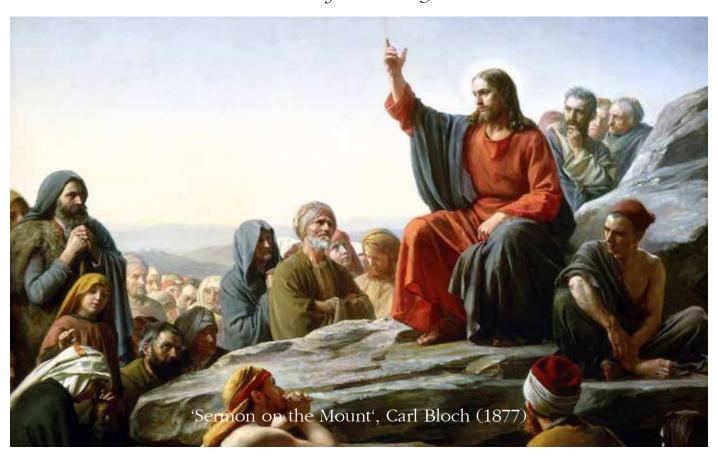
Welcome to

St Peter's Eastern Hill

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



Ordinary Sunday 7 23rd February 2020

Hidden God, whose wisdom compels our love and unsettles all our values: fill us with desire to search for her truth, that we may transform the world, becoming fools for her sake, through Jesus Christ, your Word and Wisdom made flesh, to whom be glory for ever. *Amen*.

Vicar's Musings

Last week we had our third meeting of the new Parish Council (PC). As in previous years (but not recently) I have summarised below the main points from my February Vicar's Report, by way of keeping parishioners in the loop about PC news and views. Hard copy of the previous months' PC minutes (December and January) are available in a folder on the Welcome Table after Mass for anyone who is interested in viewing them. Once the February minutes have been approved (at the March meeting) they too will be placed in the PC-minutes folder.

1) Leadership Quiet Day - Saturday 15th February - "praying together"

A group of twenty parish leaders gathered at the Community of the Holy Name, for a Quiet Day entitled "Lord, teach us how to pray" (from ch. 11 of Luke's gospel). Parishioner, Roland Ashby, and former Klingner Scholar, the Rev'd Colleen Clayton, led our sessions on Christian meditation and prayer. As a group I have to say that we were pushed a little out of our comfort zone, spending the whole day in silence! Although challenging, I think we were all reminded that how ever long we have been going to church, God is always inviting us to grow, and to draw more deeply from the riches of our Anglo-catholic tradition.

2) Parish Planning Day – Saturday 16th May – "planning together"

Over the coming months parishioner David Spriggs will be leading PC, and others in parish leadership, in developing our 2020-2023 Mission Action Plan. As a day job, David has led "InfoExchange" from a small social enterprise into an organisation that now employs more than 100 people across Australia and New Zealand. We are blessed to have David assist us as we discern future ministry directions for the St Peter's Eastern Hill.

3) Lent and Easter - "worshipping together"

There was a useful discussion at PC around a paper put together by our Lay Minister, Alae Taule'alo, Head Server, Anthony Schepis, and myself. The paper will be also be discussed at Liturgy Committee after Mass today (copies are available at the Welcome Table). The focus of discussion was around the lenten veils that adorn the church from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday, a possible change to the shape of our Maundy Thursday Mass, and our use of candles on the side-chapel altars. If you are interested, please have a read of the paper and either talk to one of the PC after Mass, or contact us through the Parish Office.

8:00am Mass

Celebrant: Fr Hugh Kempster Preacher: Fr Hugh Kempster

9:30 am Family Mass

Celebrant: Fr David Peake Preacher: Fr Hugh Kempster

Deacon: Fr Greg Davies Children's Talk: Fr Hugh Kempster

Reader: Anne Scott Pendlebury Intercessor: Eleanor Newton Hymns: Entrance 377 Offertory: 273 Post-Communion: 477 (tune 408(i))

Communion Voluntary: Ferguson Potsdam Prelude

Postlude: Langlais Bells

11:00am High Mass

Celebrant: Fr Philip Gill Preacher: Fr Hugh Kempster

Deacon: Fr David Peake

Reader: Susan Southall Intercessor: Judith Chapman

Hymns: Entrance: 440 Gradual: 66 Offertory: 273 Post-Communion: 477

Mass: Guerrero Missa: Sancta et immaculata

Motet: Stephen Paulus Pilgrims' Hymn

Postlude: Langlais Bells

6:00pm Evensong & Benediction

Officiant & Preacher: Fr Don Edgar Readers: Ian Thornton & Peter Wild

Preces & Responses: Smith of Durham (adapt. Marlow)

Anthem: Bach Jesu, joy of man's desiring Canticles: Stanford in G

Hymns: Office: 54(ii) Evensong: 252 Benediction: 268(5,6) 308(1,4)

Postlude: Stanford Postlude No. 5, Gartan

Next Sunday 1st March: Lent 1

Mass Readings: Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25; 3. 1-7, Romans 5. 12-19 &

Matthew 4. 1-11.

