

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

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



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**4 DECEMBER 2022**

*We welcome members of the La Trobe Society to High Mass today as they commemorate the 147<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of La Trobe's Death in 1875. La Trobe (the first Lieutenant Governor of Victoria) and his family were parishioners at St Peter's from soon after he laid the foundation stone in June 1846 until he departed Melbourne in May 1854.*

# WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

## SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass

(Traditional Language in the Handfield Chapel)

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 in the Handfield Chapel.

This is also live streamed on Facebook.

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

## DAILY INTERCESSIONS

**FOR THE SICK:** Michael Messina, Greg Hocking, Bp John Parkes, Rob Whalley, Helen Drummond, Mary Manchester

### **FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Jeremy Ashton Bishop, Calvin Johnston, Julia Rickard, Brian Porter Priest,

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

- Dec 4 Charles Joseph La Trobe, Edwin Edward Pitman  
5 Thomas Best, Richard Banfield Kent, Elizabeth Le Roux,  
Bruce Maxwell Lowman, John Howell Wilkes,  
Violet Irene Chapman  
6 Janet Campbell  
7 Dorothy Champion, John Frewer BISHOP  
8 Amy Archer, Hope Amelia Gay, Helen Clarine Seager  
9 Hector Robinson BISHOP, Monica Sheffield  
10 Una Blake, Winifred Ismene Claridge, Ada Cunningham,  
Bertha Marie Dossett, Ernest Harrison, Nellie Westoby

*Please contact Fr Greg at 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: Monteverdi: Mass for Four Voices

*Entrance Hymn:*

[9.30am & 11.00am] **NEH 5** Hark, a herald voice is calling

*9.30am Family Mass begins on page 4*

*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 Confession is said followed by the Absolution.*

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 by the people and sung by the choir at 11.00am.*

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**  
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**  
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love  
on our journey to meet the One who is coming:  
strengthen our weak hands,  
make firm our feeble knees,  
and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom,  
so that our heart may rejoice  
as we behold the majesty of our God.  
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

*Please sit for the readings.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Isaiah 11.1-10**

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

1 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 72**

*At 9.30am the Psalm is read by the reader and the response is said by all.*

*At 11.00am the Psalm is led by the cantor and the response is sung by all.*

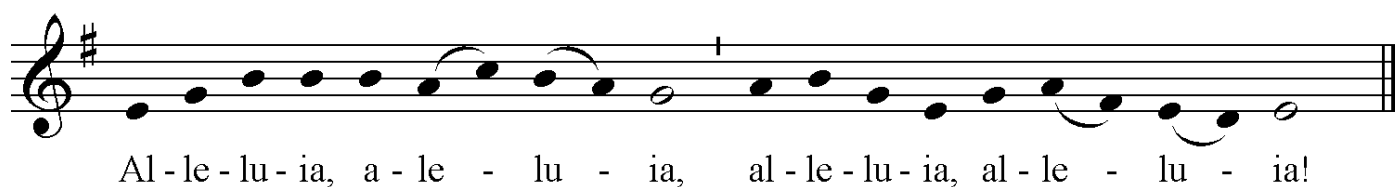


has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, ‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name’; 10 and again he says, ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’; 11 and again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him’; 12 and again Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.’ 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

*Deacon:*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [3.1-12]

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

1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’ 4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned



you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit for the Homily by Fr Greg [8am & 9.30am]; Fr Michael [11am]*

*Please stand for the Creed.*

*[A copy of the music for 11am 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 at 11 am*]

Will you not, O God, give us life; and shall not your people rejoice in you?  
Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.

*Please join in the offertory hymn.*

NEH 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

## **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 9.30am the Sanctus is sung by the people. 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

*The following responses and prayers are sung.*


*All*



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

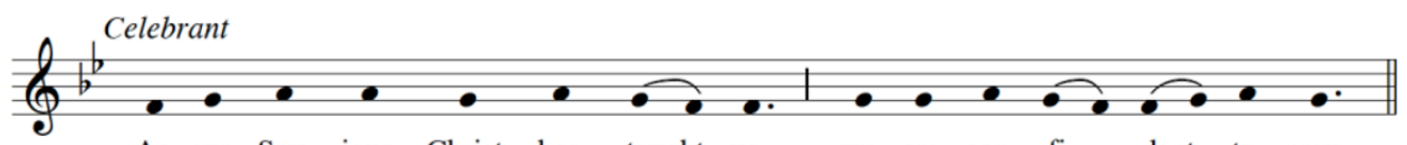
*The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:*

