Welcome to ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



A Hospital Ward during the Chief Physician's Round, Painted by Louis Jimenez Aranda (1845-1928), Painted in 1889, Oil on canvas © Prado Museum, Madrid

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 4 FEBRUARY 2024

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language) 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 (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube) Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Terry Maher, Baby Leo, Grace Mcauliffe, Steven Clark, Rob Berryman, Margaret Browne, Jane Brennan, Shelley Young, Julie-Anne Bird, Susanne Marsden, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Dianne Nowicki, Fr Ivan Moody, Christina Tadgell, Damian Clarke, John Bolwell, John Pollard.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- February 4 Alice Bennie, Doris Fisher, Dorothy Joyce Garth, Rina Mackley
 - 5 Ruth Isabel Curtis, Matthew Richmond, Lucy Synnot
 - 6 Sophie Athanites, Archibald Smith
 - 7 Ilona Helen Noel, Lionel Sarrof PRIEST
 - 8 Jane Ethel Beatrice Eggington, James Hayward, Barbara Pauline Lamin, Esther Florence Miller, Leland Maynes Ponton, Irene Robins, Tracey Marie Winters
 - 9 Edna Jane Everingham, John Farndon, Elizabeth Hall, Alice Herde, Alice Nicholls
 - 10 Emma Rosengren, Walter Welsh, Lucy Jane Youl

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

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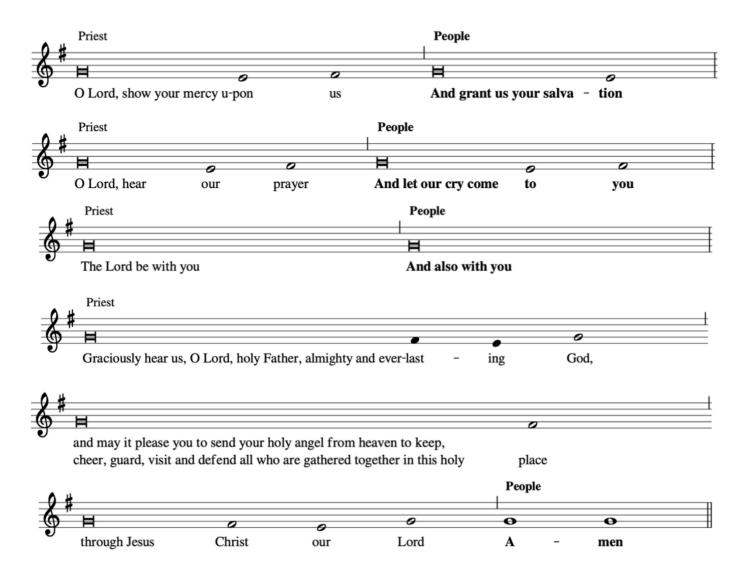
Mass setting: Giovanni Gabrielli (c. 1554/57-1612) Missa Brevis

Introit Hymn NEH 263 All creatures of our God and King

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

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

V. O come, let us praise the Lord with joy, let us joyfully sing to God our Saviour. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise to him with psalms.

O come, let us worship...

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 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.

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 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.

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its habitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them like a tent to live in, who brings princes to naught and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom, then, will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in

power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147



How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. **R.**

The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. **R.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. **R.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23

chanted by the Sub-Deacon

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my

own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Christ bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1.29-39