Celebrants: Fr Hugh Kempster, Fr Philip Gill & Fr David Peake

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

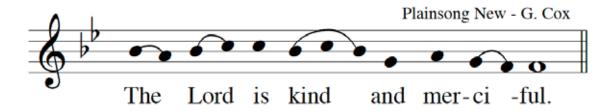
Flowers in church today are given by Anthony Schepis in loving memory of his father Andrew Schepis, whose year's mind occurs at this time.

Mass Readings

First Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses: "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord."

Psalm: 103.1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13



Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. R. It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. R. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. R. As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. R.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.16-23

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours — whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future — all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48

On the mountain, Jesus continued to teach his disciples. "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

A REQUEST FROM FR DAVID

Anybody who would like to volunteer in the Oldies and Goodies Bargain Shop, which supports local young people by providing training and support, please contact Fr David Peake on his email: david.peake@equbed.org.au

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Brown, Tania Burdick, Don Edgar PRIEST, Alice McCraith, Lyn Nicholas, Allan Rei, Evelina Thornton, Sandy Todd, Paul Wheelton

As WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Marja Barouh, Chris Bennie, John Crocker, Gail Edwards, Sr Gloria CHN, Cliff Gornall, Sr Hilary CHN, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Joyce Newton, Tim Peake, Liz Prideaux, Judith Ryles, Barbara Ure-Smith, Bob Weigl, Annette Wood, Anne Wuttke; Andrew, Cecilia, Chad, Jan, and Peter.

For the Recently Departed: Darin Wheeldon

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

- Sun 22 Peter Bayton, Keith David Edwin Harvey, David William Leslie Hosking, William Ireland Jones Stewart, Charles Waugh
- Mon 23 Aimee McDonald McCraith, Andrew Schepis
- Tue 24 Cyril Daniel Appolis, Doris Firth, Katrina Hughes
- Wed 25 Jean Jones
- Thu 26 Graham Butler, John William Sidney Fulford, Reginald James Smith, Nora Patricia Styles, Evelyn Ure-Smith
- Fri 27 Joyce Stanmore Alford, Cecil Garton, Heather Millicent Macpherson

Parish Diary

Today	Today we recommence our monthly service of Evensong & Benediction, with the St Peter's Choir, at 6:00pm.
Tuesday 25th February	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party in the Hall at 6:00pm. Come and help empty those pantries as we prepare for the Lenten fast. We will burn last year's palm crosses, to create the ash for imposition. Then there will be lots of pancakes to enjoy.
Wednesday 26th February	Ash Wednesday: 7.15am Mass and Imposition of Ashes, followed by "Ashes to Go" at Parliament Station; 1.15pm Mass and Imposition of Ashes; 6.15pm High Mass and Imposition of Ashes.
Saturday 29th February	Children's Confirmation and First Communion classes begin at 10:00am in the Vicarage.
Sunday 1st March	Adult Confirmation and Reception classes commence at 1:15pm in the Vicarage.
Sunday 22nd March & 29th March	EfM Lenten Study. This year's topic is 'Living Faithfully in a Multi-cultural World'. Commencing 1:00pm in the Hughes Room.

Notices

CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM AND RECEPTION CLASSES

At the Easter Vigil service on Saturday 11th April at 8:00pm, Bishop Graeme Rutherford will be Presiding and Preaching. Fr Hugh warmly invites any adults or children who would like to be Confirmed, Baptised or Received into the Anglican Communion to contact him. Classes commence for children on Saturday 29th February and for Adults on Sunday 1st March.

ISSUES RAISED IN THE REPORT OF THE PARISH SUPPORT TEAM

Parishioners have received the summary report of +Genieve's Parish Support Team which is also on www.stpeters.org.au as part of the papers for the Annual Meeting.

Issues identified in the report include

- relations and trust within the community of faith at St Peter's
- treatment of the homeless
- governance.

