

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL
Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia
Parish Church of the City since 1846



The disciples ask Jesus if he is the one to come. Matt 11.2-11

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11 DECEMBER 2022

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 (2nd & 4th Sundays).

6.00pm Low Mass (1st, 3rd & 5th 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: Garnet Johnson, John Hall, Michael Messina, Greg Hocking, Rob Whalley, Helen Drummond, Mary Manchester,

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Terrence Hanlon, Jeremy Ashton Bishop, Calvin Johnston, Julia Rickard,

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

- Dec 11 Beatrice Sullivan
12 Agnes Hardy Bode
13 Maurice Cratchley, Beatrice Lindsay, Ina Edith Norton,
Maxwell Thomas Austin Umphelby
14 Hubert Hayward, Clementina Hughes, Clara McAdam
15 Philip Thomas Byard Clayton PRIEST, Margaret Jephcott,
Sarah Michal Elizabeth Robson
16 Marjorie Fischer, Madge Muddell
17 Mary Clappison, Florence Elsworth, Patrick Hannaford,
Henry Daryll Robins

Please contact Fr Greg at 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

Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.

Mass setting: Victoria: Missa *Alma Redemptoris mater*

Entrance Hymn:

[9.30am & 11.00am] **NEH 9** Lo, he comes, with clouds descending

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 35.1-10

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, 2 and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. 8 A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray 9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

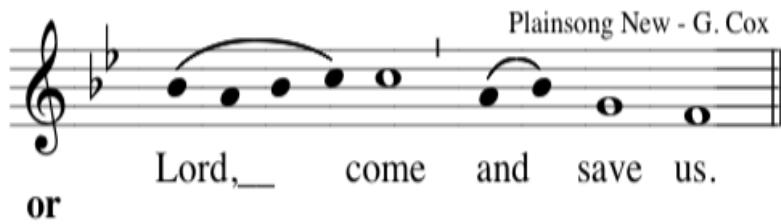
Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

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.



It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free. **R.**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind
and lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous
and watches over the strangers. **R.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: James 5.7-10

chanted by the Sub-Deacon at 11.00am

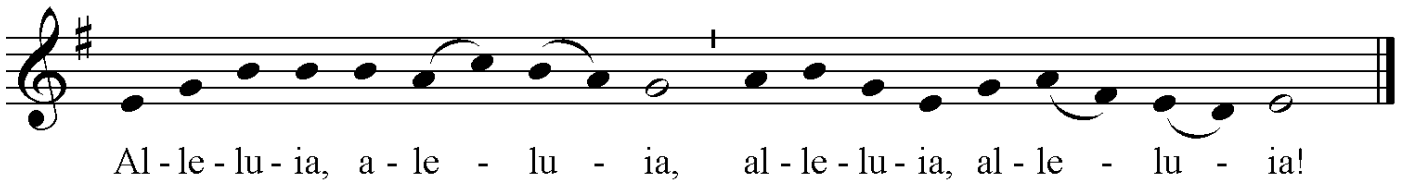
A reading from the letter of James

7 Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9 Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! 10 As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Deacon:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [11.2-11]
✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples 3 who said to Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” 4 Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. 6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” 7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ 11 “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Michael [8am]; Fr Bob Derrenbacker from Trinity College – [9.30am & 11.00am]

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*]

O Lord, you have favoured your land; you have restored the well-being of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people.

Please join in the offertory hymn.

NEH 294 Just as I am, without one plea

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___ ri - sen. Christ will_ come_ a - gain.____

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:

All



Bles sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power are yours for e-ver and e - ver. A - men.

Celebrant



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



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



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*

Purcell: Rejoice in the Lord alway

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 3 (Tii) Come, thou long-expected Jesus

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,



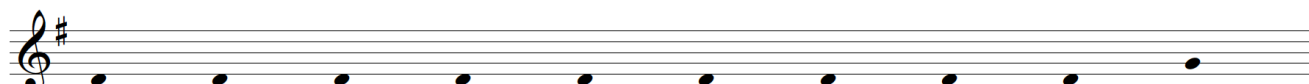
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



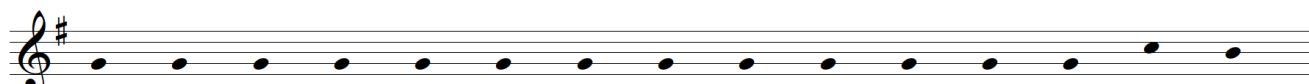
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



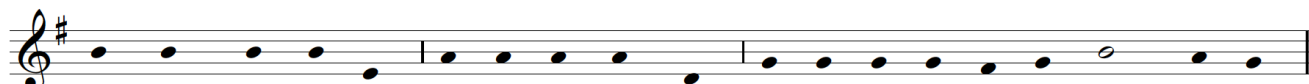
Behold the handmaid of the Lord: **Be it unto me ac - cord - ing to thy word.**



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



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.

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: Kenneth Leighton: Fantasy 5 from Six Fantasies on Hymn Tunes Op. 72 - Veni Emmanuel

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 10 are:
Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25

NOTICES

[See page 19 for Weekly Reflections]

Worship Services for Christmas

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Children's Christmas Mass

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Carols are sung from 11.00pm

Christmas Day

10.00am High Mass

Sunday January 1st

7.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

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

You can donate by going to the Social Enterprise website:
heavenatthehill.org.au – All donations are tax deductible.

