Welcome to ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

09 July 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 and YouTube

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

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Rob Berryman, Susanne Marsden, Sue Tan, Christie O'Connor, Bruno Lezzi, Gill Best, Terry Maher, Robert Saliba, Frances Joan Wellam, Shirley Sinclair, Nelson Rufatt, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Fr Rob Whalley, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED John Capp, Wendy Hudson Pr, Margaret Boyle, Helen Drummond, Pat Bellhouse, Norman Missen.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- July 9 Gerald Hibberd, Edith Thompson
 - 10 Eric Loveday PRIEST, Alexandra Mary Pierce, Hugh Webb, Elizabeth Wills
 - 11 Gertrude Callander, Edith Bertha Page, Robert Plunkett, Rita Porter, Charles Augustus Walsh PRIEST
 - 12 Charles Briggs, Colin Charles Ferguson, Annie Hodges, Bartley John Hodgetts, Colin Holden Snr, Edgar Hunter, Alexander Lucas
 - 13 Colin Peter Holden PRIEST, Elizabeth Ann Mason, Isabella Margaret Morrison
 - 14 Wilfred Eode Agar, Emily Davies, Ken Harvey, Eileen Margaret Johnston
 - 15 John Fletcher Connell, Henry (Harry) Lohning, Elizabeth Jane Olding, Charles Youdan

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.

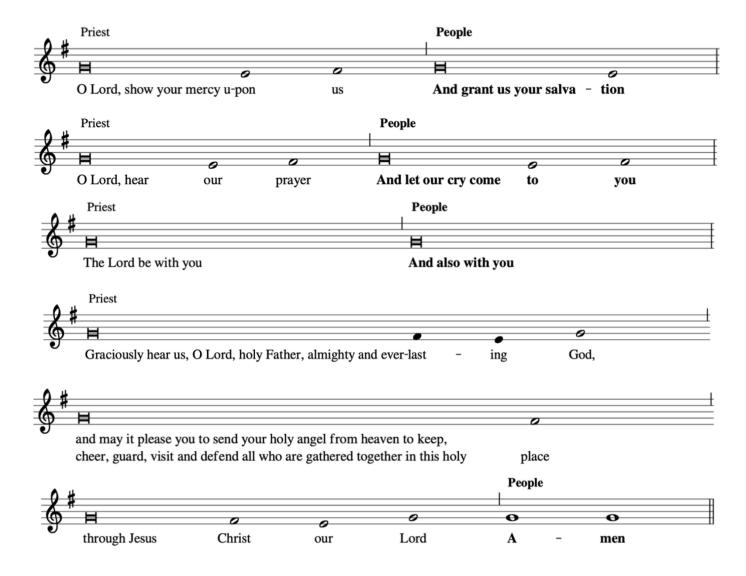
Mass setting: T. V. Griffiths (1894-1985) Missa Canonica

Introit Hymn: NEH 238 New every morning is the love

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

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

V. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, in the city of our God, upon his holy mountain.

Your merciful love, O God, ...

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Please sit for the readings.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Zechariah 9.9-12

A reading from the book of Zechariah.

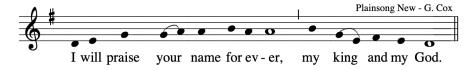
⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ He* will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

- ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145



I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. **R.**

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. **R.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Romans 7.15-25a

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

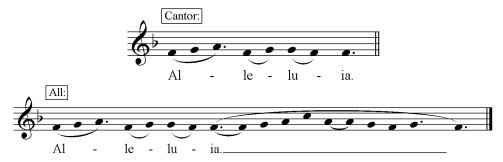
²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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 11.16-19, 25-end

♣ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time Jesus said, 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁵I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.* ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Mthr Kathryn Bellhouse

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]

You will save the humble people, O Lord, and will bring down the eyes of the proud; for who is God but you, O Lord?

Offertory hymn NEH 294 Just as I am, without one plea

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 fglory 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:



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.

C. Willcock (b. 1947) Come to me

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 379 In the cross of Christ I glory

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

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: J. Langlais (1907-91) Bells

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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost OS15

Genesis 25.19-end; Psalm 119.105-112; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

NOTICES

Parish PO Box NO longer in use.

