

WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



Pieter Bruegel the Elder (1525 - 1569) *The Blind Leading the Blind*

PEW SHEET
ORDINARY SUNDAY 8
27TH FEBRUARY 2022

WEEKLY MUSING

Asperges is about the first experience we have during most of the year when we gather for High Mass worship at St. Peter's. The words of Psalm 51 settle us into the worship; they also set the reality of our being there. Because this is not just a case of 'come as you are', which is anyway a given. Sometimes we 'come as we aren't', full of illusions and quiet desperation and self-interest before all else. The words speak to the state we are in, our need for forgiveness, our varied messiness or pride or unhappiness or whatever. They gently but firmly ask for mercy, with the belief that genuine repentance can bring relief. When our sin is ever before us, our deepest need is restoration to life, even fullness of life. It is a call to become more than just who we are now. Psalm 51 is a prayer for transformation.

The Gospel is heard at every service of the year and today's three sayings are fairly direct awakenings to the fact that we are not all we think we're cracked up to be. No one wants to hear that modern life is a case of the blind leading the blind. Jesus the teacher is explaining how we become more like him, our blindness cleaned up, our illusions overcome, the more we follow his way, as distinct from heading happily into some pitfall or other. His way is that of love and forgiveness. The hard, yet simple, process of transformation is possible. He has a way of saying it that makes us listen.

Even if we are thick as two short planks, we see Jesus' joke about the speck in someone else's eye. He does not exaggerate when he says that the object in our own eye may be so big we cannot see it for looking. The beam (Greek: dokon) is the largest piece of timber in house construction, a measure of the immense difference between us in our mansion and those who have next to nothing to own, a mote of sawdust. As Psalm 51 has it, "a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." More arrestingly still, Jesus challenges us with what is in our hearts, whether of good or evil, "for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks." It's not a case of one or the other. Each of us lives with choices in our knowledge of good and evil. For the Psalmist, the choice is to "teach me wisdom in my secret heart," to ask God to "blot out all my iniquities."

Philip Harvey

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Wendy Hancock, Russell Kennedy, Thomas Low, Martin Moran, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, Beatrice Scarfe, John Small, Paul Wheelton, Anne Wuttke, Reinhart Wuttke, Angus, Peter and Jan.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, David Bornstein, Margaret Brown, Kate Castle, David Curtis, Helen Drummond, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Grace James, Judith Hibberd, Natalie Kellett, Roman Kerr, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, William Lees, Ken Letts PRIEST, Margaret Lugg, Alice McCraith, Adrienne Moran, Robin Page, Liz Prideaux, Judy Ryles, Jenny Sasse, John Stewart BISHOP, Ian Thornton, Barbara Ure-Smith.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Sophie Ann Booker, Patricia Death

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	27	Joyce Stanmore Alford, Cecil Garton, Heather Millicent Macpherson
Mon	28	Peg Camilatos
Tue	1	Rachel Barber, Irene Compton, Emma Foster, Margherita Latimer, Hazel Maxwell, Frank Travers <small>PRIEST</small>
Wed	2	Anne Purcell, Ethel Stevens
Thu	3	Emma Creswell
Fri	4	John David Andrew, William Gordon, Franciska Hudjik, Walter Hum <small>PRIEST</small> , Mary Adeline Samwell
Sat	5	Ralph Franklin Jones, Sister Phyllis CSC

MASS PROPERS & MUSIC

Mass setting: Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548 – 1611): Missa *Lætatus sum*

Hymn: 444. *Rejoice to-day with one accord*

INTROIT *Psalm 17:19-20, 2-3*

Factus est Dominus protector meus, et eduxit me in latitudinem: salvum me fecit, quoniam voluit me.

The Lord has become my protector; he has brought me forth into free and open spaces, he delivered me because he was well pleased with me.

