Welcome to ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



....first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Matt. 5.24

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

12 FEBURARY 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language in the Handfield Chapel)

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 in the Handfield Chapel.

This is also live streamed on Facebook.

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Eleanor Hamilton, John Hall, Rob Whalley, Helen Drummond, Bp John Parkes, Margaret Armstrong, Pete Wild, John Capp

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Patricia Bouma, Julie Berry, Charles Northam, Lorna Sargaison, Joan Small, Jim Houston Priest,

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

- Feb 12 Margaret Roe, Florence Rowland
 - 13 Elizabeth Drysdale, Alexander Macpherson, John McEntee, Lyndon Rosman
 - 14 Vithep Boontun, Elizabeth Kennon, Kurt Schnell
 - 15 Angus Donald Finlayson, Eve Mossop
 - 16 Sydney Walter Glover, Alan Newton, Arthur Nickson
 - 17 Thomas Haggart, Janice Mary Hughes, Pauline Oakley
 - 18 Dorothy Mavis McKenzie, Maurice Waugh PRIEST

Please contact Fr Greg at the Parish Office or email <u>office@stpeters.org.au</u> 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: Allegri: Missa Che fà oggi il mio sole

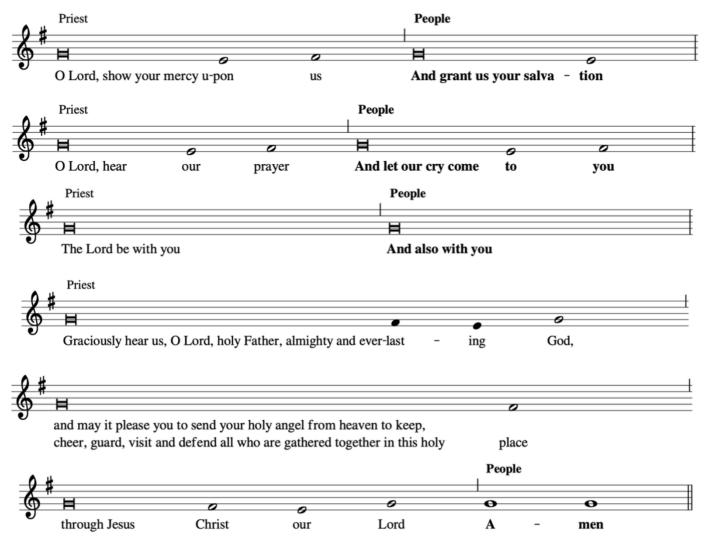
Entrance Hymn:

- [9.30am & 11.00am] NEH 467 Through all the changing scenes of life
- 9.30am Family Mass begins on page 4.

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

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

V. In you, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded, deliver me in your justice.

Be my protector...

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 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

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am.

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.

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives: grant that we may never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfil your law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen**

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Ecclesiasticus 15.15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

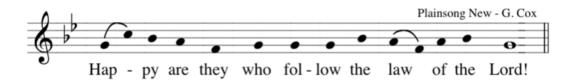
If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. He has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not

commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119



Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart. **R.**

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! **R.**

Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word. Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. **R.**

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 3.1-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul,' and another, 'I belong to Apollos,' are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [5.17, 20-24, 27-28, 33-34, 37].

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On the mountain, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and he taught them, saying: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, Let your word be 'Yes,' if 'Yes' or 'No,' if 'No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Stephen Duckett

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

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life

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]

Blessed are you, O Lord, teach me your statutes; with my lips I have pronounced all the judgements of your mouth.

Offertory hymn NEH 302 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

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.

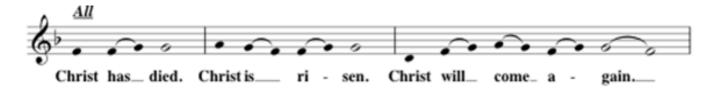
At 9.30am the Sanctus is sung by the people. At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

