Welcome to ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 17th September 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language) 9.30am FAMILY MASS 11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2nd & 4th Sundays).
6.00pm Low Mass (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube) Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Trevor Brooks, Margaret Lugg, Michael Malady, Lena Sheridan, Michael Messina, Roger Boey, Geoffrey Gronow, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Jenny Field, Eric McClure, Rhonda Cook.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

September

- 17 William Arnold, Jack Bradshaw, Isabella Hume, Suzanne Liversidge, Sr Pamela CHN, Elizabeth McDonald, Francis O'Hara
- 18 Francis Vivian de Voss, Joyce Helen (Joy) Hosking, Thomas Maher, Daisy Parsons, Betty Reidy, Joyce Schnell, Robert William Ramsay Wright
- 19 George Humphris, Walter George Ivans PRIEST
- 20 Ethel Lydia May Arnold, May Arnold, David Aymes, Louise Blencoe, Charles George Bright-Parker PRIEST, Marjorie Sarah Carter Cameron, Lorraine Marks, Blanche McEntee
- 21 John Bull, Herbert Henry Hammond priest, Lily O'Connor, Henry George Kenneth Putt, John Francis Rosenthal, Uldis Raiskums
- 22 Freda Rae Mahning
- 23 Marion Wood

Please contact Eugene Chin at the Parish Office or email office@stpeters.org.au to have names added to the sick list. They will remain on our prayer list for one month unless requested to be extended.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.

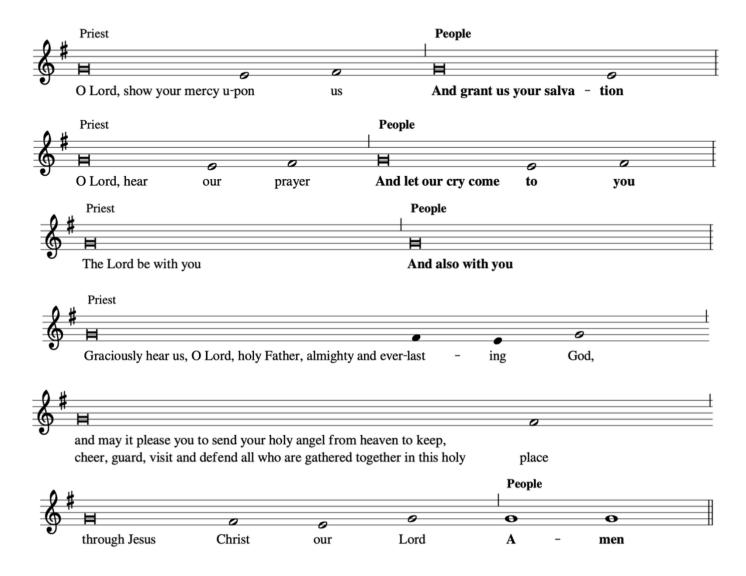
Mass setting: C. Wood (1866-1926) Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode

Introit Hymn: NEH 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy

At 11.00am the sanctuary party enters the chancel to prepare for the Asperges.



The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant intones the responsory.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people, Israel.

V. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

Give peace, O Lord ...

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.**

Please kneel

The Deacon introduces the Confession:

Merciful God: Our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyries are sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Christ have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy

Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Genesis 50.15-21

A reading from the book Genesis.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached* Joseph, saying, 'Your

father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept,* fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103



The Lord is kind and mer-ci-ful; slow to an-ger, and rich in com -pas -sion.

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.**

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. **R.** For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Romans 14.1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

¹⁴Welcome those who are weak in faith,* but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord* is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister?* Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?* For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.* ¹¹ For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to* God.'

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.*

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 18.21-35

♣ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church* sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven* times.

²³ 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents* was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;* and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they

went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister* from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Philip Gill

Please stand for the Creed.

[A copy of the music for the Sung Creed is available at the back of the church.]

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel. After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light ★ perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. Celebrant:

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON [Sung by the choir]

Moses consecrated an altar to the Lord, offering upon it holocausts, and sacrificing victims. He made an evening sacrifice to the Lord God for an odor of sweetness, in the sight of the children of Israel.

Offertory hymn NEH 137 Come down, O Love divine

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant:

Blessed are you, Lord God... Blessed be God forever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.

