

*Welcome to*

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'St John the Baptist in the Wilderness' (detail) Bosch (1505)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

# VICAR'S MUSINGS

On this Second Sunday of Advent we welcome members of the La Trobe Society to Mass, as we remember together one of the great Founders of St Peter's Eastern Hill, Charles Joseph La Trobe, Superintendent of the Port Phillip District of New South Wales from 1839-1851, and the first Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria from July 1851 until his retirement to England in May 1854. La Trobe was born in London on 20th March 1801 and died in the village of Litlington, West Sussex, on 4th December 1875.

A devoted Christian all his life, La Trobe was born into a Huguenot family whose beliefs and actions were based in the Moravian faith. He and his family were parishioners at St Peter's Eastern Hill during their years in Melbourne, and members of the church of St Michael the Archangel, Litlington, England, at the time of his death. La Trobe was buried in the St Michael's churchyard where a white marble cross marks his grave.

Mrs Sophie La Trobe was in ill health during the couple's last years in Victoria and preceded her husband to Europe to recover, but sadly she died at her family home on 30th January 1854 before her husband could reach her. In a letter dated 27th July 1855 La Trobe wrote to a friend concerning a memorial plaque to be erected here at St Peter's: "My dear Macarthur ... I have taken the liberty to direct my agent Mr W McMahan to address & ship to you by the 'Hebonheath' sailing next month a package containing a Tablet in memory of my dear late wife, designed to be erected in such a position in St Peter's Church as the authorities may direct & permit. I have consulted nothing but my own feeling & pen in the inscription & hope that it will be held to be unobjectionable & to the point. I think that she deserves to be remembered in the community of which she was so long a member."

Each year we commemorate at Mass the life and work of our former parishioner, and his beloved wife is also very much in our thoughts and prayers at this time. We send our greetings today to the Rev'd Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, Vicar of St Michael the Archangel, Litlington, and to the congregation who will also be commemorating Governor La Trobe at their Mass later today.

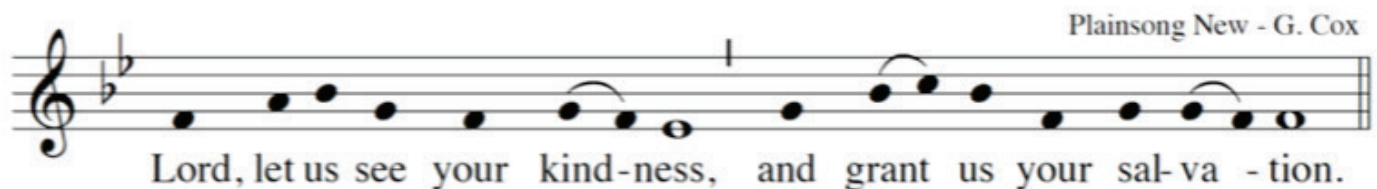


# SUNDAY MASS READINGS

## First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

## Psalm 85.8ab+9, 10-11, 12-13



Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people.  
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land. R.  
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky. R.  
The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps. R.



## **Second Reading:** 2 Peter 3.8-15

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

## **Gospel:** Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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## **FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Normally I would be asking for donations at Sunday services. Times have changed! If you wish to donate funds, you can put them in an envelope marked ‘Christmas Flowers’ and place the envelope in the collection plate as you exit church at the end of the 10.30am mass. Alternatively, you can deposit funds in the Parish Account:

BSB: 703-122 Account Name: SPEH Account number: 05005124

Please put ‘Christmas Flowers’ as the reference.

*Helen Drummond,  
Flowers*

# PRAYERS

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## FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Bishop, Mary Grima, Guia Legarda, Babu Mathew, Alice McCraith, Judy McCraith, Jack Mulready, Lyn Nicholas, Liz Prideaux, John Small, John Stewart BISHOP, Paul Wheelton, George, Charles, Jan, and Victoria

## AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Chris Bennie, Michael Boyle PRIEST, Tania Burdick, Joe Butscher PRIEST, John Crocker, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Siew-Hung, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Joyce Newton, Tim Peake, Pat Slump, Margaret Sutherland, Evelina Thornton, Joan Waldren-Small, Barbara Ure-Smith

**FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Ellen Staniforth, Annette Wood

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

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Sun 6 Janet Campbell

Mon 7 Dorothy Champion, John Frewer BISHOP

Tue 8 Amy Archer, Hope Amelia Gay, Helen Clarine Seager

Wed 9 Hector Robinson BISHOP, Monica Sheffield

Thu 10 Una Blake, Winifred Ismene Claridge, Ada Cunningham,  
Bertha Marie Dossett, Ernest Harrison, Nellie Westoby

