

*Welcome to*  
**ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL**

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



Peasant Family Saying Grace. Date: 1653.  
Adriaen van Ostade, artist, Dutch (1610–1685)

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 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:** Geoffrey Wratten, Jane Brennan, John Bolwell, Shelley Young, Roger Boey, Angela, Baby Leo, Bp Peter Hollingworth, Julie-Anne Bird, Janine Harris, Susanne Marsden, Col Robinson, Lena Sheridan, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

**FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED** Ken Maxwell, David Curtis, Frances O'Neil.

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

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| December | 31 | Marion Brown, Peter Burman, Chasely Evelyn, Jane Mullins, Thelma Tonkins, Rose Phyllis Jessie Woods                                  |
| January  | 1  | Frank McKinnon Bladin, James Corden, Keith Robert Young  |
|          | 2  | Zoltan Ference Noel, John Randell  |
|          | 3  | Mary Bethell, Lois Hilda Callinan, Constance Violet Carleton, Arthur William Dineen, Gloria Elizabeth Fezzoli, Bradley John Harris   |
|          | 4  | Kevin Buck, Guy Colman Cox PRIEST, Bill Emberson, Elizabeth Garrett, Edith Heap  |
|          | 5  | Frances Edith Digby Bennie, (Rick) Dick William Boerhout, Wed Garnet Eggington, Roy Green, Florence Warde, Sister Agnes Winifred CHN |
|          | 6  | Marjorie Bucknell, Enid Dorothea Carr, Jennifer Joan Gibbs, Thu Gertrude Kugelman, Sarah Ann Lumsden                                 |

*Please contact the Parish Office or email [office@stpeters.org.au](mailto: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 magnum mysterium*

Introit Hymn: NEH 21 A great and mighty wonder

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

Cantor

All

Pu - ri - fy me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean:

wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow. Fine

Cantor

Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness:

All

ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces.

Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness:

Cantor

and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God:

All

Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now,

Repeat antiphon

and for e - ver. A - men.

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



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 by the choir.*

Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>
Christe eleison	<i>Christ have mercy</i>
Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>

*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 God,  
who wonderfully created us in your own image  
and yet more wonderfully restored us  
through your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
so we may share the life of his divinity;  
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**

### **Isaiah 61.10-62.3**

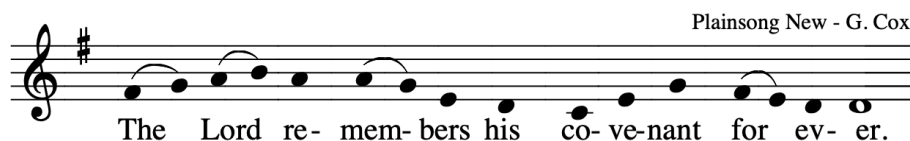
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness

and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her indication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 105



O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works. **R.**

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually. **R.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones. **R.**

He is mindful of his covenant forever,  
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,  
the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac. **R.**

## THE EPISTLE: Galatians 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman,  
born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we  
might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent

the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now God speaks to us through the Son.

*Deacon:*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 2.15-21**

**✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

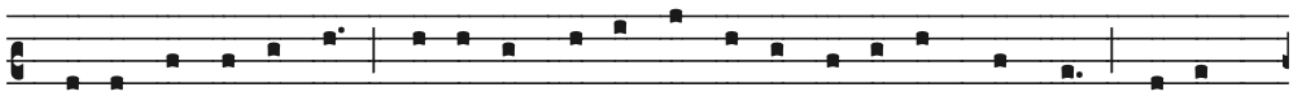
*Please sit for the Homily by Fr Michael Bowie*

*Please stand for the Creed.*

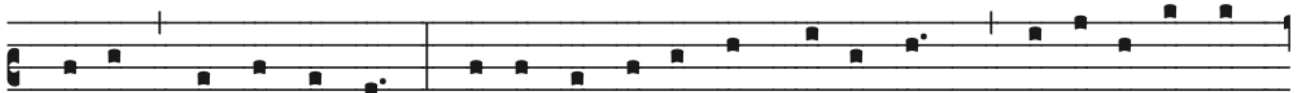


## The Creed

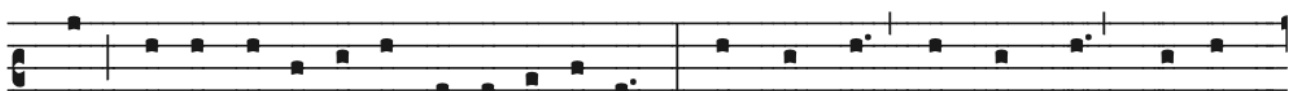
*All stand and sing together facing the High Altar. The priest intones the opening phrase.*