*All*

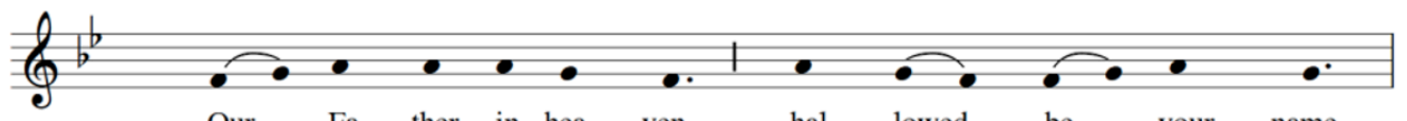


Blessing and honor and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

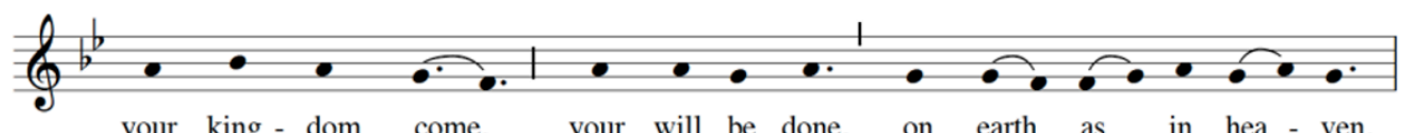
*Celebrant*



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 to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins  
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us  
from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours  
now and for ev - er. A - men.

*Celebrant:*

We who are many are one body.  
**For we all share in the one bread.**

*All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is said at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am.*

**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 at 11.00am*

Gibbons: *This is the Record of John*

*Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.*

9.30am NEH 6 Hark the glad sound the Saviour comes  
11.00am NEH 501 Drop down, ye heavens, from above

## **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.**

*Notices are given here.*

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

Go in the peace of Christ  
**Thanks be to God.**

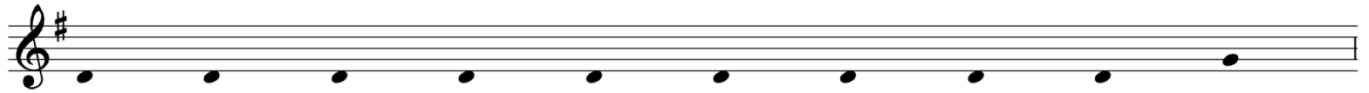
## **THE ANGELUS**

*At 11.00am only The Angelus is led and sung by the Celebrant.*

*The church bell rings three times during the recitation of the Hail Mary, and nine times during the final Collect.*



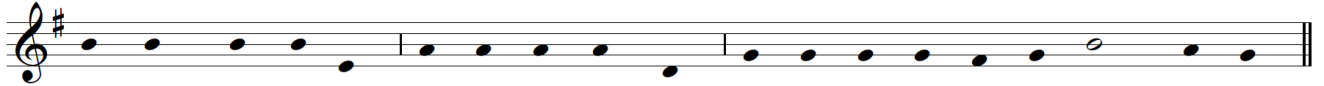
The Angel of the Lord brought ti - dings to Mary: **And she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



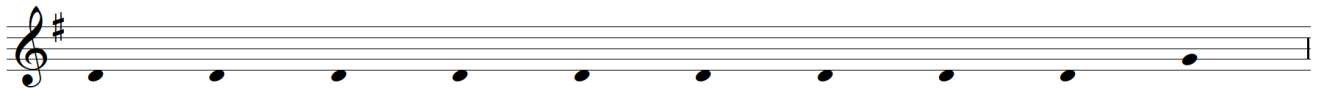
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



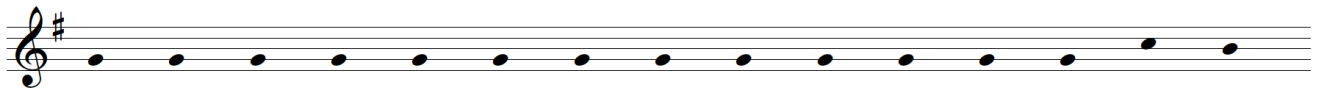
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



Behold the handmaid of the Lord: **Be it unto me ac - cord - ing to thy word.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



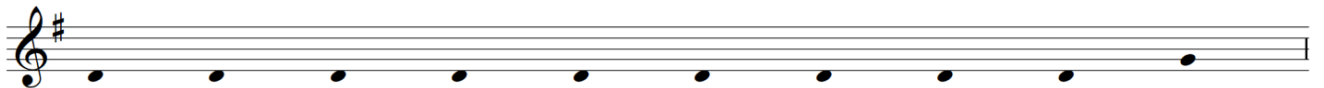
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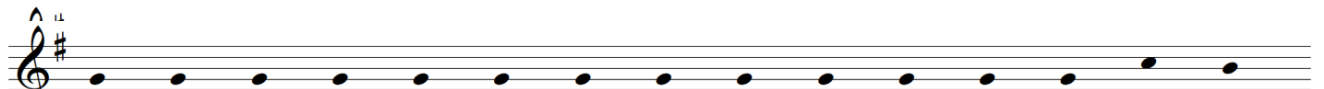
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



And the Word was made flesh: **And dwelt a - mong us.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

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: J. Alain (1911-1940) *Variations sur un thème de Clément Jannequin* (JA 118)

*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 the Third Sunday of Advent – December 10 are:**

Isaiah 35.1–10; Psalm 146.4-9; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2–11

