalm. Identifying the nature of this necessary relationship is a salutary exercise.

As we know, every line of the psalm lists a prized value in our relationship with the Shepherd. We will not be left in complete want. He provides rest from our difficulties. He takes us into stillness. He restores us and leads us in the right way. Even if we find ourselves in darkness, or are met with evil, we will not be afraid, his presence is with us. Even surrounded by enemies, he won't simply be present but actually provides a meal for our sustenance. Furthermore, a meal that offers everything we need and more: the cup overflows. Having such a watcher and guide is enough for a lifetime, says the psalmist, where being within cooee of the Shepherd is to be at home in the world. We need not be alone, nor are we self-sufficient.

Clearly, this person is more reliable than your average politician, lawyer or bureaucrat. And though fallibility is human, the Shepherd is also a model for how we may relate to those around us. Anyone, in fact. This seems to be what's happening in the community described in Acts. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers... [they] ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising

God and having the goodwill of all the people." Peter takes it further, encouraging us to follow the example of Christ's suffering, he who "committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." He assures us that even when we go astray, we can return to the one he calls "the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

John is useful in reminding us that those who are with the Shepherd "know his voice." Becoming familiar with that voice, following where he goes, and listening at every opportunity, in whatever way feels valid, is to be in a place of relationship, security, stillness, and learning – all of the valuable factors for life, growth and well-being expressed in the psalm this morning. LITURGICAL WELCOME OF THE REVEREND KATHRYN BELLHOUSE AS ASSISTANT PRIEST IN PARISH OF ST PETER.

Vicar: We are called to be the Body of Christ, the community of the Holy Spirit. The risen Lord Jesus pours out on his baptized people gifts and graces for the various tasks of the Church.

Today, we welcome Mother Kathryn Bellhouse, called, recognised, and ordained as a priest in the Church of God, serving in this parish of St Peter, as Assistant Priest.

Mother Kathryn, at your ordination, you vowed that you would be an ambassador for Christ in the places to which you are called, faithfully and humbly ministering the doctrine, sacraments and discipline of Christ; that you would be diligent in prayer and study, and would be a faithful pastor to all whom you are called to serve and lead, striving together with them to build up the Body of Christ in truth and love, in unity and peace.

I ask you now, in the presence of those you will chiefly serve, do you promise faithfully to fulfil those vows in your ministry here?

Mthr Kathryn: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Vicar: People of St Peter's, you have heard Mother Kathryn renew her commitment to serve you, the people of God in this place. Will you pray

for her, encourage her, and work with her that we may all be ambassadors of Christ and the peace he brings in this place?

All: We will, by God's grace.

Vicar: Mother Kathryn, on behalf of the people of God gathered here, I welcome you, and greatly and warmly look forward to working with you in ministry to this community and the wider Church.

The congregation responds with applause.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass 6pm Low Mass [1st,3rd &5th Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2nd & 4th 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 Ministers			Parish Council
			Membership
Vicar:	Fr Michael Bowie	0432 072 213	Geoffrey Bush-Coote
Assistant Priest:	Mthr Kathryn		Rachel Ellyard
	Bellhouse		Fr Michael Bowie(Presi-
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	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976	Peter Griffin (Treasurer)
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711	Stuart Hibberd
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	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112	(Secretary)
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Churchwardens:	(Vicar's Warden) Michael Gronow (People's Wardens) Rachel Ellyard Daniel Ferguson	0411 289 318 0419 335 793 0419 572 033	We are an inclusive and welcoming church, built on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri people. Our mission is: "Worshipping Christ in the Eucharist; serving Christ in the world".
COVID Safe & Child Safety Officer: Director of Music. Flowers: Guild of St Benedict: Head Server: Music Administrator: Organist: Parish administrator: Pastoral care: Prayer Link & Pastoral:	Rachel Ellyard Andrew Raiskums Michael Upson Daniel Ferguson Anthony Schepis Sue Wuttke Rhys Arvidson Eugene Chin Di Clark Fr Roger Prowd	0419 335 793 0439 556 627 0492 964 984 0419 572 033 0400 578 952 0422 866 286 0405 277 853 03 9662 2391 0407 354 987 0417 323 112	
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