WELCOME TO

ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



Philip Galle, "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle" (1563)

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 10th October 2021

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name will not lose their reward: open our eyes to see those who are in need, and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards, so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children, we may labour for the treasure that endures; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

WEEKLY MUSINGS

A week ago the view from my study window was dominated by deciduous trees; bare limbs stretching skywards, roots deep in the earth, covered by a tapestry of brilliant green moss and drifts of brown, long-dead leaves. In a few short days, a transformation has occurred as tiny buds appeared and burst into tender green shoots. Today they are covered with fresh green leaves, concealing the ringtail possum's dreys and birds' nests. It's the season of growth.

This is the Church's growth season too; the long weeks between celebrating the Trinity, and the Feast of Christ the King. The Church is also dressed in green. The Sunday Gospels relate Jesus' life and ministry; we eavesdrop on him addressing the crowds and teaching his disciples. Discipleship is the theme of the season.

Grey COVID clouds have exacerbated the wintry cold as our homes sometimes seem to be closing in on us! Jesus reminds us that God is active even in dark places. 'Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.' The darkness and loneliness of the tomb couldn't contain Jesus; who sprang up to new life, and is more than capable of instigating new growth in the bare places of our souls. Deprived of the spiritual consolations and nurture of public worship, deprived of the warmth and strength of human companionship, we can never be without Jesus' loving presence; he is closer than our breathing.

Teresa of Avila was overawed by the honour of the King of the Universe choosing to dwell within her. To make Jesus welcome, she urged her Sisters to sweep out the rooms of heart and soul and clear out the rubbish; open the windows and bring in sweet-smelling flowers...

We can co-operate with the silent, invisible work of the Holy Spirit of God, who works tirelessly within, growing sweet-smelling flowers of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,



gentleness and self-control, even while we languish under the heavy load of viral and climate change anxiety.

Knowing heroic deeds of faith and works were beyond her, another Carmelite - Therese of Liseaux - practised 'The Little Way', drawing on the Spirit's gifts just now, in this moment, hoping to please Jesus; her love and her Life. God's peace be with you.

Mthr. Pirrial Clift

BACK TO CHURCH

NEW VACCINATION RULES



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Peter's,

Over the coming weeks, in line with State and Diocesan regulations, we are preparing for a return to face-to-face worship at St Peter's. This will require us to know more about your vaccination status if you are to attend our ordinary services.

Indicative dates, at this stage, are the last week in October for a "soft launch" of church services (most likely outdoors) with a return to indoor services at the beginning of November. We will let you know nearer the time the exact details, as our Premier makes these announcements.

Unlike previous lockdowns, we will not be reopening in an environment with less community transmission of COVID-19, but rather with more, although offset by high vaccination rates.

Therefore, for the protection of those at higher risk, this means that all clergy, staff, and adult parishioners who wish to attend the re-opening of our regular face-to-face worship will need to be double-vaccinated, and show proof of this when attending any of the following services:

- Sunday 9am Mass; 10.30am High Mass with Children's Church; 6pm Mass
- Monday to Friday 7.15am Mass (9am on public holidays)
- Wednesday 1.15pm Mass
- Saturday 9am Mass (fourth Saturday note the new time)

Similarly, all those attending in person St Peter's events, committee meetings, the Annual Meeting and so on, will need to show proof of double vaccination. These restrictions are necessary to enable us to comply with State and Diocesan requirements, including density limits. They are also an important way that we can care for each other in this continuing health crisis.

We are aware that not all parishioners may yet have been vaccinated. If this is the case for you, please call me on 0488 960 022 (or e-mail: hkempster@stpeters.org.au). I will be organising special services and making provision at meetings for those of you not yet vaccinated, so please don't worry. You will not be excluded from the opportunity to worship or to participate in meetings. But unless you are double-vaccinated, you will not be able to attend our regular in-person services and meetings, and will therefore need to attend online or attend the special services I will be holding.

Over the coming weeks, if you've not already had the chance to do so, we would encourage you to:

- Get your first dose of the vaccine
- If you have already had one dose, organise your second as soon as possible (the wait time for both Pfizer and A.Z. has now been reduced to only 3 weeks)
- When double vaccinated, make sure to access your vaccine certificate, through your MyGov account (https://my.gov.au)
- Although the rules are still unclear, it may be that you will need to bring your vaccine certificate (on your phone or a print-out) to all meetings and the worship services listed above, unless an easier system linked to QR codes is in place before then
- All clergy, staff, choristers and servers will need to send a copy of your vaccine certificate to Shanti Michael (office@stpeters.org.au) our Parish Administrator for compliance purposes

If you need help with any of this or would just like to talk it through and find out more, don't hesitate to contact me, or Shanti in the Parish Office.

Kind regards, Fr Hugh

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.

