WELCOME TO

ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



Domine, quo vadis? Annibale Carracci c. 1601-02

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021

God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WEEKLY MUSINGS

There's no question Melbourne is not where it wished to be at this stage in the pandemic. Vaccine supplies remain low and we cannot vaccinate people faster than the virus can infect them.

Our duty as Christians to follow public health orders is perhaps clear, but that doesn't mean it's easy. Christian charity isn't a sentimental axiom, but rather living in obedience to Christ, which entails an emotional cost.

And many Christians have been challenged by the apparent silence of God during the pandemic: the deaths of loved ones, the lost livelihoods, the years lost to ennui and stasis. Where are we to find God in this?

One of the paradoxes of our faith is the idea that from the death of God in Christ has also come God's glorification and victory over death through the same. We believe Christ's death and resurrection has instituted a new covenant of grace and forgiveness. But on a more basic level, we also believe Christ's resurrection brought meaning to the excruciating pain of his Passion, and by extension to the suffering of all humanity.

It's what we mean by the old cliché "offer it up" when we commend the problems in our daily lives to God. By offering up the suffering in our lives, we unite it to the redemptive sacrifice of Christ. Our faith tells us that by comingling our suffering with Christ's, God the Father will bring expiation and meaning where we see only distress.

This is one of the unique things God is able to do: bring meaning to suffering. Suffering is an integral part of the human condition -- gratuitous and in and of itself meaningless. But God is the great creator of meaning, although this meaning is not always available to us. As we continue this long and painful journey of lockdown, let us trust that God the Father mysteriously brings about good somewhere in the Mystical Body as a fruit of the disappointment, anxiety and uncertainty we offer Him.

Alae Taule'alo

GATHERING IN **G**OD'S **N**AME

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: The Oratory Mass, M. Martin (b. 1976)

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

INTROIT

Grant peace to those you are waiting for you, O Lord, so that your prophets may be proved trustworthy; hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel. Vs. I rejoiced when it was said unto me: "Let us go to the house of the Lord." 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, We

Laudamus te, praise you,
benedicimus te, We bless you,
adoramus te, We adore you,
glorificamus te. We glorify you.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam We give you thanks for your great glory.

gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe, Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father,

qui tollis peccata mundi, You take away the Sins of the world,

miserere nobis; have mercy on us,

qui tollis peccata mundi, You take away the Sins of the world,

suscipe deprecationem nostram. receive our prayer

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, You are seated at the right hand of the Father,

miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, For you alone are the Holy One,

tu solus Dominus, you alone are the Lord

tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

cum Sancto Spiritu: With the Holy Spirit,

+ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen + In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

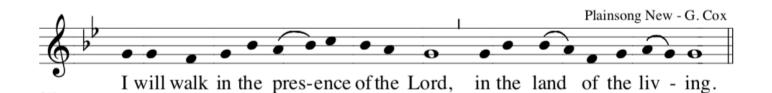
The celebrant chants the collect of the day. Please then be seated for the readings.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 50.5-9 read by Eugene Chin

The servant of the Lord said: "The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. "The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. "Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?"

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



I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. **R.**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!" **R.**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.
The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. **R.**

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**

JAMES 2.14-18 read by Eugene Chin

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If brothers or sisters are without clothing and lack daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

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

Please stand.

GRADUAL

Laetatus sum in his quae dicta sunt mihi: in domum Domini ibimus.

V. Fiat pax in virtute tua, et abundantia in turribus tuis.

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

V. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

ALLELUIA



THE GOSPEL

Celebrant:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (8.27-35)

+ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

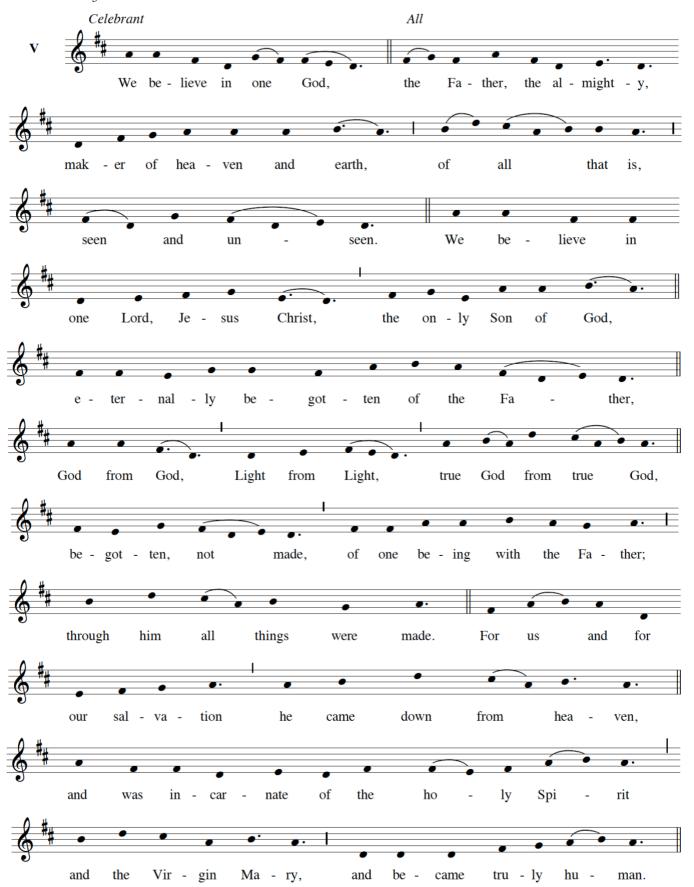
Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." Jesus asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

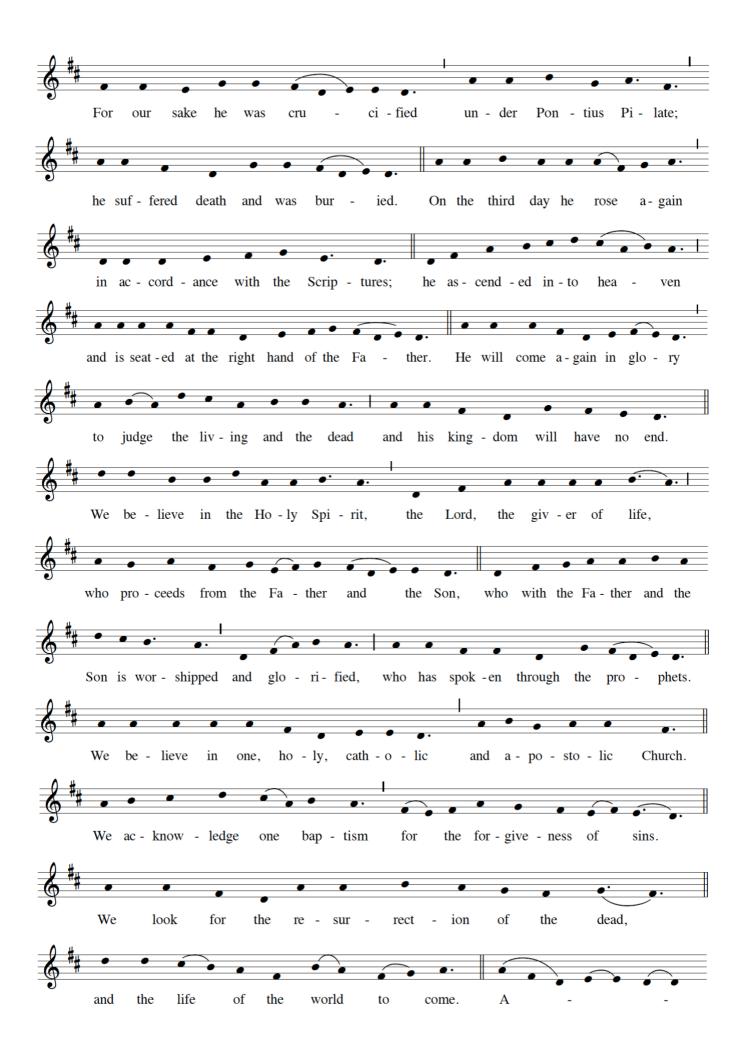
This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Fr Philip Gill

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

Moses consecrated an altar to the Lord, and presented thereupon burnt offerings and sacrificial victims; he made an evening sacrifice as a fragrant offering to the Lord, in the presence of the sons of Israel.

