

*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' Bosch (1504)

## ADVENT 3

### GAUDETE SUNDAY

# 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019

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 hearts 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 feel free to take this pew sheet home.*

# A WARDEN'S MUSINGS

Rev'd Janet Story is the Senior Chaplain at the Whitsunday Anglican School in Mackay for both day and boarding students. (Their website is worth a visit) Janet is the best customer of the Australian Anglican Calendar, ordering 100 calendars every year! She gifts them to staff and students. The other day she sent me a second order for another 26 calendars for a special trip to Nebo – a small town 93kms SW of Mackay. We had several exchanges/conversations by email exchanging stories. She sent me this Christmas Prayer, which I think speaks to us all, and so I am sharing it with you.

When the song of angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
**to find the lost,**  
**to heal the broken,**  
**to feed the hungry,**  
**to release the prisoners,**  
**to rebuild the nations,**  
**to bring peace among brothers and sisters**  
**to make music in the heart. Amen.**

The prayer comes from a collection “The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations” by Howard Washington Thurman. Howard Thurman was an African-American author, philosopher, theologian, educator, and civil rights leader. As a prominent religious figure, he played a leading role in many social justice movements and organisations of the 20th century. Among his most significant contributions was bringing the ideas of non-violence to the movement. It was Thurman’s trip to India in 1935, where he met Mahatma Gandhi, which was greatly influential in incorporating the principles of non-violence in the African-American freedom struggle. At the close of the meeting, which was long highlighted by Thurman as a central event of his life, Gandhi reportedly told Thurman, “It may be through the Negroes, that the unadulterated message of non-violence will be delivered to the world.” King and others remembered and repeated that phrase during the early years of the civil rights movement in America in the 1950s. One of the pleasures of administering the Anglican Calendar are the conversations I have by ‘phone and email with many people Australia-wide. Janet mentioned she needed to find a copy of the book. I was pleased to source one and have sent it to her to read and enjoy at this special time of the Christian year.

*Helen Drummond – Advent 2019*



## LAST WEEKEND'S MESSIAH - THANK-YOU TO EVERYONE

Last Saturday St Peter's was full to overflowing for our annual performance of Handel's Messiah. A huge thank-you to our Musical Director, Andrew Raiskums; Music Administrator, Sue Wuttke; Organist, Rhys Arvidson; St Peter's Choir; Gloriana Chamber Choir; St Peter's Baroque Orchestra; and the team of willing parishioners and volunteers who set up, served Christmas cake, administered 350 glasses of champagne and cleared up afterwards. A great evening was had by all.



## 8:00am Mass

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*Celebrant:* Fr Hugh Kempster

*Preacher:* Fr Roger Prowd

## 9:30 am Family Mass

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*Celebrant:* Fr Hugh Kempster

*Preacher:* Fr Roger Prowd

*Deacon:* Fr Roger Prowd

*Children's Talk:* Fr Hugh Kempster

*Reader:* Brenda Williams

*Intercessor:* Eleanor Newton

*Hymns: Entrance : 3(ii) Offertory : 11 Post-Communion : 7*

*Communion Voluntary:* Francaix *Sœur Blanche*

*Postlude: Handel* Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

## 11:00am High Mass

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*Celebrant:* Fr Philip Gill

*Preacher:* Fr Roger Prowd

*Deacon:* Fr Hugh Kempster

*Reader:* Brenda Williams

*Intercessor:* Yanpu Zhang

*Hymns: Entrance : 11 Gradual : 3(ii) Offertory : 1 Post-Communion : 7*

*Mass:* Schubert *Mass in G*

*Motet:* Purcell *Rejoice in the Lord alway*

*Postlude: Handel* Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

## 6:00pm Mass

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*Celebrant & Preacher:* Fr Hugh Kempster

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**Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December:** Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Mass Readings:* Isaiah 7: 10-14, Romans 1: 1-7 & Matthew 1: 18-24

*Celebrants:* Fr Hugh Kempster & Fr Philip Gill

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## PARISH WORKING BEE - NEXT SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 10AM

There will be a Parish Working Bee at 10:00am next 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!

