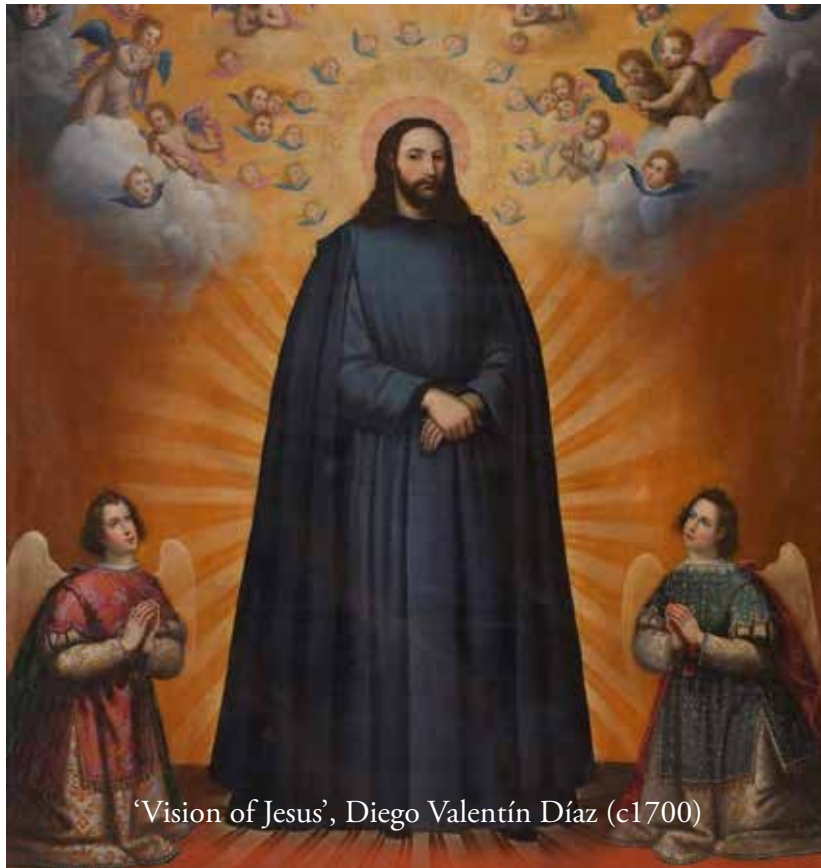


Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'Vision of Jesus', Diego Valentín Díaz (c1700)

ADVENT 1 & LATROBE SUNDAY

1ST DECEMBER 2019

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations:
renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of
Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please feel free to take this pew sheet home.

VICAR'S MUSINGS

We celebrate the First Sunday of Advent today, the beginning of a new Christian liturgical year. We are also on the verge of the next decade. A rather poignant moment in time that has somehow crept up on us, or that's how it feels to me anyway.

On the cover of our pew sheet today is the "Vision of Jesus" from the hand of the seventeenth-century Spanish painter Diego Valentín Díaz (1586-1660). At first glance it is a rather solemn or even foreboding image of our Lord, but if one makes the time to enter into the artist's meditation, the adoration of the angels and cherubim mysteriously seem to draw us up into this heavenly vision.

I have to say I had a vision of Jesus at the Annual Meeting last Sunday. Now, lest you write me off as crazy, allow me to explain. Annual Meetings usually create a fair degree of angst in Vicars; you never quite know which way they will go. Talking to a few parishioners before and after the meeting, I don't think I was the only one. It had been a tough year. We had achieved many remarkable things over the year as a church, but we had also struggled deep and hard with some core issues of parish governance and leadership. Many of us, I suspect, went into the meeting wincing a little from past hurts. The metaphor of going to the dentist comes to mind, but perhaps that is because I quite literally did have two teeth extracted just days before!

But then something quite remarkable happened. A parishioner the previous week had said to me: "Fr Hugh, you've never apologised to the parish." My first thought was, "I have nothing to apologise for"; and my second, "actually, I've said sorry to lots of people over the year." By the end of the week the Holy Spirit was well and truly nudging me, "say sorry. You are banging on about forgiveness ... practice what you preach!" So I did. And as I did, during my Vicar's Report at the Annual Meeting, I felt God's Spirit rest gently on us; it was palpable, and the silence that then fell was deep. Afterwards a parishioner put it so succinctly in an e-mail: "Just wanted to say how much I appreciated your apology yesterday ... I have felt so much lighter today and my heart is no longer heavy. I am sure that others will be experiencing something similar."