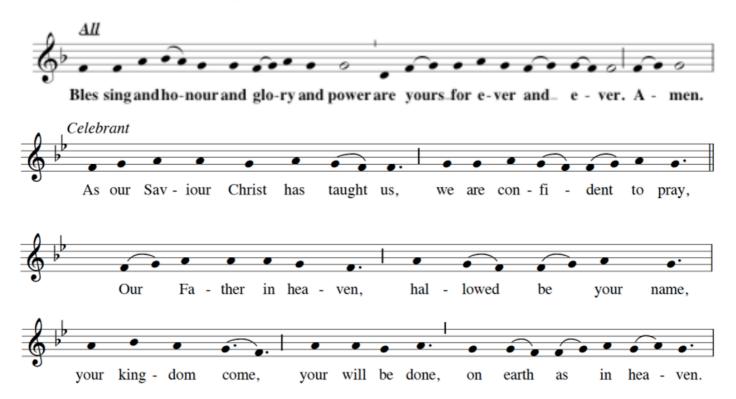
+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

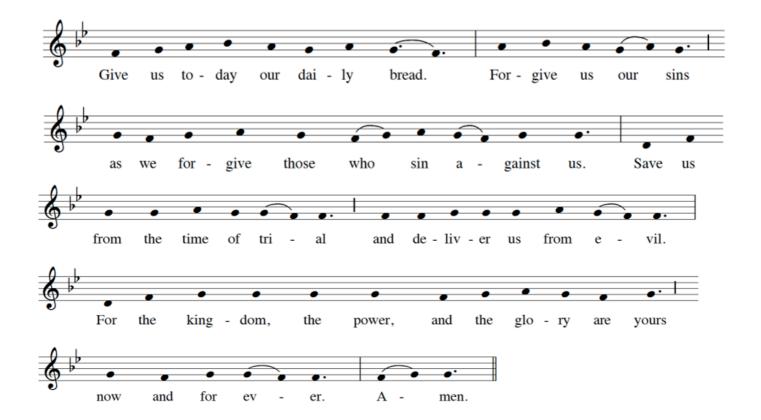
The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:





Celebrant:

We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is said at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am.

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. The Celebrant recites silently the Communion Antiphon.

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 at 11.00am

Brahms: Geistliches Lied

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 372 He who would valiant be

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.

Notices are given here.

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

Go in the peace of Christ

Thanks be to God.

THE ANGELUS

At 11.00am only The Angelus is led and sung by the Celebrant.

The church bell rings three times during the recitation of the Hail Mary, and nine times during the final Collect.



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: D. Buxtehude (1639-1707) Toccata in F (BuxWV 157)

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 the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany are:

Leviticus 19.1–2, 9–18; Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 3.10–11, 16–23; Matthew 5.38–48

NOTICES

[See page 18 for Weekly Reflections]

Important Notice – Tram network upgrade in Gisborne Street, between Victoria Parade and Macarthur Street, East Melbourne.

This will have some impact on us here at St Peter's. **Early works** (minimal impact) – 9pm to 5am, Friday 3 February to Thursday 23 February. Major works (significant impact) 10pm, Friday 24 February to 5am, Friday 3 March 2023. During the major works there will be extremely high levels of noise. There will also be detours for cyclists, pedestrians and traffic. Access to St Peter's will need to be from Albert Street. Please take a brochure with more details from the back of the church. More information can also be found on the Yarra Trams website – yarratrams.com.au/projects

Thank you to all parishioners for your prayers for Greg Hocking. Greg, my brother-in-law, had a massive stroke in October 2022. He could not even swallow until December. At the beginning of February however, he returned home, now walking and becoming more mobile. His spirit is indomitable and he thanks St Peter's for our prayers. Greg loves life and wants to keep spreading his joy and love of music. Carol O'Connor

The return of the restored green High Altar Frontal

Among the outstanding embroideries in the possession of St Peter's Eastern Hill is the green frontal for the High Altar. This beautiful object has been restored by the regalia specialists, Spear of Fame company, Melbourne. The delicate silk threads securing the goldwork had perished and most had to be re-couched. Some backing material has also been replaced. This time-consuming and intricate work was generously funded by server Sarah Dowe.

The altar frontal was originally made for a previous smaller, Sarum style, High Altar at St Peter's - pic opposite p 223 "From Tories at Prayer to Socialists at Mass." It was probably made by the outstanding Embroiderers' Guild of St Peter's under the direction of Ethel Barton, who was responsible for the famous Festal Frontal. Its length was extended to fit the current High Altar, installed in 1929 in Fr F E Maynard's and Louis Williams' (diocesan architect) remodelling of the sanctuary – pic opposite P 238 "From Tories at Prayer to Socialists at Mass."

