WELCOME TO

ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

Diocese of Melbourne – Anglican Church of Australia Parish Church of the City since 1846.



Rubens "The Triumph of the Eucharist over Idolatry" (1625)

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 22ND AUGUST 2021

Ever living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called them each may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

WEEKLY MUSINGS

The gospel reading brings to conclusion a journey through John chapter 6. It began with the feeding of the 5,000 with the loaves and fish and concludes with Jesus' followers turning away because of the shocking claim that he gives his body to eat and his blood to drink. This journey from food for the body to sustenance for the spirit highlights the challenges of the pandemic when we can't meet either to worship or to share a meal.

The chapter began so positively and hopefully with people having their fill of bread and fish. It ends with the scenario of the crowds leaving Jesus because of the difficulty of his teaching - the low point coming with Jesus' questioning of the disciples, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Peter chooses to stay, and he gives two clear reasons. The first is that Jesus has the words of eternal life, and the second is their experience of him as 'the Holy one of God'. This is one of those occasions when Peter gets it right, but many people could not take what Jesus said and turned away. Perhaps they thought that in following Jesus, God would continually bless them by fulfilling all their desires! If that is what they thought following Jesus meant, they would have been disappointed indeed.

As we read through the New Testament, we gain an understanding of what this spiritual food is that Jesus offers us. He offers us healing, comfort and peace amid the trials of life not as an escape from them. In the 19th century the priest and author, Charles Kingsley wrote this about Jesus in his *Daily Thoughts*:

What was Christ's life? Not one of deep speculations, quiet thoughts, and bright visions, but a life of fighting against evil; earnest, awful prayers and struggles within, continued labour of body and mind without; insult, and danger, and confusion, and violent exertion, and bitter sorrow. This was Christ's life. This was St Peter's, and St James's, and St John's life afterwards.

Jesus appeared to the disciples on the evening of his resurrection (John 20.19-29) and in the midst of their fear and confusion he offered them peace. It would not be peace as the world gives, but as God gives. It is a peace that comes from facing trouble and hardship not in our own strength but in the strength of Christ who gave himself for us and who offers us his spiritual sustenance today.

Fr. Phillip Gill

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Due to the latest pandemic lock-down public worship is not currently permitted; but we warmly invite you to join us online for Mass, live-streamed to FaceBook and YouTube.

MASS SETTING: J. Langlais (1907-91) Missa in Simplicitate

The sacred ministers process to the altar steps; the celebrant then censes the altar.

INTROIT

Incline your ear to me, O Lord, and hear me; O God, save your servant who trusts in you; have mercy on me, O Lord, for unto you do I cry all the day.

Vs. Gladden the soul of your servant, for unto you, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul. Glory be etc.

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.**

The celebrant chants the collect for purity.

The cantor sings:

Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy
Christe eleison Christ have mercy
Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy

The celebrant 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.

The Gloria.

Gloria in excelsis Deo Glory to God in the highest,

et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. And on earth peace to men of good will,

Laudamus te, We praise you, benedicimus te, We bless you, adoramus te, We adore you,

glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam

gloriam tuam,

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,

qui tollis peccata mundi,

miserere nobis;

qui tollis peccata mundi,

suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,

tu solus Dominus,

tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe,

cum Sancto Spiritu:

+ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen

We glorify you.

We give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father,

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

You take away the Sins of the world,

have mercy on us,

You take away the Sins of the world,

receive our prayer

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

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 chants the collect of the day. Please then be seated for the readings.

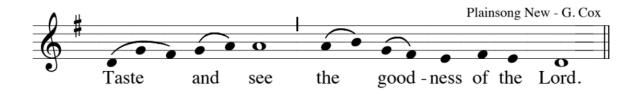
THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Joshua 24.1-2a, 15-17, 18b read by Eugene Chin

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "If you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

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

PSALM 34 led by the cantor, please join in the refrain.



I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. **R.**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. **R**.

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. **R.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned. **R.**

EPHESIANS 4.32 - 5.2, 21-32 read by Eugene Chin

Beloved, be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church.