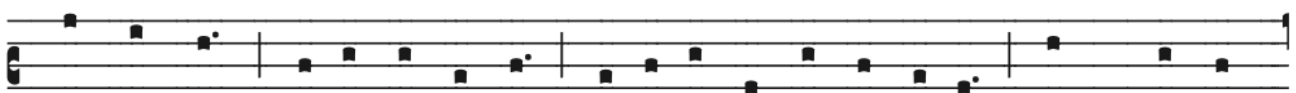
∇ We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the al-migh-ty, ma-ker of heav'n and earth of all



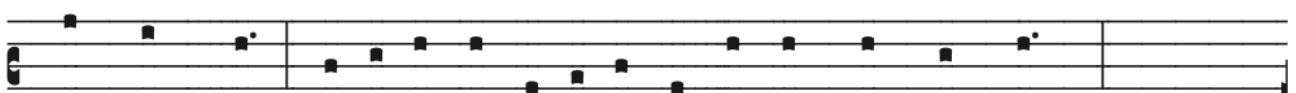
that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je- sus Christ, the on-ly Son of



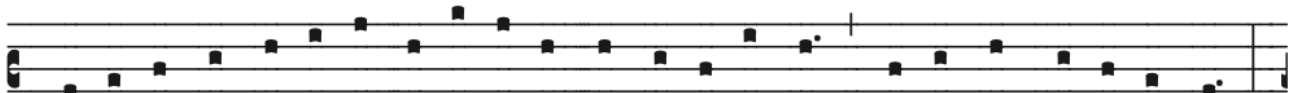
God, e - ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, light from light, true God



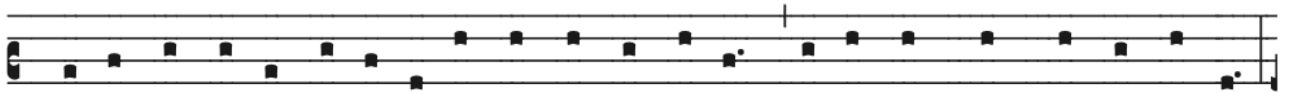
from true God, be- got-ten, not made of one be- ing with the Fa- ther through him all



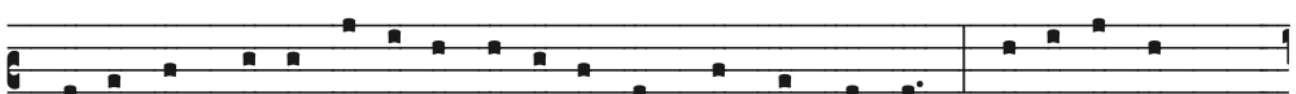
things were made. For us and for our sal-va- tion he came down from heaven,



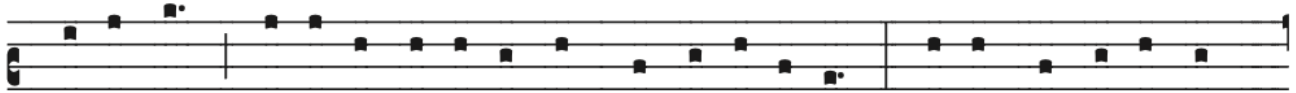
was in-car-nate of the Ho- ly Spi-rit and the vir- gin Ma-ry, and be-came tru-ly hu-man.



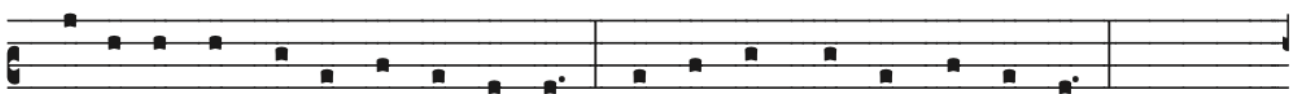
For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, he suf-fered death and was bu-ried.