In that moment I had my own little "vision of Jesus." We are the Body of Christ, and as we gaze on him and on each other, in humility and love, in the Eucharist, in our prayers, even in our meetings, we are drawn into the adoration of the angels and might just be graced with a glimpse of Christ's reign, on earth as it is in heaven.

8:00am Mass

Celebrant: Fr Hugh Kempster

Preacher: Fr Hugh Kempster

9:30 am Family Mass

Celebrant: Fr David Peake

Preacher: Fr Hugh Kempster

Deacon/Lay Minister: Brenda Williams

Children's Talk: Fr Hugh Kempster

Reader: Jan Gordon-Clark

Intercessor: Ree Boddé

Hymns: Entrance : 14 Offertory : 6 Post-Communion : 9

Communion Voluntary: Bach *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (BWV 659)

Postlude: Leighton *Fantasy on 'Helmsley'*

11:00am High Mass

Celebrant: Fr Hugh Kempster

Preacher: Fr Hugh Kempster

Deacon/Lay Minister: Fr Philip Gill

Reader: Geoff Sutherland

Intercessor: Nevin Climenhaga

Hymns: Entrance : Litany Gradual : 18 Offertory : 16 Post-Communion : 9

Mass: Samuel Donovan *Missa: Brevis*

Motet: Paul Manz *E'en so Lord Jesus Quickly Come*

Postlude: Leighton *Fantasy on 'Helmsley'*

6:00pm Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Hugh Kempster

Next Sunday 8th December: Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Readings: Isaiah 11.1-10, Romans 15.4-9 & Matthew 3.1-12

Celebrants: Fr Hugh Kempster & Fr Philip Gill

MCCIA: BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

The annual Blessing of the Nativity Scene will be held on Wednesday 4th December 2019, 10:30am - 11:15am, Federation Square, beside the Christmas Tree. All clergy of city churches, and members and friends of city church congregations, are invited to attend, to support this public affirmation that Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, who brought a message of peace, hope and grace to the world. The Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, and the Salvation Army choristers will be in attendance. Wishing you grace and peace during your Advent preparations,

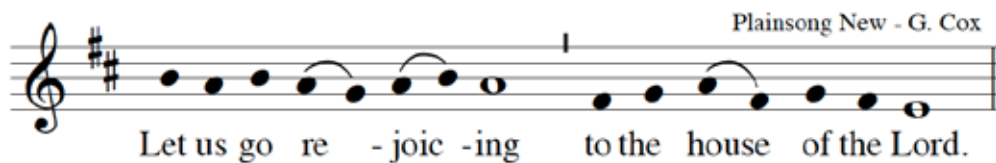
Stefanie Pearce
Secretary, MCCLA

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Psalm : 122.1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9



I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.
Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. R.
As it was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David. R.

Gospel: Romans 13.11-14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and

drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44

“As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

TODAY IS WORLD AIDS DAY

December 1st is the internationally recognized day on which we commemorate the many lives from our communities that have been lost as a result of the HIV and AIDS epidemic. It is also the Day to raise awareness in the community about HIV and AIDS related issues, the need to support people living with HIV, and to develop education and prevention activities. Around the world today, millions live with HIV/AIDS. In Australia, new infections continue, although modern pharmaceutical regimes are limiting the rate of new infections, and enable many people living with HIV to lead happy, productive lives. In the 1990s St Peter's made a significant contribution to the community action to support those living with HIV/AIDS. Volunteer support groups affiliated with the Victorian AIDS Council regularly met in the Church Hall. Today, several St Peter's parishioners continue their volunteering – if you would like to know more please contact Di Clark (0407 354 987) or Gordon Campbell (0407 882 696). The annual World AIDS Day Remembrance Ceremony will be held at the Positive Living Centre, 51 Commercial Road, South Yarra, 2pm – 5pm TODAY. This FREE event is open to all and bookings are not required. Wear your RED RIBBON to show your solidarity today! Thank you Parishioners!