Fri 11 Beatrice Sullivan

Sat 12 Agnes Hardy Bode

# THE DAILY OFFICE AT HOME

In these days of pandemic we are not currently able to gather in worship community as we used to. Many parishioners, however, are finding it a comfort to worship and pray at home. It is a long-held tradition for Christians, Lay and Ordained, to pray the Daily Office. All you need is a Bible and A Prayer Book. If you only have one or neither of these at home, call Carol in the Bookroom, or online at :

<http://www.bookroom.stpeters.org.au/>

## MORNING PRAYER

## EVENING PRAYER

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*Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and teacher (d. 397)*

Monday	Ps 90 Isaiah 7.1-17 Mark 6.30-56	Ps 44 Isaiah 43.14-55.5 Thessalonians 5.12-28
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*Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Tuesday	Pss 76 & 82 Isaiah 7.18-8.4 Mark 7.1-23	Ps 89.19-38 Isaiah 44.6-23 2 Thessalonians 1
Wednesday	Pss 28 & 62 Isaiah 8.5-9.1 Mark 7.24-37	Ps 91 Isaiah 44.24-45.8 2 Thessalonians 2
Thursday	Pss 92 & 93 Isaiah 9.2-17 Mark 8.1-13	Ps 94 Isaiah 45.9-25 2 Thessalonians 3
Friday	Pss 95 & 96 Isaiah 9.18-10.11 Mark 8.14-26	Pss 97 & 98 Isaiah 46.1-47.4 Revelation 14.1-12
Saturday	Ps 7 Isaiah 10.12-32 Mark 8.27-9.1	Ps 103 Isaiah 48.1-13 Revelation 14.13-20

## ADVENT GROUP AT ST PETER'S

In the Bleak Midwinter: Advent and Christmas with Christina Rossetti, Ed by Rachel Mann. (\$34.95)

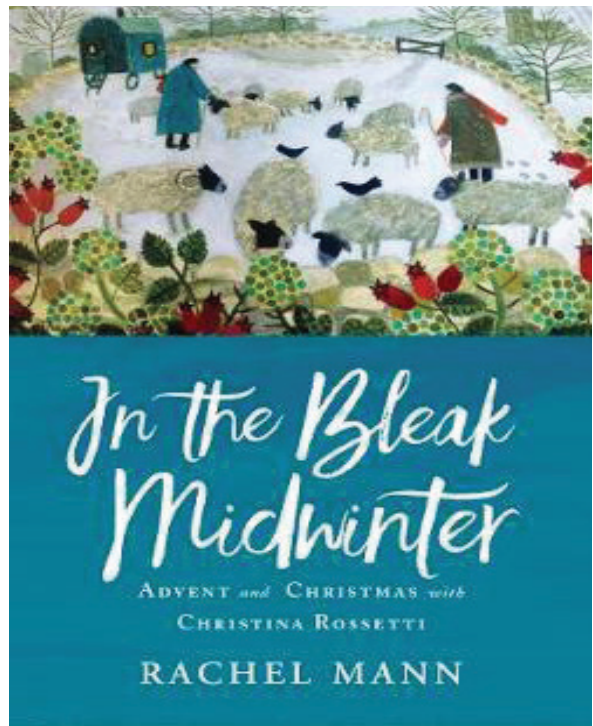
Carol O'Connor, our Bookroom manager, is offering an Advent Group based on this book by Rachel Mann on Zoom. The Group met first this past Tuesday and will now meet Tuesdays during Advent at 7:30pm.

Rossetti's rich and wondrous faith provides an inspiring seasonal companion particularly for this 2020 Advent period during a world pandemic. How can we celebrate the joy of Christmas this year?

These 50 choice poems, one for each day of the Advent and Christmas season, are there, as Church of England priest and poet Rachel Mann says, for anyone who wants to 'peel back the pages of a book and think: How can I encounter God during this season.'

'Come. Look. See. Taste these poems and be prepared to be surprised. Rossetti wants us to go through her words and encounter God, the very centre of our being, our reality and life's core.'

Please email the Bookroom [bookroom@stpeters.org.au](mailto:bookroom@stpeters.org.au) or phone Carol directly (mob: 0400 334 882) if you would like to be part of this group. We are currently holding some copies of the book, but extra copies will take a week to 10 days to come in.