The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.

At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

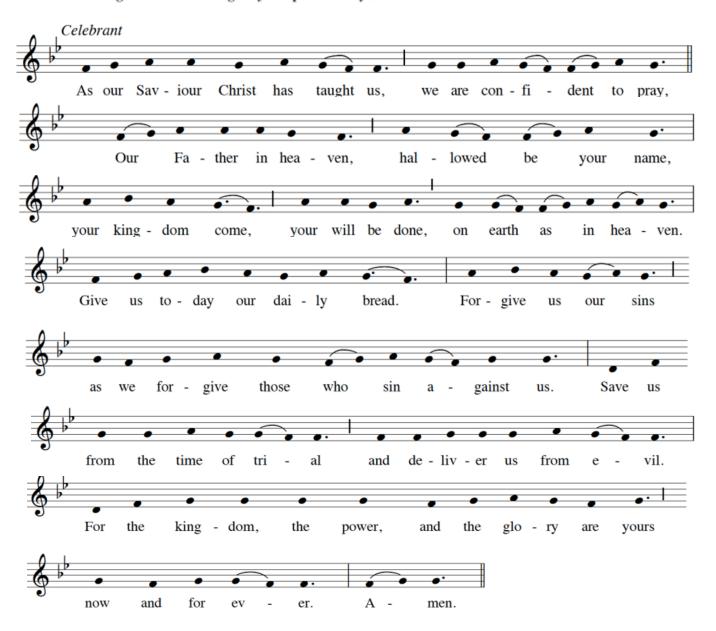
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:



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



Celebrant:

We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament. All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION MOTET Sung by the choir.

W. Matthias (1934-92) Ave Verum Corpus

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 408(i) Love divine, all loves excelling

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANGELUS



Let us pray. We beseech thee O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Postlude: J. S. Bach (1685-1750) Fugue in G (BWV 550)

If you are a new parishioner, or a visitor to St Peter's, please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door as you leave the church. All are welcome for refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

Readings for

September 24th Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost OS 25Jonah 3.10—end of 4; Psalm 145.1–8; Philippians 1.21–end; Matthew 20.1–16

NOTICES

For your Diary

Melbourne Marathon Sunday 15th October.

Please note that parking near the church maybe affected by the Marathon, as volunteers park around areas near the MCG.

Scots Organ Series

2 – 23 September (Saturdays 3pm | Wednesdays 1pm)

Scots church Melbourne (Cnr Collins & Russell St.)

Organ series admission is free, however donations are welcomed!

Ethics of Health Care Funding – A Conversation and Book Launch (Wednesday 1 November 2023 4.00pm)



Our own Stephen Duckett will be having his book launch on this date, please go to Trybooking for more details and to book. https://www.trybooking.com/CJGIE

VACANCY - DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We are seeking to appoint a new Director of Music, commencing in January 2024. A Position Description and associated information is available on the parish website stepeters.org.au. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Fr Michael via mnrbowie@gmail.com or telephone 03 9662 2391. Applications close 6 October 2023.

Fire incident at St Peter's

On Wednesday 13th September, a fire broke out at the St Peter's courtyard around 1.15am. The matter is being investigated by Vic Pol. Thankfully no one was hurt and the damage to the St Peter's was contained to the courtyard area. Sadly much of the Social Enterprise furniture were destroyed and a substantial area of the precinct where the fire occurred. Anglicare also had to pause the breakfast program, which has resumed. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this time.

We thank the Public Service Officers (PSO) who spotted the fire, the Melbourne Fire Services for their prompt response and putting out the fire, and the police officers and detectives on the day. Peter Pasula, Mthr Kathryn and Yim were onsite during the day assisting greatly with the incident, so Thank You!

Our wonderful electrician and plumber also rescheduled work the next day to come assess and make the site safe first thing in the morning, allowing us to get power back on site. Thank you, Joe, and Ronnie.

Crucially we were able to continue worshipping and praising our Lord with our daily Mass. So, we give thanks to for the Grace of our Lord.