These issues are currently under consideration by Parish Council with a view to developing structures and processes to resolve them at a parish level. However, Parish Council is aware that some parishioners may continue to feel personal distress or concern and may require additional support or assistance. Parish Support Team member Alan Grant is available to meet with parishioners who wish discuss the issues further with the aim of supporting parishioners to move towards a sustainable personal resolution of their concerns.

Any interested parishioner should contact Craig Wilson confidentially on ccw01@bigpond.net.au so that Craig can put them in contact with Alan.

COVID-19 (CORONA VIRUS) UPDATE

In last week's pew sheet the Vicar published extracts from a briefing document from the Archbishop concerning an Australian church response to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in China. If you would like to read the whole document, there are copies at the Welcome Table that you can collect after Mass. But in summary, the message is: don't panic!

Thankfully there is no outbreak in Australia at this time. That being said, there are some practical things that we can do as a parish, such as: making use of hand sanitiser when in church; optional shaking of hands at the peace, some may wish to pass the peace with a bow; optional receiving of holy communion in one kind (i.e. the host only and not wine). Many will wish to continue our usual Sunday practices, given that the virus is currently contained in Australia, but for those who are concerned you may wish to take these precautions.

INTRODUCING... DANIEL FERGUSON

Fourth generation 'Towner' (Williamstown) who now resides in Altona but still has family in the area. Prior to coming to St Peter's, I worked in Sydney for 18 years and attended St James' Church, King Street. Schooling at Wesley College and then after university, 41 years as a librarian in public and university libraries. For 34 years was the organist and choirmaster at the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches in Williamstown. In 1994 established Friends of Libraries Australia (FOLA) and continue as executive director of this body, which has enabled a life after retirement, along with the luxury of a trip almost every year to the UK and visiting friends in Tokyo and Paris. Help Carol in the Bookroom every Tuesday morning and chair the Guild of St Benedict. Try to maintain organ practice every Friday, enjoy gardening and the occasional glass of vino! Undertaken various positions in the church all my life, and most pleased to participate in the life of St Peter's.



EfM LENTEN STUDY 2020

The theme for the 2020 Exploring Faith Matters [formerly known as Education for Ministry] is Living Faithfully in a Multi-cultural World.

Synopsis:

They were known simply as "The Lost Boys".

Orphaned by the civil war in Sudan, which began in 1983, these young victims of civil war travelled as many as a thousand miles on foot in search of safety. Many years later a humanitarian effort would bring 3,600 lost boys, as well as girls, (all now young adults) to America.

The Good Lie tells the journey of a group of these children, their long and difficult trek from their village in southern Sudan, which had been destroyed in an attack by Northern militia, to Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, and their resettlement 13 years later in America where they must learn how to live in a culture that is alien to them. It is a story of heartbreak and hope, a struggle for survival and ultimate triumph.

This movie challenges the centrality of the white Anglo Saxon cultural point of view. Although resettlement of this group of refugees is set in America, the experiences they face are a mirror of what their country men and women faced when offered refuge in Australia.

Everyone is invited to join us to see this film and to reflect upon it theologically and discern what implications it may have for our own faith journey and ministry this Lent and Easter.

Session One:

Sunday March 22nd - 1.00pm in the Hughes Room to view the film

Sunday March 29th - 1.00pm in the Hughes for discussion and reflection upon the film

Please register on the sheet on the welcome table or email Kosta at the Parish Office on spoffice@stpeters.org.au

Those who are unable to attend the screening of the film on Sunday 22nd can access the film from Amazon Prime. See Fr Greg for more information or details.

MEDITATION @ THE HILL

- TAPPING INTO THE DEEP SPRING OF LOVE WITHIN -

By Roland Ashby

The great 20th century Roman Catholic theologian Karl Rahner famously said that the future Christian will either be a mystic or not exist. Of course it depends on what he meant by mystic, but I believe his understanding of the term might well have resonated with the definition offered by Anglican solitary Maggie Ross: a mystic is someone who lives the ordinary through transfigured perception.