Prelude: *Intermezzo* by G Sceats

MASS SETTING: Mass of our Lady, Help of Christians, Richard Connolly (b. 1927)

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

INTROIT

If thou, O Lord, wilt be extreme to mark iniquities, Lord, who may abide it? For unto thee belongeth mercy, O God of Israel.

Vs. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. 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
Christe eleison
Christ have mercy
Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy
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, And on earth peace to men of good will, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. We praise you, Laudamus te, We bless you, benedicimus te, We adore you. adoramus te. glorificamus te. We glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam Lord God, heavenly King, gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, O God, almighty Father, Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Deus Pater omnipotens. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, You take away the Sins of the world, qui tollis peccata mundi, have mercy on us, You take away the Sins of the world, miserere nobis; receive our prayer qui tollis peccata mundi, You are seated at the right hand of the Father, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, have mercy on us. miserere nobis. For you alone are the Holy One, Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, vou alone are the Lord tu solus Dominus, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe, With the Holy Spirit, + In the glory of God the Father. cum Sancto Spiritu: + in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. Amen

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

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Wisdom 7.7-11 read by Eugene Chin.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to sceptres and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth.

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

PSALM 148 led by the cantor, please join in the refrain.



Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants! **R.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. **R.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands. **R.**

HEBREWS 4.12-13 read by Eugene Chin.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GRADUAL

Ecce quam bonum, et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum!
Vs. Sicut unguentum in capite, quod descendit in barbam, barbam Aaron.

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is: brethren, to dwell together in unity!

Vs. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard: even unto Aaron's beard.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL

Celebrant:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (10.17-30)

+ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

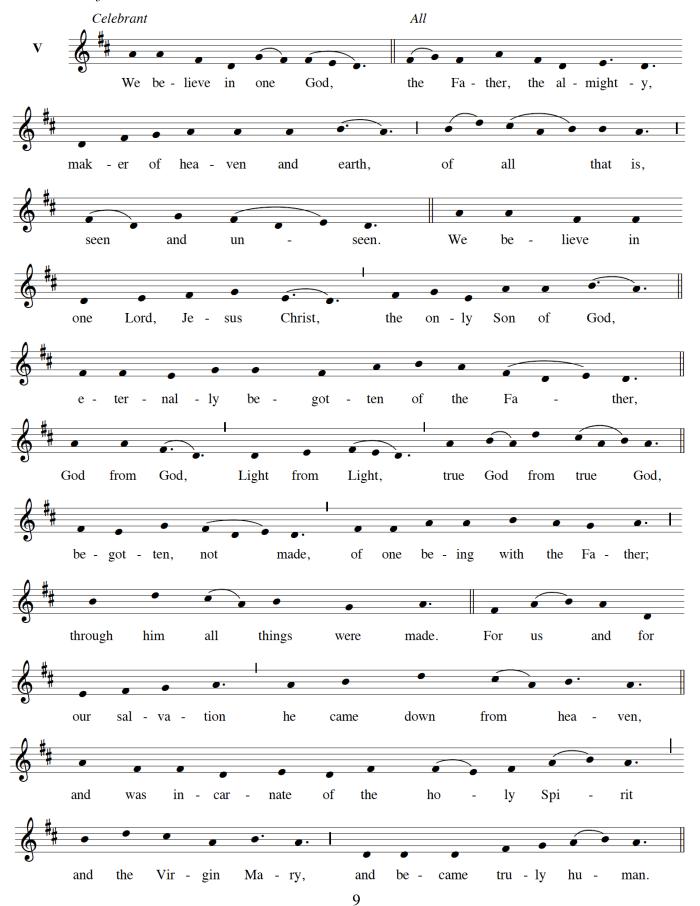
As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." "He said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When the man heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields but with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life."