FIRST READING *Sirach 27.4-7*

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so do a person's faults when one speaks. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; so the test of a person is in conversation. Its fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so a person's speech discloses the cultivation of the mind. Do not praise people before they speak, for this is the way people are tested.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 92*

Plainsong New - G. Cox



Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night. **R.**

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God. **R.**

In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,
showing that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. **R.**

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 15.54-58*

When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

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

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:2-3*

Bonum est confiteri Domino: et psallere | *It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, and to*
nomini. tuo, Altissime. | *sing in honour of your name, O Most High.*

ALLELUIA



THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (6.39-45)

+ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour’s eye. No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble

bush. Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good, and out of evil treasure, the evil person produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

OFFERTORY *Psalm 6:5*

Domine convertere, et eripe animam
meam: salvum me fac propter
misericordiam tuam.

*Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul; save
me for the sake of your love.*

Hymn: 310. *We hail thy presence glorious*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Psalm 12:6*

Cantabo Domino, qui bona tribuit mihi:
et psallam nomini Domini altissimi.

*I will sing unto the Lord who has dealt
bountifully with me; I will praise the name of
the Lord, the Most High.*

COMMUNION MOTETS: G. F. Handel (1685 – 1759) *O death, where is thy sting & But thanks be to God* from *Messiah*

O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1 Corinthians 15: 55-57)

Hymn: 113. *Love's redeeming work is done*

Postlude: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47) *Con moto maestoso, Sonata No. 3 in A, Op. 65*

NOTICES

Lent 2022

Lent begins this week:

Tuesday, 1 March 2022, 6.15pm. Shrove Tuesday: A ceremony of the burning of palm crosses, followed by celebratory pancakes in the Church Hall.

Wednesday, 2 March 2022, 6.15pm. Ash Wednesday: High Mass with the blessing and imposition of Ashes.

Lenten Study

Why do we do it?

A Lenten series of studies on Liturgy, concentrating on why we do what we do at Mass: “What is liturgy for? A study of what is said and done.”

The Lenten studies are at 1pm on the first, second, third and fifth Sundays of Lent.

Session 1: Sunday, 6 March.

What is the purpose of liturgy? Presented by Fr Ken Letts.

Liturgy is the work of the people; communal prayer, praise and worship directed towards God.

Music in Lent

Lent is a time of preparation for the joys that are to come at Easter. We prepare ourselves through fasting, acts of charity and a spirit of repentance as we acknowledge our frailty and our dependence on God. The liturgies of Lent also shift gear to reinforce these themes of repentance and introspection. You’ll notice the covering of statues and the use of violet vestments. You’ll also notice a change to the music during this holy season.

There is no Gloria

We undertake the penitential rites, the Kyrie etc. as usual, but the joy of the Gloria is deferred until Maundy Thursday, although the Gloria is used for some Solemnities during Lent, notably the Annunciation.

The organ is used sparingly

The use of the organ and other instruments is traditionally suppressed during Lent. We will continue to use organ accompaniment for the hymns and for the postlude, which occurs after the Mass. The psalms, Tract, Credo and other bits of chant will

be unaccompanied. Preference will be given to unaccompanied Masses and motets during Lent.

There is no Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”, as a superlative expression of joy, and triumph, is not used liturgically during Lent, even for Solemnities that fall in Lent. Gospel Acclamations are replaced with a Tract. The Tract is a chanted text that occurs before the Gospel, where the Acclamation would usually occur. It consists usually of an excerpt of a psalm.

The celebration of the Mass is intrinsically joyful. The musical changes in Lent are not meant to diminish the joy or the transcendence of the Mass, but rather to focus our hearts and minds on the Kingdom that is to come. These liturgical changes remind us that we are on a spiritual journey towards the Second Coming and our eternal life in Heaven.

Refreshment on Refreshment Sunday!