In my experience the profoundest way to transfigured perception has been through silent contemplation: either through meditation using a sacred prayer word or mantra, or through the ancient monastic way of meditating on Scripture and sacred texts, called Lectio Divina (literally divine or sacred reading), or through the Ignatian method of imaginative contemplation. Starting in Lent at St Peter's I will be facilitating several meditation sessions throughout the week, and, with Fr Hugh, co-facilitating a Lectio Divina and Ignatian imaginative contemplation session. See below for days and times. In my nearly 20 years as a meditator I have found these forms of contemplation to be life-giving and life-changing, a deep spring of love, joy and peace, in which I have both found that I am loved and forgiven, and can also find the power to love and forgive others. These forms of contemplation have also expanded my capacity for compassion, and filled me with a desire to be a compassionate activist, indeed contemplative activist, in the world. Mantra meditation is not new to the Christian tradition. In the latter half of the 20th century Irish Benedictine monk John Main discovered that it was indeed a long-established tradition in the Church, going back to one of the early Fathers, John Cassian, in the fourth century, who advocated the repetition of a short phrase, or mantra, when praying. His teaching had a formative influence on St Benedict and the foundation of Western monasticism. John Main's life and teachings led to the setting up of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM), of which I am member. The meditation sessions will draw heavily on his teachings as well as the teachings of Fr Laurence Freeman, WCCM's director. Bede Griffiths OSB said of John Main's teaching: "I do not know of any better method of meditation leading to the experience of the love of God in Christ than that of John Main." Rowan Williams has also said that, "John Main effectively put the desert tradition of prayer to work in our own day. The World Community for Christian Meditation which continues his mission is for me, as for many throughout the world, a taste of what a committedly contemplative church might look and feel like."

Lectio Divina is an ancient Benedictine way of meditating on Scripture and sacred texts by "listening with the ear of the heart" for the stirrings of the Spirit, and what the Spirit might be saying to you personally about your life today.

St Ignatius developed this method further by inviting readers to use their imagination to place themselves in a Gospel scene as either a protagonist or observer, and by having a 'colloquy', or conversation, with Jesus. We are living in dark times. Division, hate, violence, rampant consumerism and greed, scandal, corruption, abuse of power, populist and divisive leaders, and the effects of global warming are part of our daily diet of news. The need for contemplative wisdom and consciousness is urgent. Without a change in consciousness, the future for humanity, and the whole of creation, looks bleak.

I believe only a change to a more contemplative consciousness, which has at its core what Maggie Ross calls "Deep Mind" (in Christian terms the Holy Spirit), the fount of love, grace, wisdom, care for others and all of creation, forgiveness and healing, unity and reconciliation, and life-giving creativity, can offer a more hopeful future.

Tuesdays

6-6.45pm (Lazarus Chapel). Silent meditation.

Wednesdays

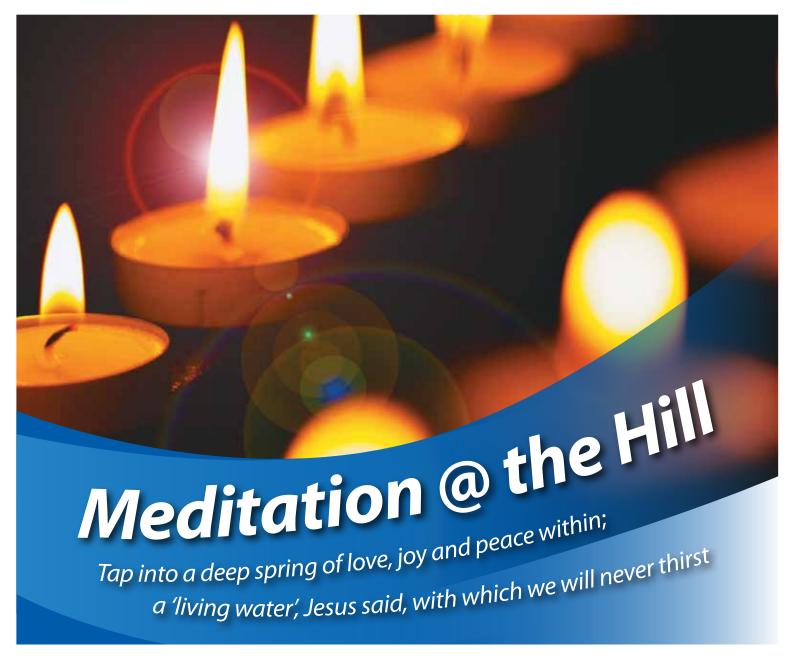
12.15-1.00pm (Hughes Room) Silent meditation.

2.30-3.30pm (The Vicarage) Lectio Divina and Ignatian contemplation.

Fridays

1-1.30pm (Lazarus Chapel). Silent meditation.

For further information see the parish website.