MOTET: Christ is the world's true light, W. K. Stanton (1891-1978)

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.

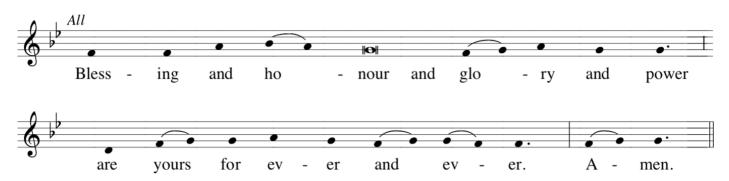
+ Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in excelsis

Hosanna in the highest.

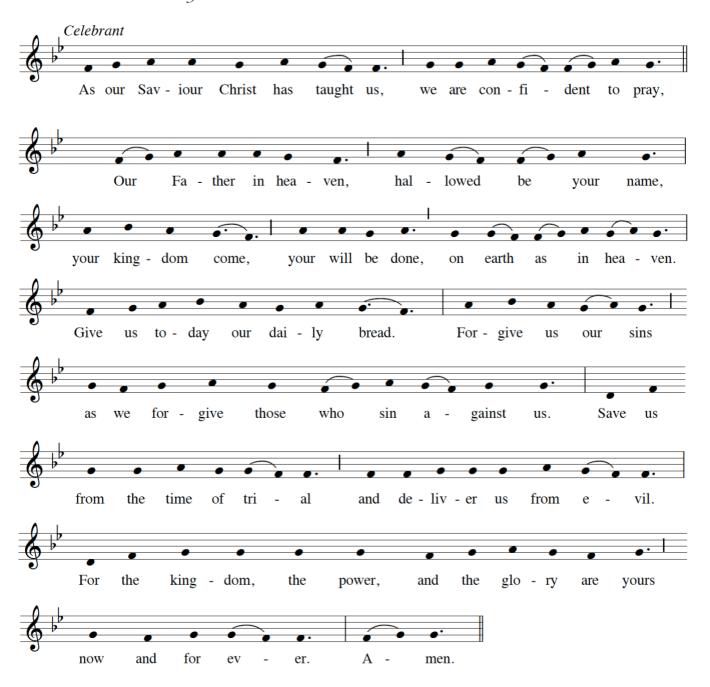
The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



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

If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

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: Prelude in C, J. Massenet (1842-1912)

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, Kate Castle, David Curtis, Wendy Hancock, Janet Hubner, Russell Kennedy, Martin Moran, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Liz Prideaux, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, Judy Ryles, John Small, Ronald Stroud, Paul Wheelton & Peter.

AS WELL AS:

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

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Robert J. Michael Etheredge

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

- Sun 12th Mary Nankervis, Caroline Rees
- Mon 13th Martha Elizabeth Keartland, Anne White
- Tue 14th John Oliver Feetham BISHOP, Ethel Gordon, Edward Robertson
- Wed 15th Geoffrey Fisher BISHOP, Mary Mead, Beryl Florence Nickson, Lorin Mary Prentice
- Thu 16th Annie Ethel Linda Cooper, Margaret Cuthbert, James Fraser PRIEST, Margaret Louisa Massie
- Fri 17th William Arnold, Jack Bradshaw, Isabella Hume, Suzanne Liversidge, Sr Pamela CHN, Elizabeth McDonald, Francis O'Hara
- Sat 18th Francis Vivian de Voss, Joyce Helen (Joy) Hosking, Thomas Maher, Daisy Parsons, Betty Reidy, Joyce Schnell, Robert William Ramsay Wrigh

INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE NEWS

From the Parish representatives on the Incumbency Committee

Sunday 26th September 2021

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.