Over the years, various in-house embroiderers, particularly Leslie Eggington and the Embroiderer's Guild of Victoria, have worked on the delicate fabric of the frontal. This recent major restoration should ensure its preservation for the years to come. *Guy Churchman*

Important Dates!

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday 8am; 1.15pm & 7pm Mass with the Imposition of Ashes

Friday March 24th – 7pm Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

> Holy Week Palm Sunday April 2nd Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

St Peter's Bookroom

Tramline Upgrade - St Peter's Bookroom Important Notice

Due to the high level of noise and limited access to Gisborne St, St Peter's Bookroom will be operational only behind closed doors 27th February – 3rd March 2023. The Bookroom will be closed on Gisborne St for this week. We will still be contactable and orders can be made via phone, email or the website. Thanks for your patience during this time. Carol O'Connor - Manager

A Reckless God ed by Roland Ashby, John Pilbrow and Stephen Ames We completed an annual stocktake this week and during our efforts I was reminded of this excellent title which came out only a couple of years ago. Grappling with so many important questions in life, these essays ponder the wonders of a universe that has given birth to life—and the challenges facing human beings made in the image of a "reckless" God.

- What sort of God would create such an unimaginably vast and beautiful universe?
- What sort of God would create humanity with such extraordinary power of creation and destruction?
- What sort of God would create a world full of life yet plagued by earthquakes and genetic disorders?

In the words of one of this book's authors, the Christian God is the loving, "reckless" God who, like the devoted father of the prodigal, risks himself for the sake of relationship. \$24.95

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

From Fr Michael Bowie

Having being called, last Sunday, to think about what it means to be salt and light in the world, this Sunday's Gospel asks us to consider and identify the priority of the Kingdom of God and its justice or righteousness: if we are to seek it we need to think about how to express and enact the conviction that God's rule is the true sovereignty, demanding our primary allegiance as a community of faith in East Melbourne in 2023. This comes back to the content of the Gospel, the whole trajectory of its narrative, not proof-texts. So, to return to what I said last Sunday: the

Gospels are the key to scripture for Christians. Our liturgical life prioritises the Gospels as the primary witness to Christ in Holy Tradition, of which scripture is a part. The Gospels point us to the essentially relational character of our faith ('Our' Father, as Jesus taught us to pray; the Word of God being a person, not a book). Those relationships, if real, are personal, local and particular; they are the Church in this and every place.

I summarise the trajectory of the Gospel narrative as Love, Sacrifice and New Life. That trajectory leads me to some organising principles for Christian life: Invitation, Generosity, Concern for others' flourishing, Forgiveness and Joy.

Added to that we need a deepening understanding of Grace, a distinctive quality of the Christian revelation which is absent from the Old Testament. Grace comprises both giftedness and thankfulness and needs to be at the heart of our life together.

I focussed on Invitation. Invitation is the opposite of scaring and 'othering' people, which is one response in some churches to the challenges we now face. But the Gospel is an open invitation, not a book of rules to enforce on the world; it is an *open* invitation to faith, to new life, and indeed to light, which Jesus clearly intends to include all. It can be accepted or refused. The more generously it is offered, demonstrating concern for others' flourishing, enacting forgiveness and radiating joy, the truer to God it will be and the more likely it will be to evoke a generous response.

On the first four Sundays of Lent I'm going to speak after High Mass about how our Eucharistic worship, the sacramental core of who we are, forms us as the body of Christ, and why that matters. As I mentioned on Sunday, I'll also be making available a short booklet called *The Ritual Reason Why* as a guide to the detail and content of our worship (there will also be a booklet of the talks, which also be streamed, available after Easter).

Please put Ash Wednesday in your Calendar as a significant date on which can we all begin this year's Lenten exercise together and try to be with us for Mass and Ashing at 8am, 1.15pm, or 7pm for High Mass. Meanwhile, keep thinking about what it means to prioritise the Kingdom of God.

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Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass 6pm Low Mass [1^{st} , 3^{rd} & 5^{th} Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2^{nd} & 4^{th} Sundays]

Weekday Services

Mon-Fri Mass at 8.00am (9.00am on Public Holidays); Wednesday 1:15pm Mass; Saturday 12noon Mass Special Devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham on the 4th Saturday of the month Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 7.00pm

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Guild of St Benedict:	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033	
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