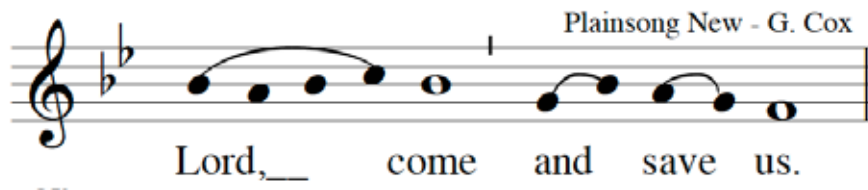
*Fr Hugh Kempster, Vicar*

# MASS READINGS

## First Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, 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. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 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". Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. 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.

## Psalm : 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10



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.

## **Second Reading:** James 5.7-10

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. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples who said to Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: 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. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” 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? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 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.’ 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.”

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## **FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Donations will be gratefully received for Christmas flowers following morning church services today. If you are an 8 o'clocker please give your gift to Rhonda Mach, who will pass it to me to add to other more generous gifts after 9.30am and 11.00am masses. Thank you for your donations - greatly appreciated!

*Helen Drummond*

## **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.



# PRAYERS

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## **FOR THE SICK:**

Margaret Brown, Henri-Felix Carolane, Sr Gloria CHN, John Harvey, Sr Hilary CHN, Jan Foster, Noelene Jones, Alice McCraith, Gia Nu Luu, Ray Ng, Bella Saadala, John Taaff, Evelina Thornton, Sandy Todd, Valerie Wild, and Peter.

## **AS WELL AS:**

Jenny Allen, Marja Barouh, Chris Bennie, Michael Boyle PRIEST, Geoffrey Cox, 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:** Glen Bechly, Michael Gregory

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

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Sun	15	Philip Thomas Byard Clayton PRIEST, Margaret Jephcott, Sarah Michal Elizabeth Robson
Mon	16	Marjorie Fischer, Madge Muddell
Tue	17	Mary Clappison, Florence Elsworth, Patrick Hannaford, Henry Daryll Robins
Wed	18	Frederick Waldegrave Head BISHOP, Maurice Jones PRIEST Nicholas Bernhard Major, Mavis Yewers
Thu	19	Peter Robert Marks-Chapman, Jeanne Lawler Marsden, Charles Schwieger PRIEST, Joseph Henry Thorne
Fri	20	Margaret Hauser
Sat	21	John Langton, William Keith Morrow, Bruce Gilbert Stevenson

# PARISH DIARY

<i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<p>All of Staff Christmas Morning Tea, at 9:30am in the Vicarage.</p> <p>The Lazarus Centre Christmas Eucharist will be held in church at 11am. All are welcome.</p>
<i>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December</i>	<p>10:00am Parish Working Bee: putting up the Christmas Crib, Christmas Tree, polishing pews, cleaning brass etc.</p>
<i>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<p>Christmas Eve: 6.00 pm Children's Mass with Nativity Play, 11:00 pm Carol singing &amp; 11.30 pm Midnight Mass with Procession &amp; Blessing of the Crib.</p>
<i>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<p>Christmas Day: 8.00 am Mass (BCP) &amp; 10.00 am Procession and High Mass.</p>
<i>Sunday 29<sup>h</sup> December</i>	<p>Holy Family: 8.00am Mass (BCP), 9.30am Family Mass, 11.00am Procession and High Mass &amp; 7.00pm Festival of Lessons and Carols.</p>
<i>Sunday 5<sup>h</sup> January</i>	<p>Epiphany (from Mon. 6th): 8.00am Mass (BCP), 9.30am Family Mass &amp; 11.00am Procession and High Mass.</p>
<i>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January</i>	<p>Baptism of our Lord: 8.00am Mass (BCP), 9.30am Family Mass &amp; 11.00am Procession and High Mass.</p>
<i>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</i>	<p>Candlemas: 8.00am Mass (BCP), 9.30am Family Mass &amp; 11.00am Procession and High Mass. There will be a Commissioning of the new Parish Council, 2020 Klingner Scholar, and Pastoral Care worker at all services.</p> <p>After 11am High Mass, from 11:45am, all are invited to a Parish Picnic in Fitzroy Gardens.</p>