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As soon as Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to

do." And Jesus went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

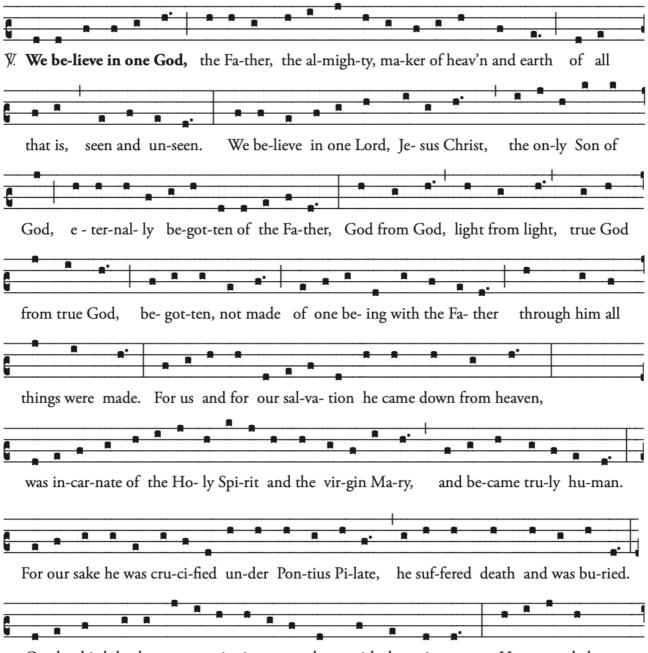
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Greg Davies

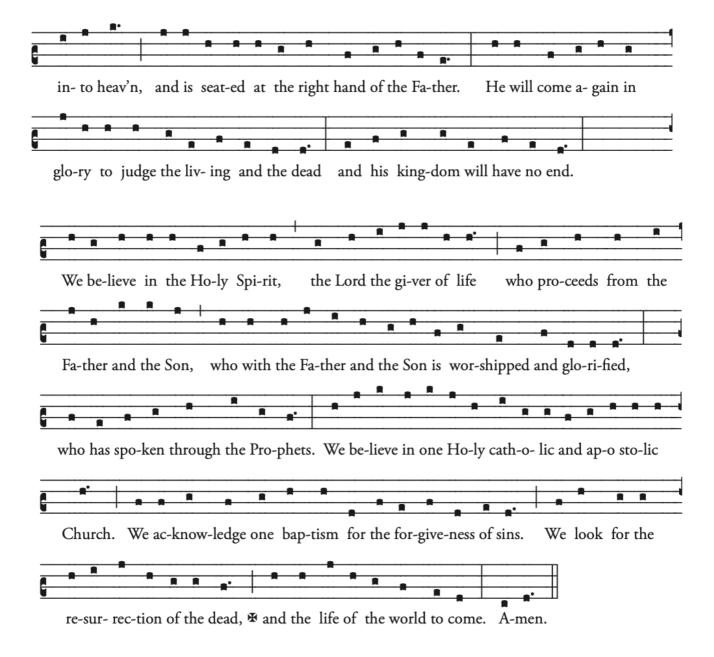
Please stand for the Creed.

The Creed

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



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



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]

Make my steps steadfast in your paths, that my feet may not falter. Incline your ear to me, and hear my words. Show forth your wonderful mercies, O Lord, you who save those who trust in you.

Offertory hymn NEH 265 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

Card tapping facilities are available near entry to the church, please tap as you leave the church if you prefer cashless contributions.

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.

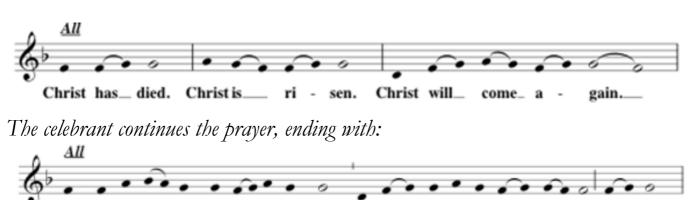
Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.

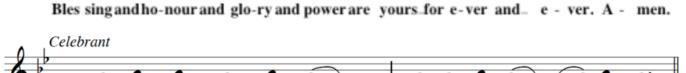
The choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus.

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.