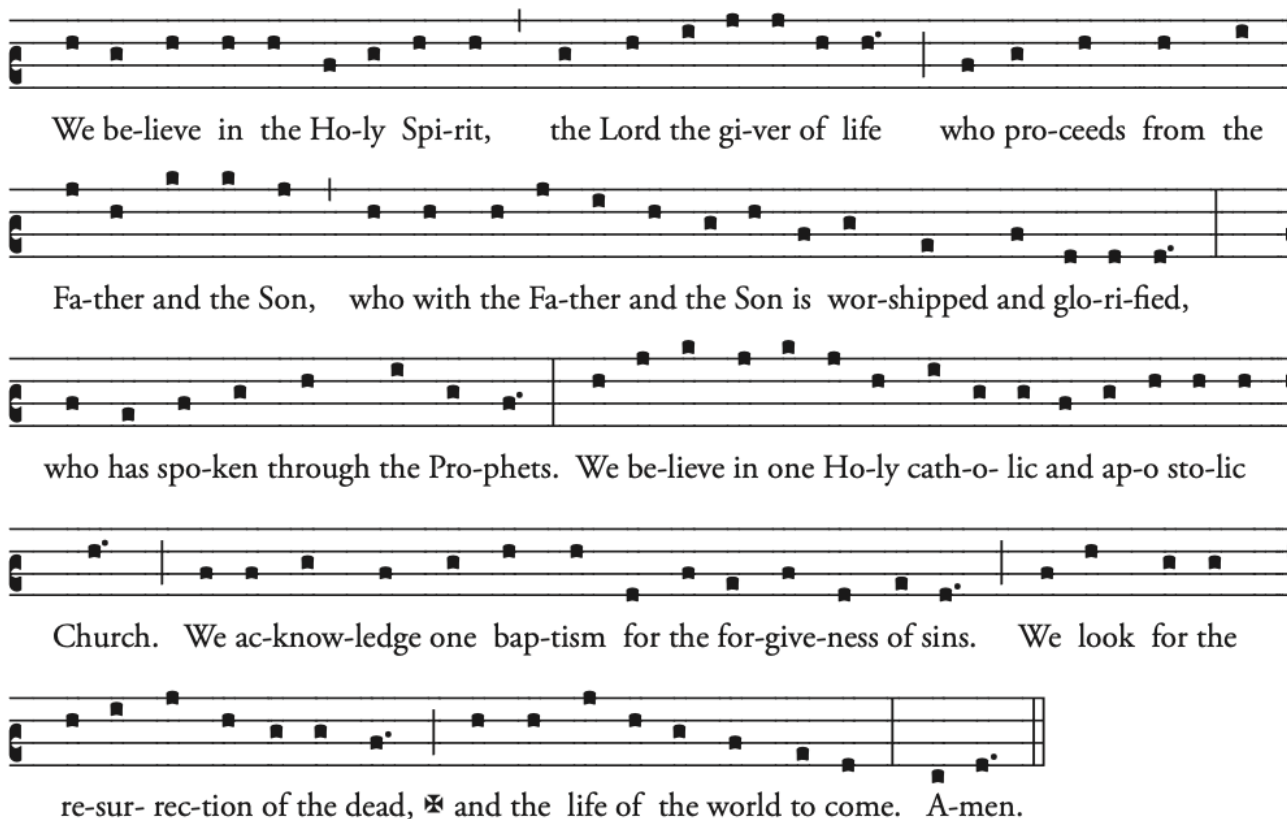
On the third day he rose a- gain in ac-cor-dance with the scrip-tures. He as-cen-ded



in- to heav'n, and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther. He will come a- gain in



glo-ry to judge the liv- ing and the dead and his king-dom will have no end.



We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord the gi-ver of life who pro-ceeds from the  
 Fa-ther and the Son, who with the Fa-ther and the Son is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied,  
 who has spo-ken through the Pro-phets. We be-lieve in one Ho-ly cath-o-lic and ap-o sto-lic  
 Church. We ac-know-ledge one bap-tism for the for-give-ness of sins. We look for the  
 re-sur- rec-tion of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. A-men.

## 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*]

In you, O Lord, I have placed my hope; I said, You are my God, my times are in your hands.