Handel's *Messiah* @ St Peter's, Advent 2022

A Messiah for the ages.

This performance had a choir at the top of its game, stunning soloists, inspired direction.

This one will linger.

—Andrew Angus, Baroque Oboe

After a *Messiah* covid hiatus of three years, Saturday 3 December 2022 was a day to remember at St Peter's. *Messiah* fits closely with our Mission, *Worshipping Christ in the Eucharist, serving Christ in the world*. Everybody who attended—performers and audience—joined in its proclamation of the full scope of Christ's significance.

Musical Director, Andrew Raiskums writes:



Setting the wheels in motion for this Messiah was challenging because it had been three years since the last one, and so much has changed. However, virtually everyone I contacted was available and keen to be part of it. And this year we had an Event Manager for the first time, so from the outset there was positive energy, generosity and good will carrying the project along. Oddly, I was nervous before the performance. But once on the podium it all left. Tim Reynolds started singing "Comfort Ye" and I felt the focus lock in. My energy increased throughout the performance, energy coming from all around me: players, singers, audience. All together, all as one. The Holy Spirit reaching into all corners of the church and beyond.

Leading up to the memorable, full-house performance, I was constantly impressed by the competence and good humour of my fellow volunteers from St Peter's and the musicians as we worked our way together through the unfamiliar but thankfully not forgotten tasks of ticketing, promotion, rehearsal set up, with festive fare at interval.



Veni, veni Emmanuel. God is with us. Amen!

Peter-Barnabas,

Event Manager,

Messiah @ St Peter's 2022

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St Peter's Bookroom

Lots of Christmas Cards and beautiful gifts - calendars, Liberty soap....
Come in and enjoy Christmas shopping in tranquil calm and joyful music.

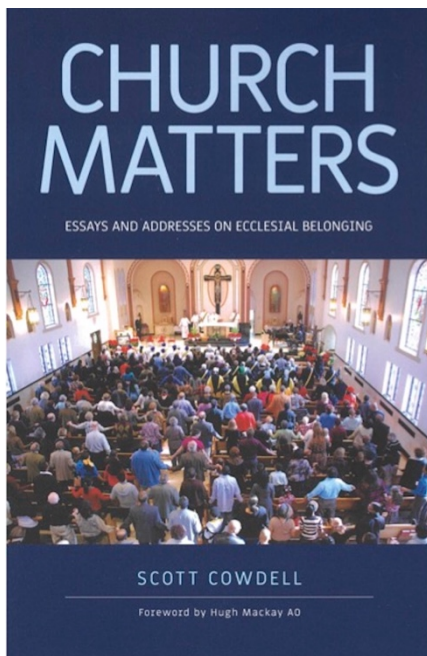
NEW BOOK!

Church Matters: Essays and Addresses on Ecclesial Belonging by
Scott Cowdell

This selection of essays and addresses, most of them written between 1996 and 2021, reflects the theological journey of a distinguished Anglican priest and theologian.

Informed, challenging, accessible and encouraging, **Church Matters** is an important book in these difficult times for the churches in Australia and beyond.

Written primarily within the Anglican tradition where he has worked as pastor and teacher, the reflections raise significant issues of concern for churches everywhere.



The essays raise primary questions of how the church matters in contemporary Australian society, where Christianity and church are increasingly at the margins of people's concerns and where various ways of being church compete for the attention of congregations and their leaders.

This 'gift of secularisation', Cowdell suggests, is an opportunity for the church to reconsider what is important in its traditions and structures; and asks what may be needed to bring the churches to a fresh understanding of the reasons for their very existence. \$34.95

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Philip Harvey writes ...

Jesus answers questions with return questions. He gets you to think about what you're asking. Other times he answers questions with wise circumlocutions. Asked if he's the Messiah, he replies with a stack of events that must add up to Yes, you'd think, but leaves you then to make up your own mind. 'The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.'

These happenings contradict all the empirical norms, yet no one disputes that they are happening. Inasmuch as he is riffing the prophet Isaiah, if that's what he's doing, Jesus is making clear that the moment has arrived.

What is happening is personal transformation. Those who encounter Jesus, his words and actions, are spoken to. They are healed according to their need, given new life in ways not previously conceivable. His reply to the question are you the Messiah is not a brag sheet of attributes and achievements. He is showing what happens when we encounter the transformative love of God. There are none so insightful as those whose sight has been restored. To overcome the powers of death is to see and live existence anew. To be on side with those who have nothing is to begin to offer hope in a state of pure necessity. Such transformation is available to anyone at all, everyone in fact.

As both Jesus and his cousin John the Baptist say, transformation comes first with repentance. It's personal. It starts with us. He confirms John's ministry in the process.

Jesus's astonishing circumlocution comes with an unusual blessing. 'And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.' Is this a form of advance forgiveness? The blessing comes from a knowledge of contradiction, that not everyone is going to adopt his way immediately. There are those who will give up on his teaching, who find it doesn't meet their expectations whether high or low, doesn't suit their lifestyle, or is just too hard to handle. Yet for all that, his way remains open at any time. Transformation is available.

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Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass
6pm Low Mass [1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2nd & 4th 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 4th Saturday of the month
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6:15pm

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Organist:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853
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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".