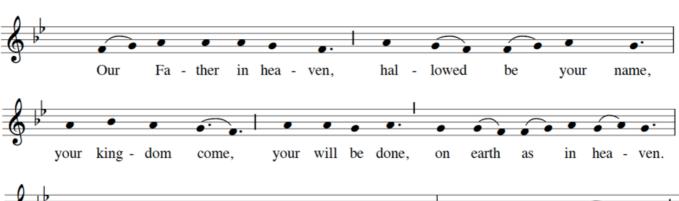
The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

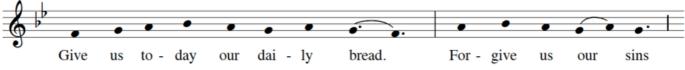
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

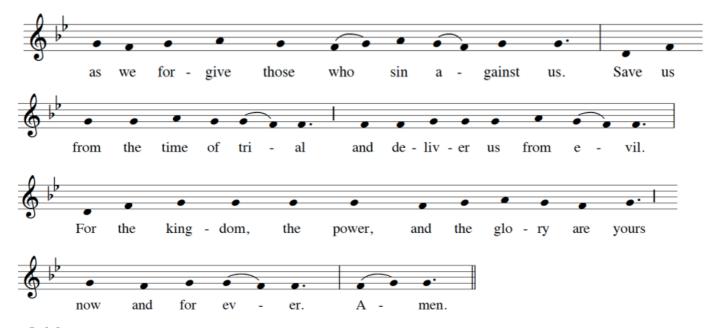




As our Sav - iour Christ has taught us, we are con - fi - dent to pray,







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.

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

Motet: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) O taste and see

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 466 Thou whose almighty word

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.

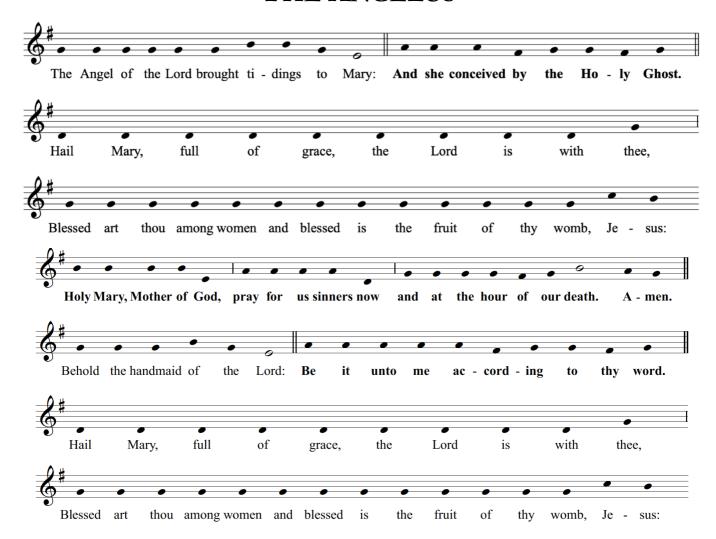
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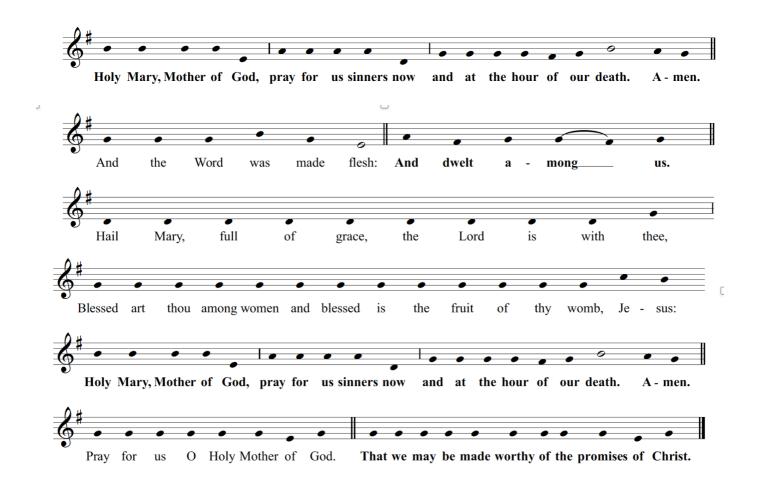
The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:

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: Philip Moore (b. 1943) Paean

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 Sunday before Lent

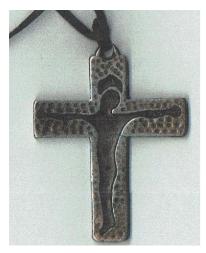
2 Kings 2.1–12; 2 Corinthians 4.3–6; Mark 9.2–9

NOTICES

For your Diary

Hospitality Meeting

A meeting will be held on **Sunday 11 February at 1 pm** in the Joyce Newton Room, to discuss issues pertaining to hospitality for 2024, including rosters, new processes, arrangements for Sunday refreshments and special occasions. Those already on the roster along with anyone interested in assisting are welcome to attend. – Daniel Ferguson



The Third Order of the Society of St Francis invite members and friends of St Peter's to join them on **Saturday 17**th **February** in the Hughes Room. We meet at **10 for 10.30**. Mindful of the Lenten season our topic is 'Penance', introduced by Mthr Pirrial, and including open discussion. At **noon** we participate in the parish Mass, then enjoy a meal together.

All welcome. BYO lunch if possible. Please register with Mthr Pirrial on **0407 453306**

Bearing Witness: An Approach to Christian-Muslim Dialogue

The **2024 Biennial Hughes-Cheong lecture**, will presented by **Dr Joshua Ralston, Reader in Christian-Muslim Relations** at the School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh and visiting scholar at Trinity College Theological School. **Thursday 21 March 2024, 7 – 9pm**, Craig Auditorium, Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052, **Free registrations, but bookings essential** (COB 14 March 2024) https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1172330?

Enquiries: Briony O'Halloran, 03 8341 0216, events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

Poets and the Faith 2024

Second Tuesday of the Month 6-7.30pm

Wine and cheese on arrival, with suggested \$10 donation

The Hall of St Peter's Eastern Hill

More details: https://www.stpeters.org.au/poets2024

For inquiries or to register your interest, please email: poets@stpeters.org.au

Scan to QR code to book



Or go to https://www.trybooking.com/COHCY

The Three Great Days: The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil

Sundays in Lent, after High Mass: 18th February, 25th February, 3rd March, 17th March (no session 10th March)

On the Sundays of Lent after High Mass, Mthr Kathryn will be giving a series of talks exploring the liturgy of the three great days ("Triduum") - that is, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil.

Weekly Reflections

There's no traffic. The birds are dozing in the sun. Sitting on my veranda I am immersed in deep silence – not even a humming insect can be heard. No breeze rustles the leaves of the trees which stand around my house. The air is fresh and sweet, the sky an unbroken azure blue. The sun is warm on my skin and the green restful to my eyes. Such peace and beauty – and who am I to enjoy all this?

Who am I to sit amidst the trees with the silent butterflies, when it is estimated by the UNHCR that 2024 will see 6.3 million refugees and displaced persons across the globe, vying for a space to lay their heads, crowded into unsavoury, unsanitary spaces, their ears ringing with the cries of hungry children.

Every Christian has heard Jesus speak on the subject of justice. We know the imperative to keep an eye on the needs of the poor – and in every place where Christians are to be found, they are busy championing the voiceless, feeding the hungry and nursing the sick, for the love of Christ.

Christians have, however, been slow to grasp the significance of doing justice to the earth. John's Prologue tells us that 'All things came into being through him [the Word], and without him not one thing came into being.' Genesis tells us that when creation was complete, God 'saw that it was good'. These good things, all imprinted with God's fingerprints - animals and other sentient beings; living things rooted in

the earth; the very soil itself - have been so badly treated that the earth's ability to sustain life is under serious threat. As late as 1990 the Four Marks of Mission acclaimed by Anglicans as the mission of the Church and the mission of Christ was augmented by the ACC's addition of a Fifth Mark: 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.'