On **Sunday 27 March**, the Fourth Sunday in Lent - also known as Refreshment Sunday - we will be having a Garden Party at the Vicarage following the 10.30am Service. The day before, we will be having a GardenING Party to get the garden ready. Everyone is welcome to come to either or both. More details and lists will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Storage Space - St Peter's Bookroom Book Fair

Are you able to assist with storage space for our Book Fair? We need a place to house the boxes high quality books which are being donated. Do you have a garage or safe housing space where we could store our treasures?

Due to the hall roof works the Book Fair will now be in September 2022.

If you can help, please talk with Carol O'Connor or a Bookroom Volunteer.

Phone: 03 9663 7487

Hall Roof Repairs

Our hall roof repair project will start shortly. Scaffolding will be erected on 21 February around the whole building. The project itself will start around 28 February, and last 10 to 12 weeks.

As far as possible, all entryways will be still accessible, including the window to the main kitchen for distribution of food packages. The main kitchen is not part of the renovation work.

In terms of impact on the wider precinct:

1. Removal of tiles and other debris from the roof will be deposited in the skip located near the main kitchen.
2. We will erect fencing around the two car spots closest to the main kitchen; those two car spots will temporarily be relocated on the other side of the parish carpark, facing Parliament house.
3. This will mean that there will be fewer carparks available for visitors, including visitors to Keble House.
4. The shade cloth and bins that are currently in the courtyard outside the hall will be removed
5. Entry to the site will be restricted for OHS reasons, however this should not restrict use of the tenanted components of the building.
6. Removing the roof and replacing the tiles will create dust in the areas below. The builder anticipates that this will mostly be in the mornings, it would be prudent for any computers and other machines to be covered at the end of every day, to protect them from any dust. I will be able to tell you when your areas of the building are likely to be affected by dust. The roof is going to be removed sequentially and so not every part of the roof is going to be affected every day.
7. The parish will pay for a deep clean of each of the tenanted areas at the end of the project.

I apologise for the disruption the project will cause, but I'm sure you're aware of the problems of water getting into the site and will welcome the outcome when it is complete.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns, or if there is any uncertainty about what is to happen.

Stephen Duckett: 0447837741

Child Safety Training

Thank you to all parishes, clergy, staff and volunteers who have already completed their safe ministry training. We understand there have been various changes to safe ministry requirements recently and want to acknowledge the work parishes have done to meet these.

Please see below for information on three key areas:

Level 1 and 2 training

Level 3 training

Child Safe Standards and Diocesan Safe Ministry Documents.

Please contact our Safe Ministry and Inclusion Officer, Anne Fairweather, at safeministry@melbourneanglican.org.au for questions and assistance.

Level 1 and 2 training

The date for having completed levels 1 and 2 training, 28th February 2022, is coming up quickly. If your parish needs an extension on this, please email safeministry@melbourneanglican.org.au to request this. Information about training and links for the online modules can be found on the Safe Ministry Training webpage. Please ask volunteers to forward training certificates to the parish for record keeping.

Level 3 training

Level 3 training is launching at the end of February via zoom. There will be 4 sessions initially with more to be added at a later date. Please follow the trybooking link to book into a session. These are:

Monday 28th February – 2pm-4pm - <https://www.trybooking.com/BXJTV>

Monday 28th February – 6:30pm-8:30pm - <https://www.trybooking.com/BXJTW>

Tuesday 1st March – 10:30am-12:30pm - <https://www.trybooking.com/BXJTY>

Tuesday 1st March – 6:30pm-8:30pm - <https://www.trybooking.com/BXJTZ>

Child Safe Standards and Diocesan Safe Ministry Documents

Safe Ministry is ever-changing and, as flagged in 2021, new Victorian Child Safe Standards have been released and organisations need to comply with these by 1st July 2022.

Between now and June the Diocese's Safe Ministry Reference Group will be reviewing and editing the Diocese's safe ministry documents to ensure compliance. Updates will be reviewed and approved by Archbishop in Council before they are released to parishes by 1st July.