Gordon Campbell and Di Clark

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Henri-Felix Carolane, Geoffrey Cox, Sr Gloria CHN, Michael Gregory, John Harvey, Sr Hilary CHN, Jan Foster, Noelene Jones, Alice McCraith, Gia Nu Luu, Norman Missen, Ray Ng, Evelina Thornton, Sandy Todd, Valerie Wild, and Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Marja Barouh, Chris Bennie, Michael Boyle PRIEST, John Crocker, Gail Edwards, Cliff Gornall, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Stanton Nelson, Joyce Newton, Tim Peake, Liz Prideaux, Allan Rei, Helen Rowley, Bella Saadala, Barbara Ure-Smith, Annette Wood; Andrew, Chad, and Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

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| Sun | 1 | Joyce Norma Crockett |
| Mon | 2 | Joan A'Beckett, Emma Francis Hill, John McEntree,
James Stevenson, Michael Wuttke |
| Tue | 3 | William Outhwaite A'Beckett |
| Wed | 4 | Charles Joseph La Trobe, Edwin Edward Pitman |
| Thu | 5 | Thomas Best, Richard Banfield Kent, Elizabeth Le Roux,
Bruce Maxwell Lowman, John Howell Wilkes |
| Fri | 6 | Janet Campbell |
| Sat | 7 | Dorothy Champion, John Frewer BISHOP |

PARISH DIARY

<i>Today</i>	First Sunday of Advent & LaTrobe Sunday: 8.00am Mass, 9.30am Family Mass & 11.00am Litany and High Mass.
<i>Saturday 7th December</i>	G.F Handel's "Messiah" performed at St Peter's Church, at 7:30pm.
<i>Tuesday 24th December</i>	Christmas Eve: 6.00 pm Children's Mass with Nativity Play, 11:00 pm Carol singing & 11.30 pm Midnight Mass with Procession & Blessing of the Crib.
<i>Wednesday 25th December</i>	Christmas Day: 8.00 am Mass (BCP) & 10.00 am Procession and High Mass.
<i>Sunday 29th December</i>	Holy Family: 8.00am Mass (BCP), 9.30am Family Mass, 11.00am Procession and High Mass & 7.00pm Festival of Lessons and Carols.
<i>Sunday 5th January</i>	Epiphany (from Mon. 6th): 8.00am Mass (BCP), 9.30am Family Mass & 11.00am Procession and High Mass.
<i>Sunday 12th January</i>	Baptism of our Lord: 8.00am Mass (BCP), 9.30am Family Mass & 11.00am Procession and High Mass.
<i>Sunday 2nd February</i>	Candlemas: 8.00am Mass (BCP), 9.30am Family Mass & 11.00am Procession and High Mass.

NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS BRENDA WILLIAMS, KLINGNER SCHOLAR

Congratulations to Brenda, this year's Klingner Scholar, on her appointment as Assistant Curate at St George's Malvern. Brenda's farewell at St Peter's will be on Sunday 22nd December. Our prayers for you Brenda as you prepare for this next step.



Anglican Relief and Development Fund Australia

BUSHFIRE APPEAL BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The Anglican Relief & Development Fund Australia is appealing for prayer (most importantly!) and financial donations to help those in New South Wales and Queensland who have been affected by recent bushfires. In New South Wales, four people are reported to have died and 176 houses, 8 facilities and 314 outbuildings are confirmed lost. In Queensland more than 22,500 hectares have been burned, 20 houses destroyed and 28 firefighters have been injured. This tax deductible appeal is to provide relief and pastoral care for those affected by the bushfires in New South Wales and Queensland during November 2019. Funds raised will be used in part for supporting the pastoral work of emergency chaplains and others engaged by parishes and church agencies. Donations can be made online at:

www.givenow.com.au/anglicanreliefanddevelopmentfund

INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL STUDIES - CHAIR VACANCY

One of the Parish's important ministries is the ISS - the Institute of Spiritual Studies which organises talks, visits, discussions, retreats, and other functions. Do you want to lead this important ministry? We have a vacancy for Chair! You will be supported by an enthusiastic committee. You will get to interact with our guest presenters and shape the ISS annual program. If you are interested please contact me (I am away for the next couple of Sundays but can be contacted on my mobile to discuss the role or by email: 0447837741 or vicarswarden@stpeters.org.au). The position will be appointed by Parish Council in late December. Also, if you are interested in being on the ISS Committee - less work but also interesting - could you also let me know. I'd also like to thank Nick Browne the outgoing chair for his service.