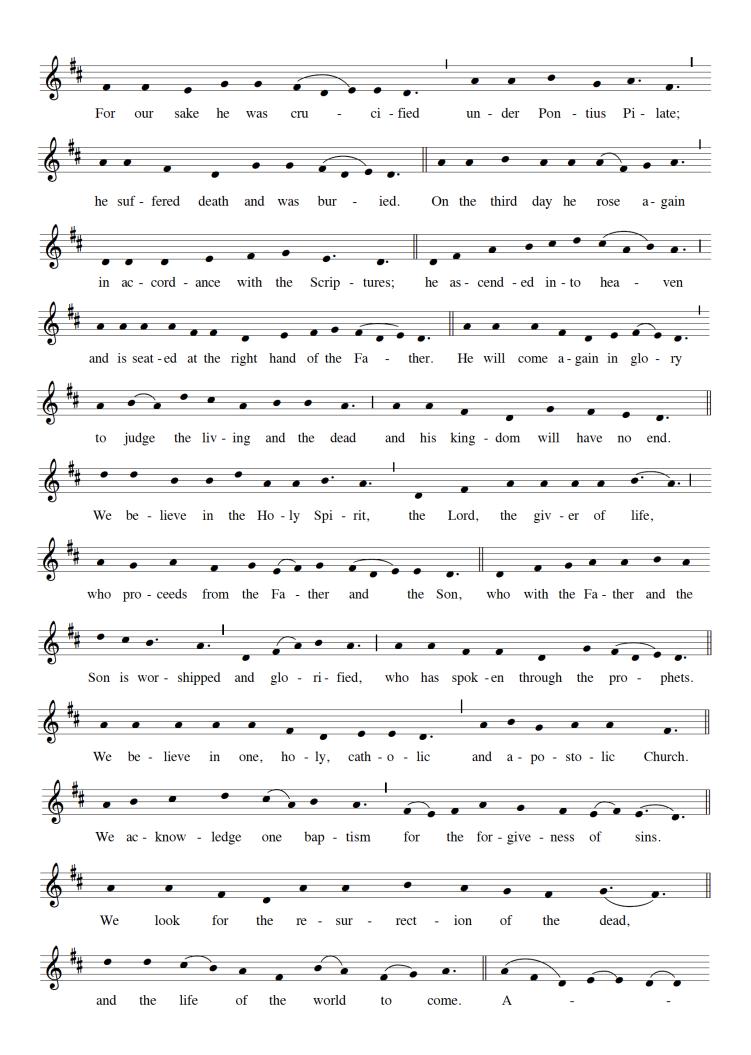
This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: Fr Roger Prowd

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

Remember me, O Lord, you who dominate all authority; put the right words on my lips, so that my speech may be convincing in the presence of the King.

OFFERTORY MOTET Give ear unto me, Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra

gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

+ Benedictus qui venit in nomine domini. Hosanna in excelsis Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. heaven and earth are full of your glory.

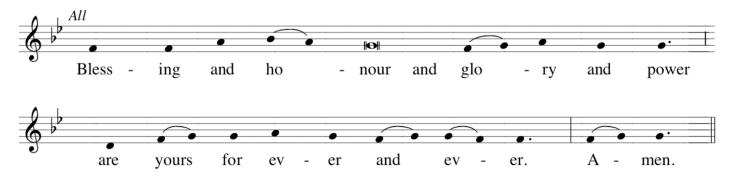
Hosanna in the highest.

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

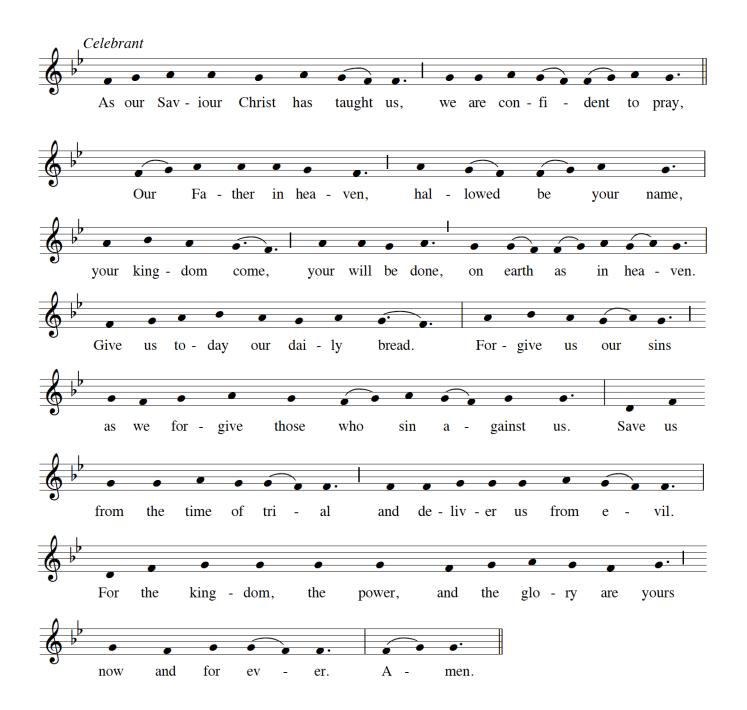
The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:



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

Aufer a me opprobrium et contemptum, quia mandata tua exquisivi, Domine: nam et testimonia tua meditatio mea est.