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

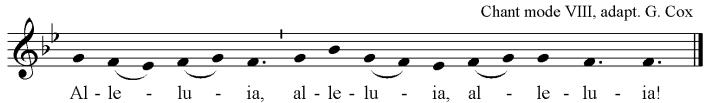
Please stand.

GRADUAL

Bonum est confiteri Domino : et psallere nomini tuo, Altissime

It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing in honour of your name, O Most High.

ALLELUIA



THE GOSPEL

Celebrant:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6.53, 60-69)

+ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." When many of his disciples heard this, they said: "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can

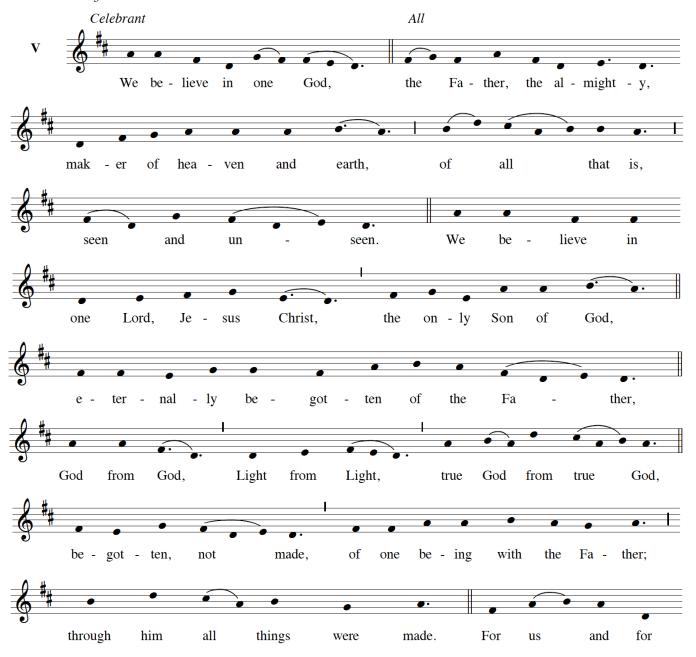
come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back, and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

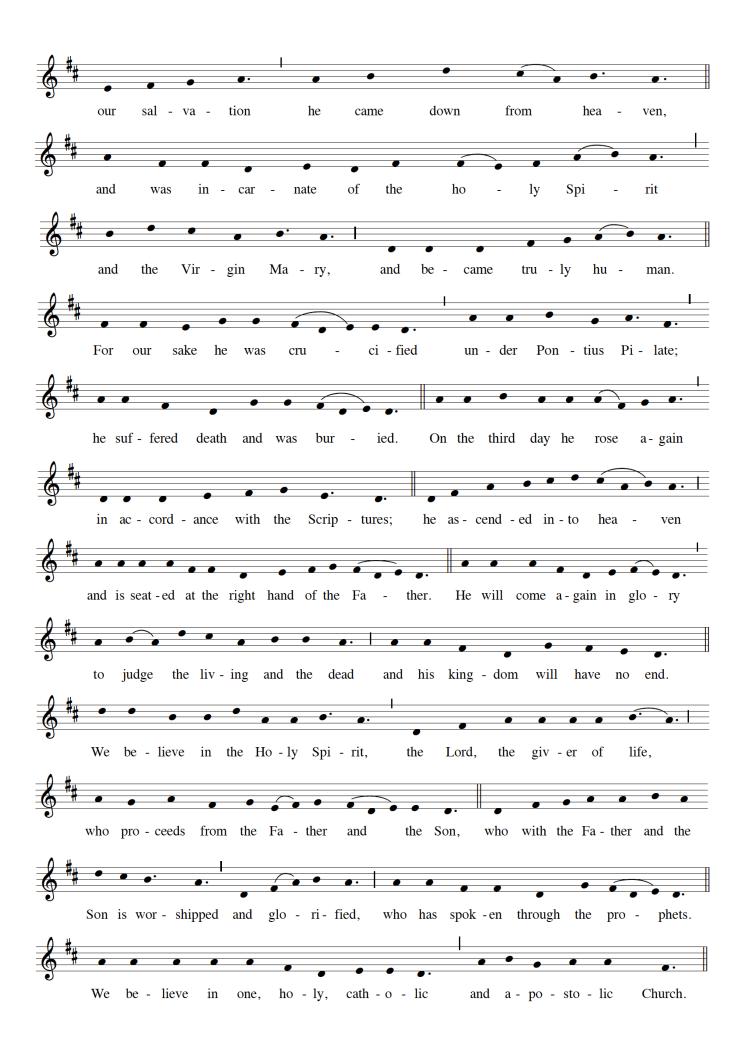
This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

