

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'John the Baptist in the Wilderness', Geertgen tot Sint Jans (c1490)

ADVENT 2

8TH DECEMBER 2019

God of all peoples, whose servant John came baptising and calling for repentance: help us to hear his voice of judgment, that we may also rejoice in his word of promise, and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please feel free to take this pew sheet home.

VICAR'S MUSINGS

The weeks of Advent are always a time of “Christmas” parties in our society, and in the church for that matter. As good Anglo-Catholics, however, this can sometimes places us in a bit of a devotional and linguistic dilemma. Advent is traditionally a time of fasting; a lesser fast than Lent, but important as we prepare ourselves spiritually for the great feast of the Incarnation.

On Friday morning there was a delightful reminder of this, as the weekday morning Mass congregation gathered for a celebratory breakfast. It is a great group that brings together priests and laity, workers in the city and those experiencing homelessness, St Peter's and Anglicare. “Happy Christmas!” one congregant wished everyone joyfully on Friday. “Happy Advent!” was the almost liturgical reply from one of our priests. We all had a giggle and tucked into the bacon and eggs.

I must say, I make every effort to attend the “Christmas” parties to which I am invited, and I organise one or two myself for our church groups, but I do try to remember that we are in Advent and not yet in the Christmas season. In practical terms, that might mean one glass of wine rather than two, or a half plate of main-course rather than a full one, or skipping dessert. I certainly don't want to go to the other extreme of practicing or encouraging Scrooge-like behaviour; but it is timely to remember that the great mystery and joy of Christmas is not yet. It is good to celebrate and thank one another, and it is also good to practice the discipline of Advent waiting and simplicity.

Happy Advent to all of you!



8:00am Mass

Celebrant: Fr Hugh Kempster

Preacher: Fr Philip Gill

9:30 am Family Mass

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Preacher: Fr Philip Gill

Deacon/Lay Minister: Brenda Williams

Children's Talk: Fr Hugh Kempster

Reader: Ann Scott Pendlebury

Intercessor: Ann Scott Pendlebury

Hymns: Entrance : 12 Offertory : 5 Post-Communion : 15

Communion Voluntary: Herzogenberg *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*

Postlude: Tomkins *Voluntary*

11:00am High Mass

Celebrant: Fr Hugh Kempster

Preacher: Fr Philip Gill

Deacon: Fr Greg Davies

Reader: Philip Harvey

Intercessor: Diane Clark

Hymns: Entrance : 12 Gradual : 5 Offertory : 13 Post-Communion : 15

Mass: Palestrina *Missa: Papæ Marcelli*

Motet: Gibbons *This is the record of John*

Postlude: Tomkins *Voluntary*

6:00pm Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr David Peake

Next Sunday 15th December: Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

Mass Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10, James 5: 7-10 & Matthew 11: 2-11

Celebrants: Fr Hugh Kempster & Fr Philip Gill

PARISH WORKING BEE - SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 10AM

There will be a Parish Working Bee at 10:00am on Saturday 21st December to put up the Christmas Crib and Christmas tree, polish the pews, clean the brass etc. After all the hard work there will be a light lunch at the Vicarage. For catering purposes it would be helpful if you could let Kosta know if you are coming (039662 2391 or sphoffice@stpeters.org.au). Even if you can only come for half an hour, do pop in. See you then!

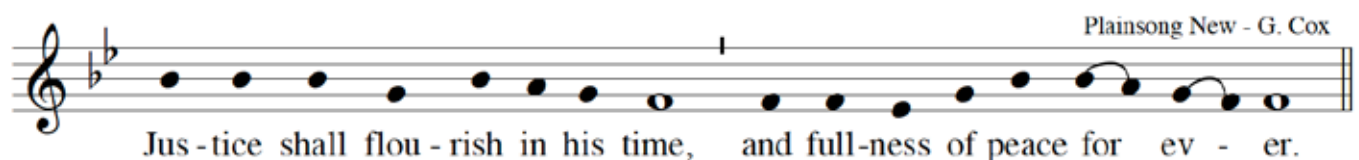
Fr Hugh Kempster, Vicar

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

On that day: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 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. 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; 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. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 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. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 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. 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.

Psalm : 72.1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17



Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice. R.

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. R.

For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy. R.

May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun.
May all nations be blessed in him;
may they pronounce him happy. R.

Second Reading: Romans 15.4-9

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ 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, 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."

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3.1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 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.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, John said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 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. 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. 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. 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."

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Brown, Henri-Felix Carolane, Geoffrey Cox, Sr Gloria CHN, Michael Gregory, John Harvey, Sr Hilary CHN, Jan Foster, Noelene Jones, Alice McCraith, Gia Nu Luu, Ray Ng, Bella Saadala, 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, Norman Missen, 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:

Sun	8	Amy Archer, Hope Amelia Gay, Helen Clarine Seager
Mon	9	Hector Robinson BISHOP, Monica Sheffield
Tue	10	Una Blake, Winifred Ismene Claridge, Ada Cunningham, Bertha Marie Dossett, Ernest Harrison, Nellie Westoby
Wed	11	Beatrice Sullivan
Thu	12	Agnes Hardy Bode
Fri	13	Maurice Cratchley, Beatrice Lindsay, Ina Edith Norton, Maxwell Thomas Austin Umphelby
Sat	14	Hubert Hayward, Clementina Hughes, Clara McAdam

PARISH DIARY

<i>Saturday 21st December</i>	10:00am Parish Working Bee: putting up Christmas Crib, polishing pews, cleaning brass etc.
<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 29^h 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 5^h 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

CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Badges for any member without one are available. See Fr Hugh on a Sunday or Fr Don at the Saturday Mass. The Cell meets next for Devotions to Our Lady on Saturday December 21st. at 9am We will also celebrate St Thomas that day.

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: <https://bit.ly/2OVm67F>

INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL STUDIES - PLANNING FOR 2020

After serving for several years on the Institute for Spiritual Studies (ISS) committee and latterly as Chair, Nick Browne has resigned. A huge thank-you to Nick for his hard work and leadership. We are currently looking for a new ISS Chair, and are always looking for ISS Committee members. If you are interested in either of these positions please talk to me after Mass, or contact Kosta in the Parish Office (96622391 or sphoffice@stpeters.org.au).

*Fr Hugh Kempster
Vicar's and ISS Director*

FR JOHN AND FR ROB ON ABC's 7:30 REPORT - THIS THURSDAY

This Thursday ABC's 7:30 Report is a retrospective of the most popular segments from 2019. You will be interested to know that news of Fr John and Fr Rob's wedding was one of these. They chose to be filmed here at St Peter's, which was such a joy.



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

NEW ARRIVAL CHRISTMAS CARDS Shipping held up a new range of beautiful Christmas Cards which arrived in this week. Boxes of 16 at very reasonable prices.

Advent Recommendations

Advent Conspiracy by Rock Mckinley, Chris Seay and Greg Holder

Are you tired of how consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas? Advent Conspiracy shows you how to substitute consumption with compassion by practicing four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts: Worship Fully-because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus. Spend Less-and free your resources for things that truly matter. Give More-of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, your heart. Love All-the



poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, and the sick in ways that make a difference. Find out how to have a Christmas worth remembering, not dreading. Christmas can still change the world when you, like Jesus, give what matters most-your presence.

Opening Hours

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

15 Gisborne St Melbourne 3002

Situated in the Parish Hall building on the street side, facing St Patrick's Cathedral

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Office Hours. 9.30am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday

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
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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

Parish Council

Membership:

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".*