# SUPPORT OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL

**We've been helping the homeless every day for the last 28 years, but 2020 has been a very challenging year – each week, we've had four times the usual number of people come to us for help. And many of them are different people to those we usually see.**

The pandemic has left many young people and international students destitute in our city. The jobs have dried up, they are not eligible for government assistance and they've been going hungry.

Fortunately, thanks to your support and the work of our wonderful staff and volunteers in the Social Enterprise, we've been able to work with State Parliament House to distribute cooked meals as well as staples like milk and bread, providing an important lifeline to these needy young people and others in similar need..

**We're now launching our Christmas appeal to help get everyone through summer.**

If you're in a position to help with a donation, please give. In addition to continuing our program providing breakfast and packaged meals, we want to provide a Christmas package to those we support. Something to help restore a sense of dignity and bring some joy to those doing it tough.



- **FEEDING OVER 450 PEOPLE A WEEK**
- **50,000 MEALS DISTRIBUTED SINCE MARCH**
- **PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER BEFORE NEEDED HELP**



**ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL**  
Melbourne-Charitable Foundation

[www.spehcf.com.au/donations](http://www.spehcf.com.au/donations)

Or call us on 9662 2391.  
Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible.  
Thank you.





**MEALS  
PROGRAM  
BY STUDENTS  
FOR STUDENTS**

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**9.30AM-11AM  
MON-FRI**





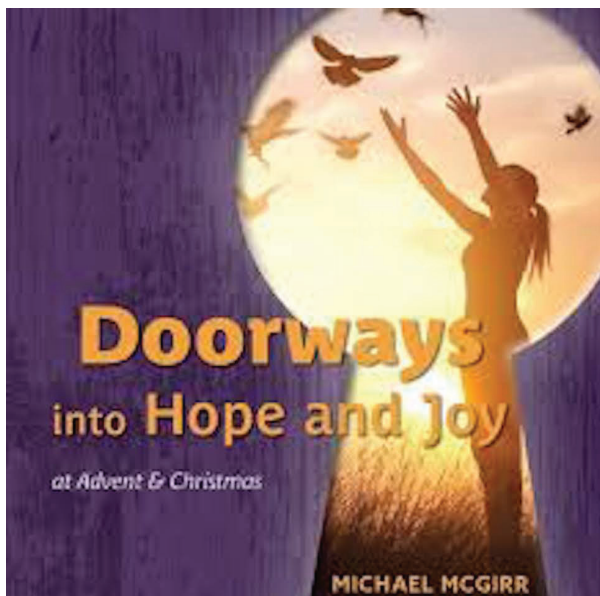
# ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

Lots of beautiful Christmas cards and gifts now available for Christmas.

Also, a new range of Liberty hankies and Liberty Lawn wrapped soaps and Australian Beeswax wraps. Visit us online or drop in during the week. If you see something online you would like to collect on Sunday after a church service, please ring Carol or a volunteer in the shop during the week and we can arrange for you to collect!

## NEW ADVENT BOOK

Are you still looking for something to reflect on this Advent? Why not try *Doorways into Hope and Joy and Advent and Christmas* by Michael McGirr. Poignant reflections about the faces of God in our world today. Each prayer is accompanied by a photograph of a door – a car door, a hospital door – through which we look to find God. \$19.95



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Office Hours. 9.30am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday

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## Sunday Services

10.30 am Parish Mass - online and in person (limited due to the pandemic restrictions)  
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/StPetersEasternHill](http://www.youtube.com/StPetersEasternHill)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/)

## Weekday Services

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays)  
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm  
Also online only, due to the pandemic restrictions  
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/)

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## 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 Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr David Peake	0412 299 839
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
Klingner Scholar:	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391
	Xeverie Swee	03 9662 2391

## Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
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Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
Children:	Katherine Barnett	03 9387 4089
COVID Safe & Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
Churchwardens:	Stephen Duckett (Vicar)	0447 837 741
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
	Daniel Ferguson (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
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
Prayer Link	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
RMIT Chaplaincy:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Sacristan	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391

## Parish Council Membership:

Helen Drummond  
Stephen Duckett (Chair)  
Rachel Ellyard  
Daniel Ferguson  
Peter Griffin (Treasurer)  
Stuart Hibberd  
Fr Hugh Kempster (President)  
Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)  
Terry Porter  
William Southey  
Peter Wild  
Sue Wuttke

*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".*