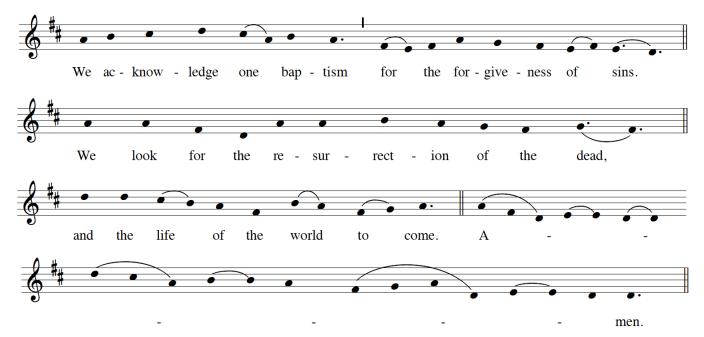
Homily: Fr Hugh Kempster

After the homily there is a short time of silent prayer.

Please stand for the Credo.







All kneel for the Prayers of the People, led by Eugene Chin. 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.

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

With expectation I have waited for the Lord, and he has cast his look upon me; he has heard my supplication and he has put a new canticle in my mouth, a song to our God.

MOTET: R.V. Williams (1872-1958) O Taste and See.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 Church.

Celebrant:

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, leading to ...

Celebrant:

...forever praising you and saying:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Holy, holy, holy

Dominus Deus Sabaoth. God of power and might, Pleni sunt caeli et terra heaven and earth are full

gloria tua. of your glory.

Hosanna in excelsis.

+ Benedictus qui venit
in nomine domini.

Hosanna in the highest.

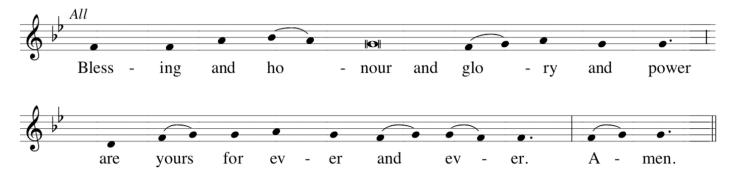
+ Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in excelsis

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:



All chant the Lord's Prayer:



Celebrant:

We who are many are one body. For we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling. The cantor leads:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

dona nobis pacem.

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, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Breaking of the Bread & Communion

The Sacrament is shared.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him, saith the Lord.

At the conclusion of the communion of the people, there is a time of silent prayer.

SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The celebrant chants 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 a blessing and dismisses the congregation:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Postlude: Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist (BWV 667), J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, Kate Castle, Craig D'Alton PRIEST, David Curtis, Rhonda Graham, Wendy Hancock, Siew Hung, Tara Kendon, Russell Kennedy, Roman Kerr, Tim McKew, Martin Moran, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Liz Prideaux, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, Judy Ryles, John Small, Ronald Stroud, Michael Upson, Paul Wheelton & Peter.

