# 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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# TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays) 6.00pm Low Mass (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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: Janine Harris, Graham Ryles, Judy Ryles, Athol Leach, Sharee Jenkins, Susanne Marsden, Lisa Myers, Dulcie O'Brien, Col Robinson, Baby Penelope Hocking, Michael Malady, Lena Sheridan, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Jennifer Lamont, Fr Noel Whale

#### FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

#### October

- 29 Margaret Béchervaise, George Henry Carter, Margaret Gow, David Lee, Henry Nam, Naomi Jean Plunkett, Albert John Williams, Merna Florence Wilson
- 30 Agnes Barker, Helen Louise Edwards, Jonathan Lugg, Helen Watson
- 31 William Auncey Keysey A'Beckett, John Lawrence Bignell, Joseph John Booth BISHOP, Don Cubit, Herbert Kelly PRIEST, Mary Widdows, Wystan Widdows

#### November 1

- 1 Louisa Carden, Leonard Roy Cook, Joseph Lawrence Corfield, Rose Adeline Corfield, Lyle Wiegel, John Raymond Hibberd
- 2 Frank Roper Churton, Frank Stranieri
- 3 Bill Gale PRIEST, Ernest Hicks, Gertrude Ogilvy, Ian Wetton Allnutt Shevill BISHOP, William Graham Tucker, Mary Were
- 4 Dyzie Béchervaise, Ada Connelly, Abraham Levy

Please contact 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.

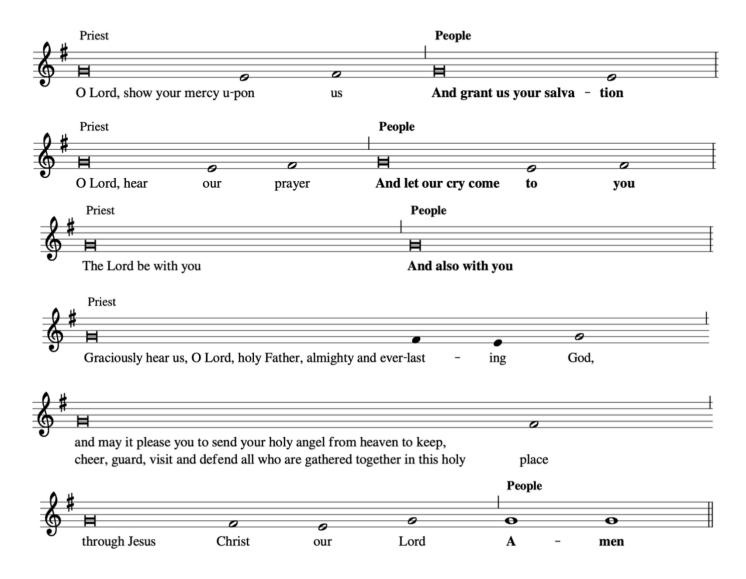
# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold. Mass setting: Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611) Missa O quam gloriosum Introit Hymn: NEH 433 O worship the King (omit \*)

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**

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

V. Give glory to the Lord, and call upon his name; make known among the nations his deeds.

Let the hearts ...

#### 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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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

## Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book Leviticus.

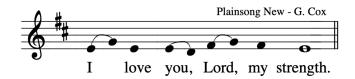
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be

partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 18



I love you, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.
My God, my rock in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the source of my salvation, my stronghold. **R.** 

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, so I shall be saved from my enemies. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. **R.** 

The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation. Great triumphs he gives to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed. **R.** 

## THE EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

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

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of

God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

# And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22.34-end

# **♣** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, '"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him

Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

# Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Mthr Pirrial Clift

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]

O Lord, for the sake of your promise give me life, that I may know your decrees.

## 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



#### 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.

William Byrd (1543-1623) Venite comedite

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 485 Thy hand, O God, has guided

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:

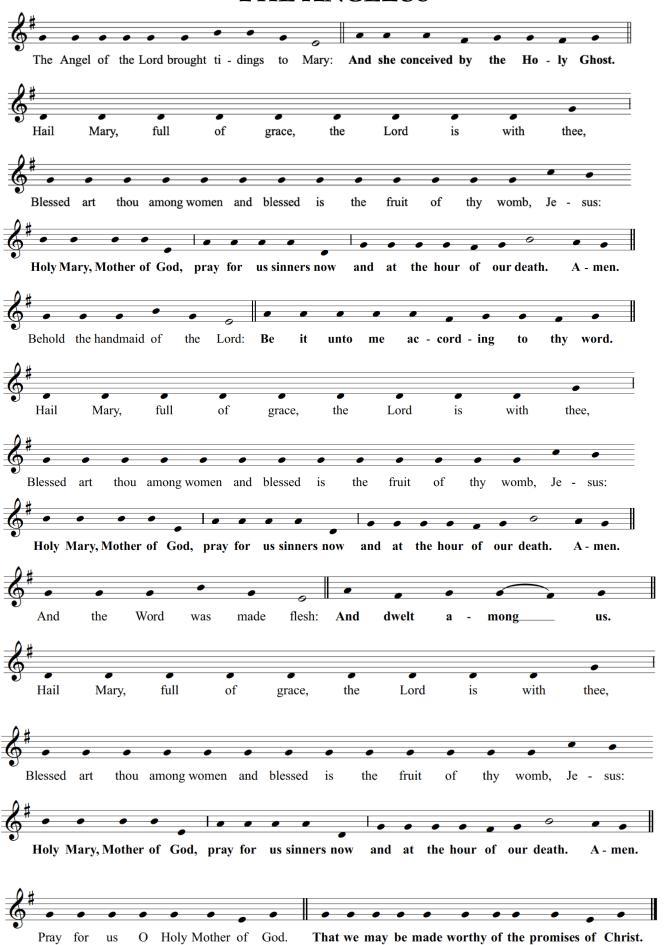
Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

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: Pièce d'Orgue (BWV 572) – J.S. Bach

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

November 1st All Saints' Day

Revelation 7.9-end; Psalm 34.1-10; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls' Day

Romans 8.31-end; Psalm 109.20-26, 29-30; Luke 13.31-end

November 5th Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost OS 31

Micah 3.5-end; Psalm 43 [ or 107.1-8]; 1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Matthew 24.1-14

# **NOTICES**

# Annual General Meeting & Parish Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is being updated for tabling at the upcoming Annual General Meeting on Sunday 26 November 2023 at 12.30pm in the Parish Hall, as required by the regulations of the *Parish Governance Act* 2013

NOTE: Not all parishioners who attend St Peter's are automatically placed on the Parish Electoral Roll.

Whilst all are welcome to attend the AGM, if you wish to vote on the resolutions and/or stand for election to office, you will need to be on this Electoral Roll; and you can only be on the Electoral Roll of <u>one</u> parish at any time. To fulfil the requirements of the Act, and with respect to the Privacy Act, please contact the parish office to check your details on the current Roll.

You must apply to be included on the Electoral Roll by filling out an *Application for Enrolment* form, fulfilling the prerequisites stated. If you wish to be on the Electoral Roll or amend your details on the current roll, please fill out one of these forms, available from the back of the church and return to the parish office on or before **7 November 2023**.

Nomination forms for the election of two (2) Churchwardens and nine (9) Vestry members and two (2) Incumbency Committee members are also available from the back of the church. These forms must be returned to me by **14 November 2023**. Please direct this correspondence either to me (in person) after the 11.00AM High Mass, or via the Parish Office.

For all queries and apologies to the AGM, please notify myself either on 0414 648 837 or email danielm@arty.com.au.

Thank you for your assistance.

**Daniel Mitterdorfer** HON. SECRETARY

# For your Diary

# Advent Study Group: The Meaning is in the Waiting by Paula Gooder

With Carol O'Connor, Wednesday, 2.15pm (after the 1.15pm Mass). In the Vicarage. Wednesdays: 29<sup>th</sup> November; 6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

'One of the oddest features of Advent is that it requires us to wait for something that has already happened, as well as something that has not.'

What does it mean to mark time for an event that happened two thousand years ago? To wait for the birth of Christ that we experience year after year? More awkwardly, how does the anticipation of 'end times' fit into this double vision of Advent?

Come along this Advent and join us to engage with a biblical view of time reflected upon by Paula Gooder. Each candle on the Advent wreath represents a

biblical character or characters in the long run-up to Jesus' life. In her book, The Meaning is the Waiting, Paula Gooder explores who they are and why they matter.

Please let Carol in the Bookroom know if you are interested in coming along and order a copy of Paula Gooder's book.

# 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. <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CJGIE">https://www.trybooking.com/CJGIE</a>

#### Another music excursion!

Are you interested in a choral extravaganza? The Australian Chamber Choir is staging a concert on 12 November 3pm, Scots' Church with a program including favourites from Vaughan Williams, Parry, Byrd, Britten. (It's called Buckingham Palace, so that gives you a flavour of what's on offer, more info here https://www.auschoir.org/buckingham-palace/).