Remove from me reproach and contempt: because I have sought after thy testimonies, O Lord: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

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 then dismisses the congregation:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Postlude: Toccatina, G Sceats

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

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

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, David Bornstein, Margaret Collins, Helen Drummond, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Rhonda Graham, Janet Hübner, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Roman Kerr, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Alice McCraith, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Robin Page, Judy Ryles, Jenny Sasse, John Stewart BISHOP, Ian Thornton, Barbara Ure-Smith & Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Richard (Dick) Wallace PRIEST

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	10 th	Marjorie Evelyn Churton, Frances Saunders
Mon	11 th	Edwin Eldridge PRIEST, Lloyd Stanley Rees
Tue	12 th	Hazel Mary Barry, June Lorraine Bond, Mary Johnston, Isabella Saxon, George Frederick Siemering, Walter George Thomas PRIEST
Wed	13 th	Barbara Ann Brock, Mary Theresa Cooke, Alice Dixon, Amelia Etheridge, Charles Dextor Hodgkinson, Dorothy Weeks
Thu	14 th	Norman Harper, Bessy Ipsen
Fri	15 th	Herbert O'Hara Drysdale, James Likeman, Norma Moorehouse, Donald Redding BISHOP
Sat	16 th	Terence (Terry) Virgo Allen

Eastern Storm Recovery Project

Anglicare Victoria is reaching out with an urgent request for support.

Families in Mount Dandenong and surrounding townships desperately need help as they try to recover and rebuild from the disastrous storms that swept through the region in June this year.

Help us help them recover:

It was news at the time, but months later public attention has moved on.

"People are really grateful for the support they're getting, but they also feel hurt that no one outside the community seems to care. It took almost a week for the newspapers to even cover it, and it has been very quiet since."

These forgotten Victorians need our help.

Anglicare Victoria has started the Eastern Storm Recovery Project. This project is to enable communities in Mount Dandenong and surrounding areas to clean up the debris and fallen trees that is hindering their rebuilding progress, it will also help those who need assistance with purchasing white goods and the larger items they require. Your donation will enable our workers to support them to do this.

Locals have already supported by donating food, clothing and bedding, as has Anglicare Victoria. This has been given to those in the community who need it, and it could not be more welcome. But there are so many people hurting right now. We are relying on you so we can do more.

DONATE NOW

https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/donation/emergency-appeal/

Thank you.

Paul McDonald Chief Executive Officer

Parish Prayer Link

Apparently the most widely searched for Christian poem on Google is "Footprints in the Sand" by the American poet Carolyn Joyce Carty.

It is about a man who has a dream that he is walking along a beach with Jesus and sees scenes from his life in the sky. He sees his footprints in the sand behind him, two sets of prints, his own and Jesus'. He has travelled his life trusting in Jesus, but it troubles him that at the worst times in his life when he has really struggled, there is only one set of prints.

He asks Jesus why, at these times when he needed Jesus most, he had been alone. Jesus replies

"My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

This poem is so loved because it speaks to people of how in life there are times when we need to be carried by Jesus. Our own resources even our prayers can dry up.

The parish Prayer Link is one way that prayer support can be found at such times. Others can support you in prayer for yourself or your loved ones, confidentially, even namelessly, for as long as you like. It is one way of "bearing each others burdens", especially when we need prayer support in life's struggles.

Please feel welcome to get in touch if you would like the prayer link to support you in prayer, for yourself or others.

Fr Roger Prowd

Tel: 0417 323 112

Email: rwprowd@bigpond.com

Scripture by Text in Lockdown

As we journey through what we hope will be the last weeks of lockdown in Melbourne, we need scripture, reflection and prayer more than ever to comfort us and give us fresh perspective on the challenges we face in our daily lives. Sign up to a receive a daily text message with a quote from scripture, an invitation to reflection and a short prayer. Here's an example of the kind of text message you'll receive: John 12:36 "Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become the sons of light,' When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them."

Q: Is there someone who needs your light shined in their world RIGHT NOW? How will you shine?

Prayer: Light of light, ignite in me the passion to shine my light in dark places. Amen. You can opt out at any time.

If you're interested, please text our Lay Minister Alae Taule'alo 0409 802 892. Text messages will begin Monday 20 September and continue for the remainder of lockdown.

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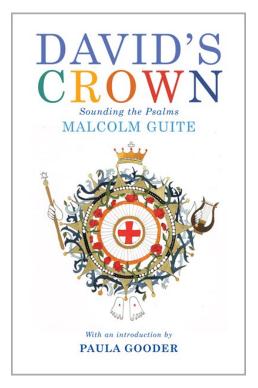
David's Crown: Sounding the Psalms by Malcolm Guite, with an introduction by Paula Gooder

English poet, theologian and teacher, Malcolm Guite has written a translation of the psalms which are filled with the voices of disarming honesty, blessings, despair and shame. 'Voices of thanksgiving mingle with pleas for help.'

Price: \$33.95

If the psalms have never really spoken to you, or if you wish to deepen your appreciation of their insight and meaning, this work is the place to start. It's a collection that responds to each Psalms and allows those ancient words to speak into our own condition today - whatever our circumstances.

These letters are an alphabet of love, And every word I spell speaks of his grace. from Psalm 120



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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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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"