AS WELL AS:

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Jenny Allen, David Bornstein, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Alice McCraith, Mary Montague, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Robin Page, Jenny Sasse, John Stewart BISHOP, Margaret Sutherland, Ian Thornton, Barbara Ure-Smith & Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Gary Bouma PRIEST

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun $22^{\rm nd}$ Mary Beatrice Fleet, Brian Gill PRIEST, Athol James Kennedy, Jane Lamb, Catherine Anne Purcell, Lucy Shepherd, James Touzeau Mon 23rd Clara Baker, Gladys Ruth Hammond, James Lovett Tue 24th Amy Crellin, Albert William George, Francis Bannantyne Lewis, Douglas Owen Loveday, Elsie Mitchell Wed 25th William David Gibbs, Charles Hollis 26th Elizabeth Agar, Adelaide Burrell, Ivey Maie Cayley, Henry Williams Thu 27^{th} Fri Harriet Gooley, Arthur Howell, Selina Lucas, Muriel St Clare McCall, Alice Mirchin, Daniel Newham PRIEST, David Roberts

Ken Engelsmann, Elsie May Fielding, Graham Tibbitt

FAITH FORUM

"Listen, the river is singing"

Mary Oliver and the gift of learning to pay attention



Sunday August 22nd, 12.30-1.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting: https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/84019602519

Meeting ID: 840 1960 2519

This month Carol O'Connor will facilitate a session on contemporary poet Mary Oliver. Mary Oliver's poetry is full of questions: about life, the natural world, the way we inhabit our environment. This session is a brief introduction to her poetry, discovering together some of her insights and sharing their meaning for us today. These sessions are open to all. No Cost. This is part of the Faith Forum series at St Peter's Anglican Church. Faith Forum is an opportunity to explore and discuss matters and issues of faith and spirituality.

Please contact Fr Greg to express your interest, and with any ideas for future forums: ph. 0417 992 976 or e-mail gregdavies121@icloud.com

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM ROSARY GROUP

The Cell of Our Lady Walsingham went online last year, and our rosary group has now been meeting via Zoom for eighteen months!

We meet five days a week at 5pm (on weekends too during lockdown) to pray for



the community and the world and of course to offer devotions to Our Lady of Walsignham.

Ours is a diverse group, and via the magic of Zoom we're pleased to welcome members from interstate and overseas, with one of our regular rosary leaders dialling in from Singapore.

If you're interested, join us via the Zoom link: https://rmit.zoom.us/j/91989236310

You don't need to be a rosary expert to join us, nor are you expected to lead any of the sessions, unless you want to!

If you're interested in joining our prayer sessions feel free to follow the Zoom link or email alaetaulealo@gmail.com; we can even send a set of rosary beads and an instruction booklet to you. You can also email through any intentions you'd like the group to pray for.

INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE NEWS

From the Parish representatives on the Incumbency Committee

UPCOMING PARISH MEETING – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

With Fr Hugh now in his tenth and final year as Vicar of St Peter's Eastern Hill, preliminary meetings of the Incumbency Committee's three elected members, Stephen Duckett (Wardens), Carol O'Connor (People) and Craig Wilson (People) have occurred to discuss the process and start a search for possible candidates.

On 28 July, the members met with our Regional Bishop, Bishop Genieve Blackwell, to clarify the membership of the committee and the process to be followed. The full membership of the Incumbency Committee is Bishop Genieve, Archdeacon Heather Patacca, our three elected members (above), a clerical consultant and a lay consultant to be nominated from respective panels held by the Diocese. Prior to formally convening the Incumbency Committee, Bishop Genieve asked that a Parish Profile be prepared, and this is well advanced.

The Bishop also asked that a Parish consultation meeting occur between the Archdeacon and the congregation. The purpose of the meeting is to invite the congregation to express its views in looking to the future of St Peter's.

Once the Incumbency Committee has agreed on a short list of candidates, the Bishop approaches the candidates to determine whether they wish to be considered. CVs are received and typically three or four candidates are interviewed over a short period of time. A list of questions and clear assessment criteria are prepared beforehand.

Throughout the process the names of candidates understandably must remain confidential to the Committee.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the process with one of us, please feel free to do so. Similarly, if you have names you'd like to put forward as possibilities, please let any one of us know.

The members of the Incumbency Committee look for your prayerful support throughout the process and suggest this prayer for guidance:

God of Grace, you judge your people with wisdom and rule us with love.

Give a spirit of understanding to the members of the incumbency committee
that they may make wise decisions
that will give glory to you and be a blessing to your people.
God of all Wisdom, you are our eternal shepherd and guide.