## **NOTICES**

*[See page 19 for Weekly Reflections]*

### **Worship Services for Christmas**

#### **Christmas Eve**

6.00pm Children's Christmas Mass

11.30pm Midnight Mass

#### **Christmas Day**

10.00am High Mass



# St Peter's Bookroom



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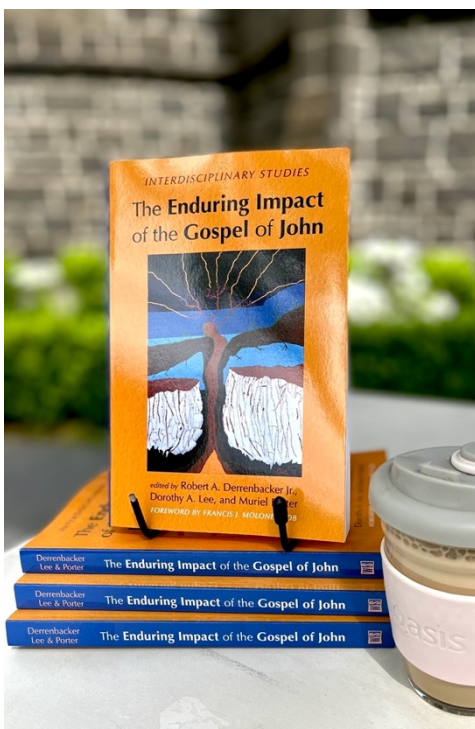
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# **News from the St Peter's Charitable Foundation.**

## **All Are Invited**

### **Foundation Donor Thank You and Celebration**

#### **Please Join Us on 8 December 6-8pm in the Parish Hall**

This will be a lovely evening of celebration with Foundation supporters and all parishioners to celebrate and give thanks.

Excellent food by Peter Rowland, French champagne and a beautiful musical performance.

Please book at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CEEFF>

*Note: As in past years, the evening is fully funded by a private benefactor – Foundation funds are NOT used.*

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## **CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE**

Please help with our meals distribution to those in need during this Christmas season.

You can donate by going the Social Enterprise website:  
[heavenatthehill.org.au](http://heavenatthehill.org.au) – All donations are tax deductible.

## WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

*From Carol O'Connor*

*The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:*

*'Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.'*

The voice of John the Baptist from Matthew's Gospel proclaims the Kingdom of God and reverberates with meaning from the book of Isaiah set down during the Babylonian exile hundreds of years before. John the Baptist stands at that intersection in time between the two Testaments of the Bible. Sometimes the God of Isaiah has been called the 'entangled' God who purposefully participates in the affairs of a despairing and very messy world. God enters the world in Matthew's Gospel as Incarnational in Jesus. It's a stormy Gospel and almost from its beginning the world is iced over by threat of violence under the surface of daily activity.

But into this wilderness, this turbulent world of both Isaiah and Matthew's Gospel comes a voice of authority, comfort, and challenge; most of all it is *hope-filled*.

Our St Peter's choir and singers have performed Handel's **Messiah** in the St Peter's Church in December for many years. It's an event parishioners and friends look forward to. The oratorio premiered in Dublin in 1742 for the benefit of 3 charities: the Prisoners' Debt Relief, the Mercer's Hospital and the Charitable Infirmary. According to musical scholar Donald Burrows 700 people attended the premiere. In order to accommodate everyone, the gentlemen were asked to remove their swords and ladies asked to dress without hoops. The performance was warmly received and reportedly one Dublin clergyman so swooned out by Susanna Cibber's delivery of 'He was despised' that he leapt to his feet, crying out: 'Woman, for this be all thy sins be forgiven thee.' But more poignantly, the premier performance secured the release of 142 indebted prisoners.

It's a heartening thought that music of such beauty, whose theme is God's redemption for the whole world, also has the practical power to free a person from a debtor's prison. After hearing a performance, the text based on the King James Version of the Bible and Coverdale Psalter, certainly can sing inside you for days.

We too stand at intersections. Our own voice and actions can bring comfort or challenge or offer hope in an unstable, anxious world. The words of John the Baptist, echoing Isaiah, continue to sing for us today.

By Carol O'Connor

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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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month  
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6:15pm

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## Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Michael Bowie	0432 072 213
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 Scholar:	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391

## Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
Cell of O.L.O.W:		
Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
Children's Church:	Katherine Barnett	0403 352 256
Churchwardens:	(Vicar's Warden)	
	Michael Gronow	0411 289 318
	(People's Wardens)	
	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033

COVID Safe & Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
Director of Music:	Andrew Raiskums	0439 556 627
Flowers:	Michael Upson	0492 964 984
Guild of St Benedict:	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
Head Server:	Anthony Schepis	0400 578 952
Music Administrator:	Sue Wuttke	0422 866 286
Organist:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853
Parish administrator:	Fr Greg Davies	03 9662 2391
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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## Parish Council

### Membership

Geoffrey Bush-Coote  
Rachel Ellyard  
Fr Michael Bowie(President)  
Daniel Ferguson  
Peter Griffin (Treasurer)  
Stuart Hibberd  
Daniel Mitterdorfer  
(Secretary)  
Terry Porter  
Michael Upson  
Peter Wild  
Sue Wuttke  
Michael Gronow  
Geoff Sutherland  
Craig Wilson

*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".*