## **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>



**Anglican Relief and  
Development Fund  
Australia**

## **INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUAL STUDIES - NEW CHAIR APPOINTED**

After serving for several years on the Institute for Spiritual Studies (ISS) committee and latterly as Chair, Nick Browne recently resigned. A huge thank-you to Nick for his hard work and leadership. As Director of ISS, it is the Vicar's task to appoint a new Chair. I am delighted to announce that our Lay Minister, Alae Taule'alo, will be taking up the position of ISS Chair from February 2020.

*Fr Hugh Kempster*

## **REFRESHMENTS AT ST PETER'S**

Thank-you to those who have helped with refreshments during 2019, both after Sunday Masses and for special events during the year. Your work is much appreciated and delivers a message of welcome to both parishioners and visitors alike. During the month of January, volunteers will be taking a break from our usual refreshments; however, tea, coffee and biscuits will still be provided. We would greatly appreciate new volunteers on our team in 2020. Please contact me if you would like to help on 0419 572033 or [danielfergus15@gmail.com](mailto:danielfergus15@gmail.com)

*Daniel Ferguson  
Chair, Guild of St Benedict*

# CHRISTMAS

at St Peter's Eastern Hill

*Join us for these Christmas services*

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Dec	8:00am	Mass (BCP)
	10:00am	Procession & High Mass
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> 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

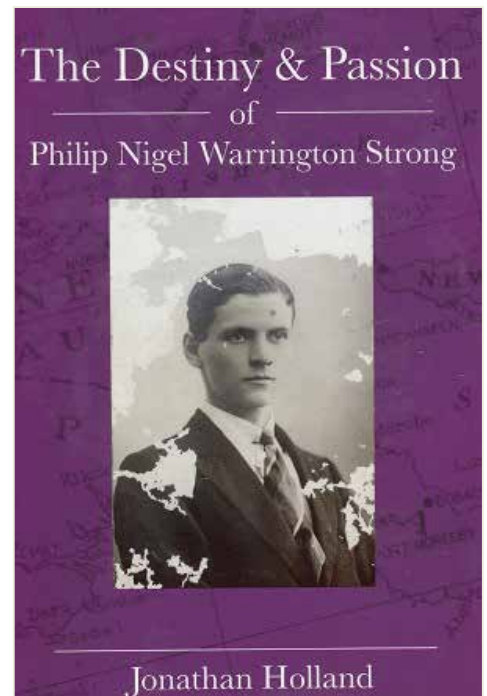
Lots of Christmas Cards in stock. Also nativity scenes, beeswax and scented candles. Come in and look through our latest books this morning or visit the Bookroom online.

Just in this week!

## **The Destiny and Passion of Philip Nigel Warrington Strong** by Jonathan Holland

The story of Philip Strong has not been told before. At the age of 14 he had a mystical experience in Worcester Cathedral as a result of which he pledged his life to God and others. That pledge brought him a lifetime of adventure: in the trenches of France during World War I; among the destitute of northern England; being shot at by a Japanese sea-plane when war came to the shores of Papua; acclaimed as a hero in Australia; and serving as senior archbishop of the Anglican Church of Australia. His life shines a light onto a past-age, its values and ways of thinking. It asks us whether there is something in the way he, and others of his generation, chose to live that is worth recovering?

\$40.00



### Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9.30am to 4.30 pm      Sunday - after 9.30am & 11am Mass  
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Office Hours. 9.30am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday

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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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month)

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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 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".*