Nov 1st (Wednesday 7.00pm) - All Saints Day Nov 2nd (Thursday 7pm) - All Souls Nov 26th - Christ The King

Weekly Reflections

In this morning's Gospel St Peter gets the fact that forgiveness is important to his master. Perhaps he thinks he can move to the top of the class by making it clear to Jesus that he has understood the centrality of forgiveness to discipleship. The first part of Peter's question, 'Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother...' tells us that we are in for a ride. Surely it is difficult enough to forgive at all let alone on more than one occasion. Peter places his cards on the table when he ventures, '...as many as seven times?' This discussion reminds me of the time Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water with Jesus. Forgiving once is hard enough. Three times is exemplary. By suggesting seven times Peter launched himself into the stormy waters that so often sank him when he challenged Jesus.

As the gospel encounter between Jesus and Peter shows, the life of faith is a continuous path of growth. We can never stop at any one stage of life and say we have arrived. We are always 'not yet fully' the people God created us to be!

To remind myself of this I recall a story about a knowledgeable university professor who heard that many of his students were consulting a simple old monk who lived alone in the woods. The professor went to the monk's humble little hut to find out what it was he was teaching the students. 'Of course, I'll tell you,' said the Monk, 'but first we must share a cup of tea.' The impatient professor reluctantly agreed. The monk began to pour the cup of tea. The cup got fuller and fuller until it began to overflow. The monk kept pouring. The professor could remain quiet no longer. 'Stop. Its full and overflowing everywhere!' 'Yes.' replied the monk, 'You are like this cup. You are filled with your own prejudices, desires, and ideas. If you want to understand my teaching, you must first empty your cup.'

St Paul's letter to the Romans chapters 12-15 gives us some guidelines for living as followers of Christ. He urges us to a sincere form of love, a joyful approach to life bearing its ups and downs with patience. Romans was written about 30 years after Jesus' time on earth and yet his people still had disagreements and needed teaching about forgiveness and doing good things for others, even for those considered enemies. Emptying our cup, or as Jesus puts it, denying ourselves and taking up the cross, requires attention every day because our own desires can quickly get in the way of our discipleship. It is a good start to take time to reflect on our relationship with God and with others in the light of a text like Romans 14.13, 'Then let us no more pass judgement on one another, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another.' Fr Philip Gill

St Peter's Book Fair and Church Supplier



NEW BOOK! In stock now. Enchantment by Catherine May

Blending lyricism and storytelling, sensitivity and empathy, Enchantment invites each of us to open the door to human experience in all its complexity, and to find the beauty waiting for us there.

Enchantment is a balm for anxious times and an invitation to rediscover the feelings of awe and wonder available to us all: 'Our sense of enchantment is not only triggered by grand things. The awe-inspiring, the numinous, is all around us, all the time. It is transformed by our deliberate at-

tention. It becomes valuable when we value it. The magic is of our own conjuring...'

After years of pandemic life - parenting while working, battling anxiety about things beyond her control, feeling overwhelmed by the news-cycle and increasingly isolated - Katherine May feels bone-tired, on edge and depleted. Could there be another way to live? One that would allow her to feel more connected, more rested and at ease, even as seismic changes unfold on the planet?

Craving a different path, May begins to explore the restorative properties of the natural world - from a pebble in the hand to the humbling effects of the sea, the pleasure of the ground beneath her bare feet to the magic of a moon shadow. Through deliberate attention and ritual, she finds nourishment in the quiet reconnection with her environment.

\$31.95

St Peter's Book Fair - Last Weekend

What a privilege and gift to part of a community that can with such energy and confidence pick up and run with a project, a Book Fair indeed, when the main organiser comes down sick and is unable to attend. Even the Albert St closure, due to construction work, turned for the good when the labourers bought up big on the Best scones and Jenner sausage rolls!

There are so many people to thank for making last weekend's Book Fair such a success that it would require an Honour Board. Daniel Ferguson and Helena Hughes, with Julianne Jenner as assistant, led the charge. From the hanger-up of festival bunting around the property first thing early Saturday morning, to the forces in the kitchen, the sellers of morning tea in the court-yard and books in the hall, the provider of refreshments for the volunteers, the Bell Ringer, the photographers, the Bookroom worker, all those who were simply available and offering assistance in any way they could..... and then also on Sunday the boxers-up-of-books, those who took leftover books away on Monday, tidied and cleaned up the hall – all finished up by Monday afternoon......Congratulations for a fantastic community endeavour which raised just on \$7 500.

Photographs say more than words – by Susan Southall.

















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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".