*Offertory hymn* NEH 33 Of the Father's heart begotten

## **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.*

*The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus.*

**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

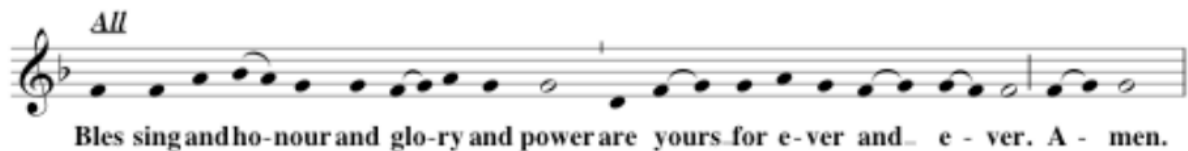
*All*



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:*

*All*



Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

*Celebrant*



As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,  
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us  
from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

*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.*

Herb Hector Berlioz (1803-69) *The shepherds' farewell*

*Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.*

NEH                    23    Behold the great Creator makes

## **THE CONCLUDING RITES**

*The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:*

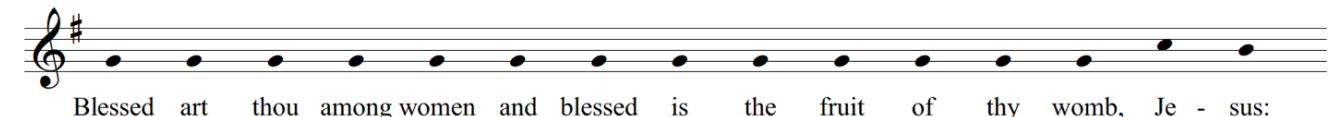
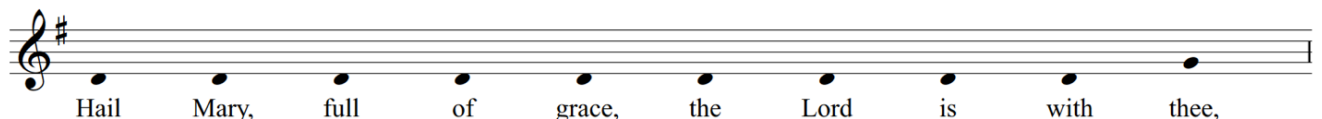
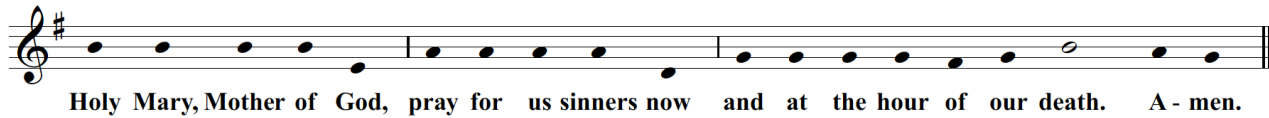
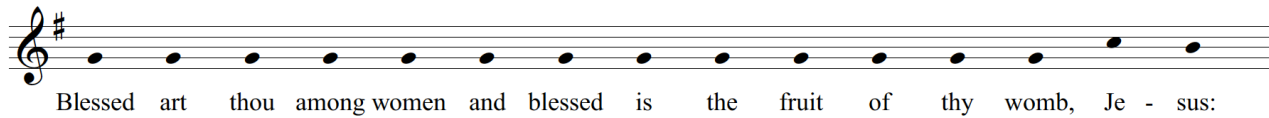
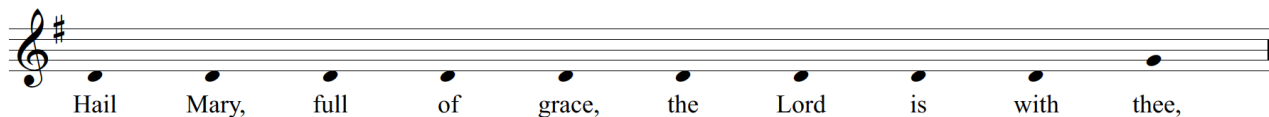
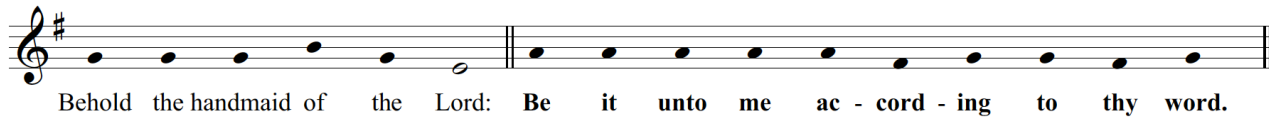
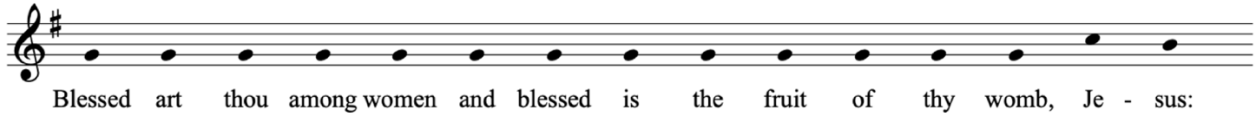
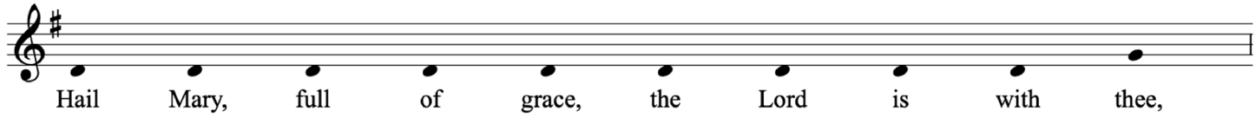
**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