The overwhelming need to attend to the cries of the earth in order to relieve the cries of the poor is glaringly obvious as dramatic changes to the climate follow the rabid exploitation of God's creation.

St John reminds us that humanity is not the only recipient of God's love: 'God so loved the world...' and the Psalmist declares 'The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.' Compassion for the dying fish in a polluted river; the Murray, for instance? Compassion for the creatures of the forest, unable to escape a raging wildfire? All that he has made. A new understanding of what it means to be God's child integrates love and compassion for mother earth.

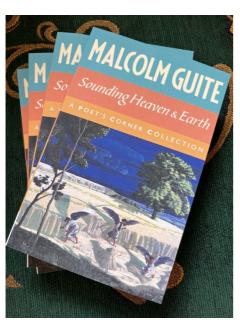
Sitting here in paradise amidst chaotic world events, Kahlil Gibran's words come to mind: 'You can muffle the drum, you can loosen the strings of the lyre. But who shall command the skylark not to sing?'

Back in the day, who would have thought that replacing household cleansers with vinegar

and planting a tree are acts of climate justice? We do our part and put our trust in God, who

made the heavens and the earth.

God's peace be with you. Mthr Pirrial



St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

NEW RELEASE!

Sounding Heaven and Earth: A Poet's Corner Collection

by Malcolm Guite

Well know contemporary author and poet, Malcolm Guite, offers more than 70 reflections that create

momentary pauses in the bustle of life to take soundings, to savour an experience and hold it for a moment to the light before it slips away and ask, 'Are the some hidden depths here?'

The reflections draw together everyday events and encounters, landscape, journeys, poetry, stories, memory and a sense of the sacred, and fuses them to create richly satisfying portraits of the familiar that at the same time opens the way to an enchanted world. Running throughout is a quiet undersong of wonder and gratitude that may find echo in our lives as we attune our ears and sound the depths of our experience.

\$39.95

Congratulations!! to Fr Roger, in particular Phoebe and Luke on the birth of their twins, Neve Beatrice and Elias Arthur.

Snaps from the week



In case you hadn't noticed, in addition to the shepherd's staff which was restored on our Jesus statue, it has also been cleaned, and is gleaming. We thank Giannarelli Memorials for sending Ian last Saturday to give the statue a complimentary clean.

I think our vicar approves...

I still wonder if you've managed to identify the additional work required on the Statue.

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Office Hours: 10am to 1pm, Monday - Thursday

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 1st Saturday of the month Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 7.00pm

Clergy and Lay Minister	s		Parish Council Membership
Vicar:	Fr Michael Bowie	0432 072 213	Fr Michael Bowie (President)
Assistant Priest:	Mthr Kathryn Bellhouse	0416 378 748	Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)
Associate Clergy:	Fr Graeme Brennan	0427 321 744	Peter Griffin (Treasurer)
	Mthr Pirrial Clift	0407 453 306	Anne Scott-Pendlebury
	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976	Craig Wilson
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112	Geoffrey Bush-Coote
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	Naomi Johnson	03 9662 2391	Michael Upson
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Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487	
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Children's Church:	Katherine Barnett	0403 352 256	•
Churchwardens:	Michael Gronow	0411 289 318	
	Helena Hughes	-	We are an inclusive and welcoming church,
	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033	built on the unceded lands of the
Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793	Wurundjeri people. Our mission is: "Wor
Flowers:	Michael Upson	0492 964 984	shipping Christ in the Eucharist; serving
Guild of St Benedict:	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033	Christ
Head Server:	Anthony Schepis	0400 578 952	in the world".
Director of Music:	Christopher Watson	0401 826 325	
Organist:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853	
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Pastoral care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987	
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Sacristan:	Naomi Johnson	03 9662 2391	
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