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6-6.45pm, in the Lazarus Chapel*

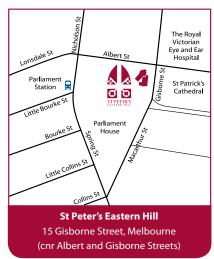
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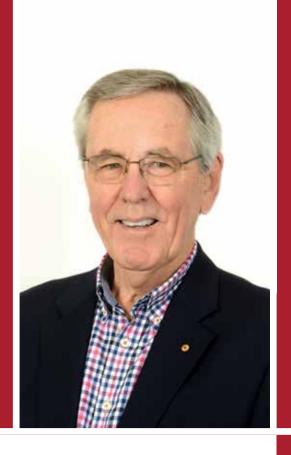
*Enter by the side of the church on Gisborne Street.







Be transformed by this power of love to serve others, and pursue justice for the poor and the earth





2020 Sharwood Lecture in Church Law

The Third Sharwood Lecture in Church Law will be delivered by the Revd Dr Bruce Kaye AM

Former General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Australia

Bruce Kaye has served as General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Australia (1994 - 2004) and was the founding Editor of the Journal of Anglican Studies and a member of the Inter Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission III. He has published extensively, in particular in regard to Anglicanism. He is currently an Adjunct Research Professor in the Centre for Public and Contextual Theology, Charles Sturt University.

BOOKINGS

trybooking.com/BHSVC

*Tickets are free of charge, but bookings are essential.

From Colonial Chaplaincy to Responsible Governance. The Anglican Church of Australia and Ecclesiology.

Church governance has not come easily for the Anglican Church of Australia. First it was part of the state government. Then it had constitutions that had to provide some legal identity and secure tenure of its property. It was not separate from the state. It just had a different relationship with it. But it could not escape Jesus' foundational truth that his kingdom was not of this world. That truth is especially threatened in our generation, but in a curious way provides some clue to being a church that manifests the character of Jesus' kingdom.

Wednesday 4 March 2020 at 7.30pm followed by light refreshments Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville

RSVP: Friday 28 February

ENQUIRIES

Matilda Sholly events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au 03 9348 7527

ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

This morning St Peter's Bookroom is popping up and selling books to our parishioner friends at St John's Camberwell.

Lent starts this week. We have a wonderful array of new Lenten books, full of depth and inspiration. start from Prices as low as \$3.95 for Lent 2020: Lenten Blessings Await. Authors include Samuel Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields. (The Heart of it All: The Bible's Big Picture); Saying Yes to Life by Ruth



Valerio (The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020); Journeying with Bonhoeffer: Six Steps on the Path of Discipleship by Andreas Loewe and Katherine Firth; The Wind the Fountain and the Fire by Mark Barrett and many more.....

Come in and browse this morning or online this week.

Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9.30am to 4.30 pm Sunday - after 9.30am & 11am Mass 15 Gisborne St Melbourne 3002

Situated in the Parish Hall building on the street side, facing St Patrick's Cathedral P: (03) 9663 7487 E: bookroom@stpeters.org.au

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Sunday Services

8.00 am Low Mass (BCP) 9.30 am Family Mass 11.00 am High Mass

Low Mass (Evensong & Benediction on 4th Sunday) 6.00 pm

Refreshments are available in the Parish Hall after each of the Sunday morning Masses

Weekday Services

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays)

Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm

Wed: Mass at 1.15pm

Mass at 9.00am (Cell of our Lady of Walsingham, 3rd Saturday of the month) Sat:

Clergy and Lay Ministers

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Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
ASLM:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Clergy:	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Don Edgar	0418 967 829
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr David Peake	0412 299 839
	Fr Roger Prowd	03 9662 2391
Klingner Scholar:	Xeverie Swee	03 9662 2391

Other Parish Ministries and Programs				
Acting Sacristan	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391		
Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487		
Cell of O.L.O.W:	Liz Prideaux	03 9662 2391		
Charitable Foundation:Krystyna Campbell-Pretty		03 9662 2391		
Children:	Katherine Barnett	03 9387 4089		
Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	03 9662 2391		
Churchwardens:	Stephen Duckett (Vicar)	0447 837 741		
	Helen Drummond (People)	03 9662 2391		
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793		
Director of Music:	Andrew Raiskums	0439 556 627		
Flowers:	Helen Drummond	0419 897 973		
Guild of St Benedict	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033		
Head Server:	Anthony Schepis	0400 578 952		
Inst. for Sp. Studies:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892		
Music Administrator:	Sue Wuttke	0422 866 286		
Organist:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853		
Parish Administrator:	Konstantine Soteriou	03 9662 2391		
Pastoral Care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987		
RMIT Chaplaincy:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892		

Parish Council Membership:

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 David Spriggs

Rwth Stuckey Peter Wild Sue Wuttke

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