*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: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) *In dir ist Freude* (BWV 615)

*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.*

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## Readings for

### January 5<sup>th</sup> – Feast of Epiphany

Isaiah 60.1–6; Ephesians 3.1–12; Matthew 2.1–12

### January 7<sup>th</sup> – Feast of The Baptism of The Lord

Genesis 1.1–5; Acts 19.1–7; Mark 1.4–11

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## NOTICES

### For your Diary

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – 7.00pm**

**Festival of Lessons and Carols**, Followed by New Year celebrations in the parish hall. <https://fb.me/e/1xs1noag5>

**Monday 1 January 2024 – Feast of Mary, Mother of God**

**9am**

**Friday 5 January 2024 – Feast of Epiphany**

**7pm High Mass with Procession and blessing of chalk**

**Sunday 7 January 2024 – Feast of The Baptism of The Lord**

## Weekly Reflections

There is a little-known work by the English poet, Christina Rossetti, published towards the end of her life in 1885 which is simply titled, **Time Flies: A Reading Diary**. It contains short prose and poetic devotional meditations for each day of the year. These reflections, anchored in the Anglican Church Calendar, are personal but also broad in their subject matter. Some are dedicated to the Feast of that particular day's saint; others draw on a line from the Gospels. Quite a number take their inspiration from the natural world.

Christina Rossetti begins her **Reading Diary** on *January 1: The Feast of the Circumcision*, with these following words - 'Mother Church who opens the ecclesiastical year for her children with alarum of Advent, opens for them the civil year with a Divine example of self denial.' Christ began his earthly life in circumstances of material privation and hardship. His spiritual life on earth began 'in a sense' at his circumcision with the suffering of shedding blood. All this was done out of 'the loving choice' of Divine free will. Rossetti then reminds us of our call not to premise life on seeking to find our own comfort, 'eager to lie soft and warm', but to be alert to the pain and need of others. To see and then find ways of bringing healing to another, is to see and act on the revelation of Christ in others.

'Time flies' is an expression taken by Rossetti from 1<sup>st</sup> century BCE classical poet Virgil. It's translated from the Latin: *tempus fugit*. A question today (even then perhaps) could be, is it time that flies or is it we who fly fast through time? I'm struck by Mary's reaction in Luke's Gospel when the shepherds tell her the words the angels had said to them about this child, Jesus: she 'treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.' (Luke 2:19) She seems to enter a space of *time-lessness* within herself.

There is no dedicated Christian road map explaining how we bring peace into the world or enable comfort to be given to others. We have charts, such as a way shown in the Beatitudes or example in praying the Lord's Prayer. We have the Gospels and the other books in the New Testament. But in essence, the Christian way is simply and radically, Christ himself. This means knowing our own selves in relationship with our Lord. And for each of us this relationship will be utterly unique, without coercion or manipulation; life giving in its offering to us the choice of free will. Therefore, who we are and what we do will be individual and unrepeatable, drawn out in Christ from our gifts and talents. But we can only know this relationship by giving ourselves time to ponder these mysteries in our hearts. Like Mary, entering that space of *time-lessness*.