Please do NOT send any letters or documents to our old PO Box, as it has been cancelled and no longer in use. All post should be addressed to 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002

For your Diary

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.

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Church Polishing

Will take place this Sunday July 9th after High Mass. We will be commencing polishing of the wood panelling in the Sanctuary. If you can help for half an hour or more that would be appreciated. Thank you. David Outram.

Pre-Raphaelites and In the Company of Morris - Art Gallery of Ballarat, Saturday July 29th.





In the company of Morris

Pre-Raphaelites

Would you like to come along with a group of us from St Peter's to see the exhibition Pre-Raphaelites: Drawings and Watercolours from the Ashmolean Museum Oxford, and In the Company of Morris? These two exhibitions are on at the Ballarat Art Gallery of Ballarat. I've bought 10 tickets which are \$20 each. The plan is to meet there at 11am. We can enter as a group or separately. Tickets are valid all day (from 10am) and allow patrons to enter and exit the exhibition at any time.

Talk to Carol or leave your details in the Bookroom, if you would like to purchase one of these tickets and come along!

Carol O'Connor

PATRONAL LUNCHEON

Last Sunday we celebrated our Patronal Festival with a Luncheon in the Parish Hall, with Joy Freier as our guest speaker accompanied by her husband + Philip, Archbishop of Melbourne. It was a joyous day of celebration, with good food from Hot Dish, despite the late arrival due to last minute staffing problems.

We are most thankful to several people who helped make the celebration such a memorable day. The table flowers were provided by Julianne Jenner, Carol O'Connor for gifts to Joy Freier, wine provided by the parish, table helpers Rachel Ellyard, Cecilia, Arthur and Kath Barnett along with many parishioners who

helped clear tables and chairs and even mopped the floor at the end of the day. And a thank you to the Parish Office for it's assistance.

These events require a significant 'behind the scenes' preparation, however, it is what makes a great parish, such as St Peter's.

Thankyou.

Daniel Ferguson Guild of St Benedict

On that note, a big thank you to Daniel Ferguson, the driving force behind our wonderful Patronal celebrations, his boundless energy in every organisational aspect has made this wonderful occasion a success. Thank you! Daniel.

Parish Office







Weekly Reflections

Glutton and Drunkard

Fr Philip Gil

One of the great perplexities of the early church was the fact that by and large the people of Israel did not accept Jesus as Messiah. Rejection of the messiahship of Jesus must have had a deep impact on those Jews who followed Jesus. He did not fit the image that many had of the Messiah. His towns people rejected him because they had seen him grow up, they knew his family and his humble origins.

When talking about the comparisons being made between himself and John the Baptist Jesus berates the people because they reject John for his austere prophetic ways and yet they reject Jesus because he was not austere enough. In fact, they call him a glutton and a drunkard. This is a term that echoes Deuteronomy 21.20. There we read that parents could bring their rebellious son to the elders of the town, declare him a 'glutton and a drunkard' and have the poor fellow stoned to death.

Jesus was rejected by his people and died on the cross accused of blasphemy, of pretending to do the things only God could do. This rejection was profoundly disappointing for Jesus' followers. St Paul writing in Romans devotes chapters 9-11 to a discussion on the ramifications of this rejection and in the end he asks: 'Has God rejected his people? By no means!' is his reply. God will eventually save all Israel. (Romans 11.1 and 25-27)

Recently I came across an article noting the further erosion of numbers of people attending churches. A phenomenon highlighted by the deconsecration and closure of St Peter's Fawkner in the last week. And, if you're up for a challenge, the very substantial Uniting Church in North Melbourne is for sale.

One of the responses to this disheartening trend piqued my interest. Someone has suggested that about every three hundred years the church must reassess its way of being in the world in the wake of great social change. Very convenient and rather simplistic I thought at first, but then I couldn't resist testing the hypothesis (dates are approximate)!

About AD 300 Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire

600 The Early Middle or 'Dark Ages'

900 Tensions rise leading to a split between Catholicism and Orthodoxy in 1054

1200 Challenges to church power and authority

1500 On the edge of the Reformation

1800 The industrial revolution and the continuing challenge of science and technology

2100 Repercussions of our climate change response?

Though not an exact science the exercise serves to remind us of the challenges of the past and may help embolden us for the future. As we live into this future we do so in the comfort of Jesus' words: 'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'