We have booked 10 'regular' seats at \$70 each, first come, first served. If you want to sit in front eight rows, please book your own premium seat. If there is interest we'll have a collective meal after High Mass (?in Chinatown) or drinks afterward at my place or both. Please let me know of your interest (<u>Stephen.j.duck-ett@gmail.com</u>)

Stephen Duckett

#### Parish Roll and Nomination forms

Please note the application forms to be on the Parish Roll, and Parish Office Bearers Nomination for Election Form are now available at the back of the church.

If you are unsure of your name on the roll, please complete and return the form. It would greatly assist the office in getting the roll up to date.

# All Souls Requiem Names

The list for the names of the faithful departed for the intercessions on All Souls day is available at the back of the church. You can also send the names to the Parish office at <a href="mailto:office@stpeters.org.au">office@stpeters.org.au</a>

# Nov 1st (Wednesday 7.00pm) - All Saints

We will be joined by a group from the Karen community in Werribee led by Fr Ron Browning

# Nov 2nd (Thursday 7.00pm) - All Souls

The Mass setting will be Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) Requiem in D Minor (Op. 48) Soloists: Emma-Mae Rufatt, soprano & Nelson Rufatt, baritone

# Nov 26th - Christ The King

# Weekly Reflections

In Sunday's gospel Jesus is asked which is the greatest commandment and famously replies with two which are really one: love God and love your neighbour as yourself.

This was the text for my last sermon in my parish in Sheffield in 2005. It would be difficult to find a better text than this with which to leave a Christian community. I imagine that if Jesus had been told that only one saying of his would be allowed to survive, then this would have been his choice. It is said that St John, (one of the few of the apostles and Evangelists to avoid a Technicolor death) in his old age took to getting into the pulpit every week, saying 'Love one another' and sitting down again. 'Infuriating old coot', the congregation probably thought, but he was right.

It is significant that Jesus offers this, his best line, in response to a very churchy question — what is the most important 'commandment'. What rule must we keep, what is the guaranteed minimum, the thing that will make sure that we are 'in' with God? Will it be about how to make sure we are better than our neighbours, no matter how miserable it makes us? That is how the world sees the Church: judgemental bigots and hypocrites. People outside the Church still know enough about us to know that Jesus said these words. And they know that all the petty concerns of the Church wouldn't interest him at all, if he really said, 'all you have to do is love one another and love God'. We have some work to do.

Of course there's a difficulty: it isn't as easy as just saying 'love one another'. How do we love people who aren't impressed by us? How do we love our fellow Christians who disagree with us? How do we welcome people we think are different from us? How do we love people who argue violently with us or are rude to us or

try to set fire to our building? And if that is the same as loving God, do we really want to do it? I suspect that for a lot of people, including us, if we're honest, the answer to that question would be, 'not really'.

The lawyer wanted a lawyer's answer: he wanted to be told how to be *safe*. Law is about putting fences around things, laying things down ('law' is the noun from the verb 'lay'). And Jesus told him how, but in God's way, not the neurotic and self-serving way of human beings.

He said that the more we *love*, the safer we truly are. As with so much of what Jesus said, that seems contradictory. How did he show this love? By allowing people to kill him. Easter is his promise to us that through that sort of love, through risking pain and destruction, comes the ultimate triumph. That is what love is like, what God is like. It is unselfish risk. It isn't about having things, or other people, the way you want them.

Fullness of life, eternal life, which Jesus offers us, is found in our ability to let go of ourselves and trust in God. It is like that game where people have to let themselves fall backwards, trusting that the person behind them will catch them. That is what God is like, a completely reliable catcher, and we are supposed to believe it.

Love one another.

Fr Michael

# St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

Revd David Cole, author of cosy murder mysteries: Murder Before Evensong and A Death in the Parish, writes movingly and poignantly here about the grief he experienced after the death of his partner, David Coles, just before Christmas 2019. It's a deeply personal account that will resonate, unforgettably, long after the final page has turned.

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# St Peter's Bookroom Book Fair 2024 - storage space

High quality book donations are already starting to arrive for the next Book Fair in September 2024.

We are in great need of dry and safe storage space. Do you have an empty garage or know of a space we could use? It needs to be relatively close to the city for access.

Please let us know in the Bookroom if you can assist.

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