In your mercy grant your Parish of St Peter a shepherd after your own heart
who will walk in your ways and with loving care watch over your people,
that your name may be glorified.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



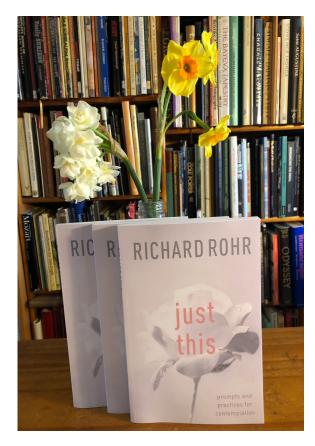
Alissa Duke, "St Peter's Eastern Hill – Cityscape" (2019)

St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplies

Just This by Richard Rohr \$32.95

A collection of brief and evocative meditations and practices. **Just This** invites us to cultivate the gift of waking up to the beauty of reality in all its glorious ordinariness. With his signature blend of contemplation, theology and pastoral sensitivity, Fr Richard Rohr creates a spaciousness for the soul to grow into a kind of seeing – one that goes far beyond merely looking, to recognizing and thus appreciating.

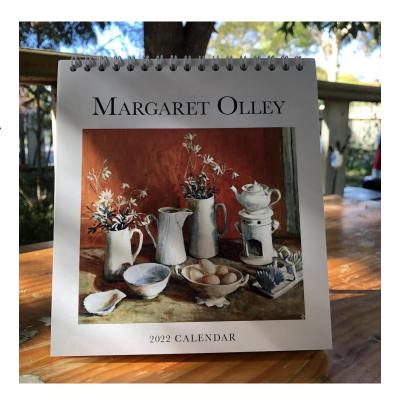
This is the heart of contemplation, the centerpiece of any inner dialogue that frees us from the traps of our perceptions and preoccupations. The contemplative mind does not tell us what to see; it teaches us how to see what we behold.



Though our doors on Gisborne St are closed, we are still open for Mail Orders and Click and Collect! Look on website for lots of interesting and stimulating books, gorgeous cards and gift items. You can stay within your 5km radius and still find that special, beautiful gift for someone you hold dear in your life.

This beautiful range of mainly Australian Art Wall and Desk Calendars is printed on Archival Art Paper. Each page has a frameable image. There are also large boxes for each day to record your diary dates. Spiral bound the Wall Calendars measure 23cm x 33cm.

Artists include Margaret Olley, Criss Canning, Delvine Cockatoo-Collins, Jo Hollier, Clarice Beckett, Doris Black, Rebecca Cool Banksy.



BOOK FAIR

Due to the continuing serious nature of the Covid19 pandemic and the unpredictable timing of Lockdowns, we have decided it is in all our best interests to postpone the Book Fair until March next year.

The Book Fair will now be on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March 2022.

If any parishioner has storage facilities for our ever-growing numbers of books, please contact Carol in the Bookroom at bookroom@stpeters.org.au

Looking very much forward our 2022 Autumn Book Fair!

St Peter's Bookroom, 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne 3002 Situated in the St Peter's Parish Hall, on the street side, facing St Patrick's Cathedral. P: (03) 9663 7487 E: bookroom@stpeters.org.au www.bookroom.stpeters.org.au

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Sunday Service (during lock-down)

10.30 am Mass - live-streamed on FaceBook and YouTube

Weekday Services (during lock-down)

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays) – live-streamed on FaceBook Saturday Mass with Devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham (3rd Sat. of the month) – live-streamed on FaceBook Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm – live-streamed on FaceBook

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	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
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Guild of St Benedict	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
Head Server:	Anthony Schepis	0400 578 952
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Organist:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853
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Alae Taule'alo

Parish Council Membership

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Rachel Ellyard
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Stuart Hibberd
Fr Hugh Kempster (President)
Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)
Terry Porter
William Southey
Peter Wild
Sue Wuttke

We are an inclusive and welcoming Church, built on the lands of the Wurundjeri people.
Our mission is: "Catholic Evangelism: Growing in God's love".