Fr Hugh's final Mass celebrated will be on Sunday 5th December 2021 at the 10:30am High Mass. He has accepted a letter of offer to serve as Senior Chaplain to Melbourne Grammar School, from January 2022.

On 28th 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 on Sunday 26th September after the 10.30am High Mass (restrictions permitting). 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.

Parish Mission Action Plan Tagline Consultation

St Peter's Parish Mission Action Plan (MAP) for 2021-23 has been agreed by Parish Council and can be found at https://www.stpeters.org.au/about-us

The MAP provides a framework for our worship, parish life and outreach in the coming years.

As part of finalising the MAP, Parish Council has endorsed a simple tagline that sums up the spirit of the plan and St Peter's unique charism:

Worshipping Christ in the Eucharist; serving Christ in the world.

Parish Council invites feedback from parishioners on how well these words capture our distinct charism and the content of the MAP.

Feedback will need to be finalised ahead of the incumbency committee process, which has now begun in earnest.

Please provide feedback in writing to Alae Taule'alo by email: <u>alae.taulealo@rmit.edu.au</u> before next Friday, 17 September.

FAITH FORUM

An invitation to join a conversation on issues, questions, challenges of faith and spirituality.

WHEN: September 26th

TIME: 12.30PM TO 1.30PM

MEETING ONLINE

Zoom Link:

https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/83549237807

Meeting ID: 835 4923 7807

TOPIC FOR THIS MONTH

Prayer for 'hard times'! Facilitator: Roland Ashby.

Roland will lead us in a journey of prayer – sharing some of his experience in meditation and contemplative prayer. This will be an opportunity to share our own experiences of prayer as well as ask questions and explore new options for prayer especially in the midst of a pandemic. What does prayer offer? Can it really help us? What works and what doesn't for us when it comes to prayer?

All welcome! For more information or help in connecting to zoom contact **Fr. Greg** on **0417 992 976**

FRANCISCAN JOY



A DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION ON WHERE JOY
IS TO BE FOUND ... IN THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND IN
EVERY CHRISTIAN LIFE

SATURDAY 9th OCT 9.30am - 3.00pm

On Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84976254385 (or https://bit.ly/3nfIcmR)

LISTENING. SHARING. PRAYER SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

For enquiries and registration contact Mthr Pirrial Clift tssf

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St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplies

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.

A Time to Speak by Ray Cleary. \$19.95



A Time to Speak by Ray Cleary is a challenge to the churches in Australia to recover their prophetic voice; to engage with Australian society and systems, to reflect on the tradition of the ancient prophets in Israel and the teachings of Jesus, calling people to care for one another, putting the other before the self.

Have you seen our website: 'Cat and Mouse Good Quality Used Books for Sale'?

During this time of Lockdown, we have decided to clear some space and advertise a number of second hand books at only \$5 each. There is limited stock available - mostly one of each title only - so it's first come, first served. We aim to regularly update the page. Keep you eye open on the Cat and Mouse page for hidden treasures! Don't miss out.



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!



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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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	Mthr Pirrial Clift	0407 453 306
	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
Klingner Scholars:	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391
	Xeverie Swee	03 9662 2391
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Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
Cell of O.L.O.W:	Eleanor Newton	03 9662 2391
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	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
	Daniel Ferguson (People)	03 9662 2391
Director of Music:	Andrew Raiskums	0439 556 627
Flowers:	Michael Upson	0492 964 984
Guild of St Benedict	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
Head Server:	Anthony Schepis	0400 578 952
Music Administrator:	Sue Wuttke	0422 866 286
Organist:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853
Parish Administrator:	Shanti Michael	03 9662 2391
Pastoral Care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
Prayer Link & Pastoral	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
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Fr Hugh Kempster

Alae Taule'alo

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Helen Drummond
Stephen Duckett (Chair)
Rachel Ellyard
Daniel Ferguson
Peter Griffin (Treasurer)
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".