We would also remind parishes to update their safe ministry documents on their websites to the current Diocesan versions available on at

<http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/making-your-parish-child-safe/>

Thank you again for your commitment to safe ministry in your parish and across our Diocese. Anne is available to assist and visit parishes as needed so please contact her at safeministry@melbourneanglican.org.au for questions and assistance.

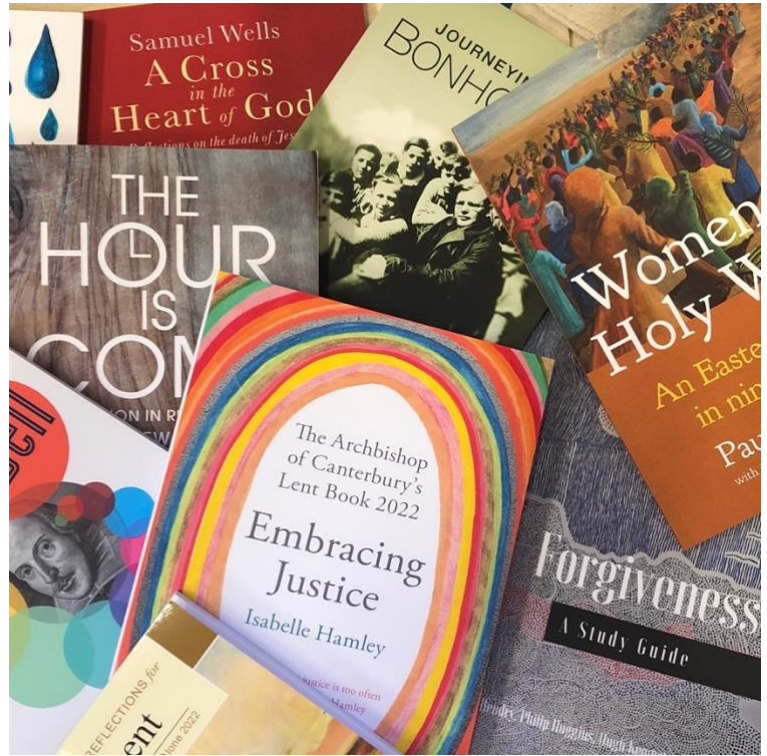
ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIER

Lent starts this week!!

Lots of really good Lenten reads now available, including these two recommendations:

Women of Holy Week by Paula Gooder

In the style of her bestselling *Phoebe*, Paula Gooder uses her extensive biblical expertise to retell the events of the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension through the eyes of nine female characters she imagines accompanying Jesus during these momentous days.



Accompanied by nine colour illustrations, each story brings to life the tension, drama and shock of the events of Holy Week, banishing any over-familiarity and helping readers enter into the Passion narrative in a deeper, more meaningful way.
\$26.95

Embracing Justice by Isabelle Hamley. Archbishop of Canterbury's Lenten Book 2022

What is justice? It's a question we encounter everywhere in life and that over the last years has increasingly demanded an answer. Isabelle Hamley invites us on an exhilarating journey through Scripture to discover how we, as churches, communities and individual Christians, can seek and practice justice even when enmeshed in such a fractured world.

Full of practical encouragement, *Embracing Justice* brilliantly weaves together biblical texts, diverse voices, contemporary stories, and personal and group meditations to reveal liberating and imaginative ways in which we may grow in discipleship – and more fully reflect the justice, mercy and compassion of Christ in our lives.

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Office Hours: 10am to 2pm, Tuesday – Friday

Sunday Services

9am BCP Mass; 10.30 am High Mass with Children's Church; 6pm APBA Mass

Weekday Services

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays); Wednesday 1.15pm Mass
Saturday 9am Mass with Devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham (4th Sat. of the month)
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm

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Terry Porter
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Peter Wild
Sue Wuttke
Philip Wright
Michael Upson

We are an inclusive and welcoming church, built on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri people. Our mission is: "Worshipping Christ in the Eucharist; serving Christ in the world".