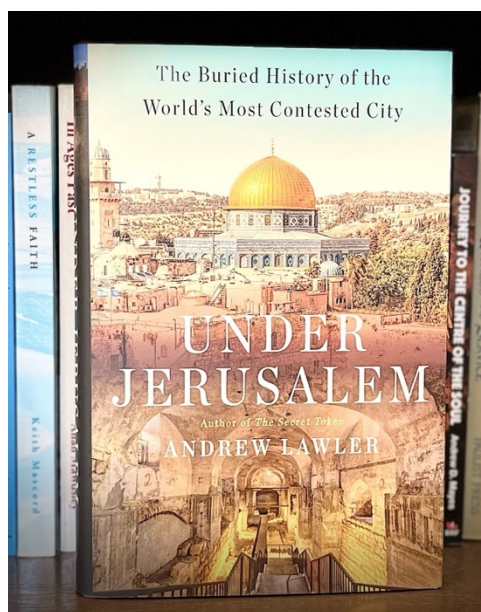
This coming year of 2024 as we move through the necessary tasks and routines of each day, may we weave into the rhythm of our own lives intervals of rest and reflection so that consciousness of Christ's relationship within us may grow. May we be alert to the very present pain and distress of others, resisting the temptation of time to numb us into distraction. May each day be one that matters in the growing of God's kingdom here on earth.

Carol O'Connor

## St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

The Bookroom will be re-opening on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2024.

### Back in stock by popular demand:



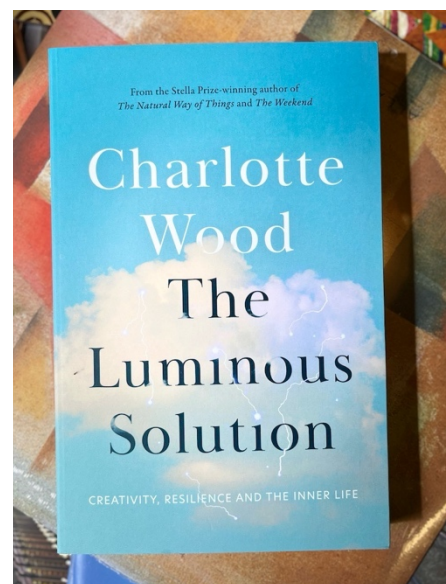
### Under Jerusalem: The Buried History of the World's Most Contested City

by Andrew Lawler.

Under Jerusalem takes readers into the tombs, tunnels, and trenches of the Holy City. It brings to life the indelible characters who have investigated this subterranean landscape. With clarity and verve, acclaimed journalist Andrew Lawler reveals how their pursuit has not only defined the conflict over modern Jerusalem, but could provide a map for two peoples and three faiths to peacefully coexist. \$55- (hardback)

### The Luminous Solution by Charlotte Wood

Drawing on research and decades of observant conversation and immersive reading, Charlotte Wood shares what artists can teach the rest of us about inspiration and hard work, how to pursue truth in art and life, and to find courage during the difficult times: facing down what we fear and keeping going when things seem hopeless. \$35-



## 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 for dry and safe storage spaces. 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.

Carol O'Connor

email: [bookroom@stpeters.org.au](mailto:bookroom@stpeters.org.au)

ph: 03 9663 7487

## Photos from Christmas.



Thank you! to Brian, Jack, Allan & Mthr Kathryn for preparing 90 Christmas food parcels.

And a special thank you to Brian for arranging the donations.





**Christmas Eve  
Children's Mass**  
With the telling of the  
Nativity Story and the  
arrival of  
St Nicholas



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Office Hours: 10am to 1pm, Tuesday – Friday

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## Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass  
6pm Low Mass [1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month  
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 7.00pm

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## Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Michael Bowie	0432 072 213
Assistant Priest:	Mthr Kathryn Bellhouse	0416 378 748
Associate Clergy:	Fr Graeme Brennan	0427 321 744
	Mthr Pirrial Clift	0407 453 306
	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
Klingner Scholars:	Alex De Leon	03 9662 2391
	Naomi Johnson	03 9662 2391

## Parish Council Membership

Fr Michael Bowie (President)
Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)
Peter Griffin (Treasurer)
Anne Scott-Pendlebury
Craig Wilson
Geoffrey Bush-Coote
Marcus Roberts
Michael Upson
Terry Porter

## Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
Children's Church:	Katherine Barnett	0403 352 256
Churchwardens:	Michael Gronow	0411 289 318
	Helena Hughes	-
	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
COVID Safe & Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
Flowers:	Michael Upson	0492 964 984
Guild of St Benedict:	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
Head Server:	Anthony Schepis	0400 578 952
Organist/Acting Music Director:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853
Parish Administrator:	Eugene Chin	0401 826 325
Pastoral care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
Prayer Link & Pastoral:	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
Sacristan:	Naomi Johnson	03 9662 2391

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