*Stephen Duckett
Vicars' Warden and Chair Parish Council*

Christmas Hampers

Yes, it is that time of the year again and Anglicare, through our Lazarus Centre ministry are continuing their established tradition of distributing Christmas hampers of food and other amenities to the homeless and needy. The festive season can be a lonely and depressing time for those on the margins of society, so these hampers can often bring a little joy to those who have very little. If you would like to support this community outreach, your donation of items such as the following will be gratefully received:

- small Christmas puddings and cakes
- tins of ham, turkey and chicken (ring pull or key opening)
- tins of vegetables (ring pull)
- shortbread and other Christmas biscuits
- sweets, lollies, chips and chocolates
- cans of soft drink
- small jar of coffee (50g) & packets of tea bags (25pk)
- small packets of sugar and UHT long-life milk
- Christmas cards

NOTE: A request has been made for NO mince pies this year.

While not limited to Christmas hampers, toiletries are also handy items - things like: toothpaste & brushes, shampoo & conditioner, disposable safety razors, deodorant, soap (small packages or hotel size).

NOTE that most of the clients are single people, so individually packaged items are best, or small packets - as family sized packages are often difficult to break down to smaller sizes for distribution.

All donations will need to be with us by **Thursday 12th December** at the latest, as the following weekend the team of elves (err, volunteers) will begin sorting and packing the hampers. With grateful thanks in anticipation.

CHRISTMAS

at St Peter's Eastern Hill

Join us for these Christmas services

Tuesday 24 th Dec	6:00pm	Children's Mass with Nativity Play & the arrival of St Nicholas
	11:00pm	Carol singing
	11:30pm	Procession, Blessing of Crib & Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25 th Dec	8:00am	Mass (BCP)
	10:00am	Procession & High Mass
Sunday 29 th Dec	8:00am	Mass (BCP)
	9:30am	Family Mass
	11:00am	Procession & High Mass
	7:00pm	Festival of Lessons & Carols

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ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

This morning St Peter's Bookroom is popping up at St John's Camberwell!

Advent Books, lots of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and 2020 Calendars now in stock. Check them out in the Bookroom this morning, or go to our website and purchase online!

NEW RELEASE!

A Recommended Advent Study

Songs from a Strange Land: An Australian Advent Calendar by Anglican Board of Mission (Celia Kemp)

This Study takes you a pilgrimage to where you already are. To use it as an Advent Calendar, set aside time each day from December 1 through to January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas. Or choose any 37-day period. Find a quiet location close by with some sort of nature component (a pot plant, a park bench, a tree, a back yard, a beach). Take a Bible, a journal, a pen and this book. Read. Watch. Listen. Stay awake. And see what happens.



\$11.00

Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9.30am to 4.30 pm Sunday - after 9.30am & 11am Mass

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Sunday Services

8.00 am Mass (BCP)
9.30 am Family Mass
11.00 am High Mass
6.00 pm Mass/Evensong & Benediction

Refreshments are available in the Parish Hall after each of the Sunday morning services

Weekday Services

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays)
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm
Wed: Mass at 1.15pm
Sat: Mass at 9.00am (Cell of our Lady of Walsingham, 3rd Saturday of the month)

Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
ASLM:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Clergy:	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Don Edgar	0418 967 829
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr David Peake	0412 299 839
	Fr Roger Prowd	03 9662 2391
Klingner Scholar:	Brenda Williams	03 9662 2391

Other Parish Ministries

Acting Sacristan	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391
Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
Cell of O.L.O.W:	Liz Prideaux	03 9662 2391
Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
Children:	Katherine Barnett	03 9387 4089
Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	03 9662 2391
Churchwardens:	Stephen Duckett (Vicar)	0447 837 741
	Helen Drummond (People)	03 9662 2391
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	03 9662 2391
Director of Music:	Andrew Raiskums	0439 556 627
Flowers:	Helen Drummond	0419 897 973
Guild of St Benedict	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
Head Server:	Anthony Schepis	0400 578 952
Inst. for Sp. Studies:	Nick Browne	0427 332 340
Music Administrator:	Sue Wuttke	0422 866 286
Organist:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853
Parish Administrator:	Konstantine Soteriou	03 9662 2391
Pastoral Care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
RMIT Chaplaincy:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Treasurer:	Peter Wild	0455 803 584

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Stephen Duckett (chair)
Stuart Hibberd
Sue Wuttke
Terry Porter
Rachel Ellyard
Fr Hugh Kempster
William Southey
David Spriggs
Rwth Stuckey
Peter Wild
Helen Drummond
Daniel Mitterdorfer
Daniel Ferguson
Catherine McGovern

*We are an inclusive
and welcoming Church,
built on the lands of the
Wurundjeri people.
We are committed to
social justice, equality and
diversity. Our mission
is: "Catholic Evangelism:
Growing in God's love".*