

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18 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: Peter Sinn, Joan Smails, Lloyd Bunting, Michael Bundy, Sarah Dowe, Michael Bundy, Garnet Johnson, John Hall, Michael Messina, Greg Hocking, Rob Whalley, Helen Drummond, Bp John Parkes

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Mary Montague, Terrence Hanlon, Jeremy Ashton Bishop, Calvin Johnston,

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

- Dec 18 Frederick Waldegrave Head BISHOP,
Maurice Jones PRIEST, Nicholas Bernhard Major, Mavis Yewers
- 19 Peter Robert Marks-Chapman, Jeanne Marsden,
Charles Schwieger PRIEST, Joseph Henry Thorne
- 20 Margaret Hauser
- 21 John Langton, William Keith Morrow, Bruce Gilbert Stevenson
- 22 George Andrew, Joyce Alice Cooke, Phyllis Frost
- 23 Alice Priscilla Cook, Sr Elizabeth Gwen CHN, John Randell
William Jurgen (Bill) Ondaatje,
- 24 Bette Bennison, Philip Henry Job, James Ernest Watts

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: Guerrero: *Missa Surge propera*

Entrance Hymn:

[9.30am & 11.00am] NEH 181 (Ti) The Lord whom earth and sea and sky

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.

Gracious God,
you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son:
as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word,
and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose Day draws near,
your Son, our lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 7.10-16

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah

10 The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, 11 ‘Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.’ 12 But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.’ 13 Then Isaiah said: ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. 15 He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24

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.



The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the river. **R.**

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false. **R.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Romans 1.1-7

chanted by the Sub-Deacon at 11.00am

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, 3 the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, 6 including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, 7 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, a - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Deacon:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [1.18-25]
✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

18 The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' 22 All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means, 'God is with us.' 24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, 25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Philip Gill

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*]

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Please join in the offertory hymn.

NEH 17 (T NEH 6) When came in flesh the incarnate Word

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.

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*

Biebl: *Ave Maria*

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 182 Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born

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.

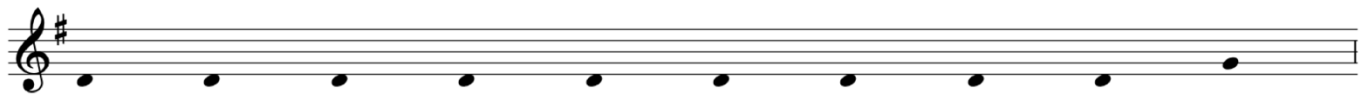
THE ANGELUS

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.



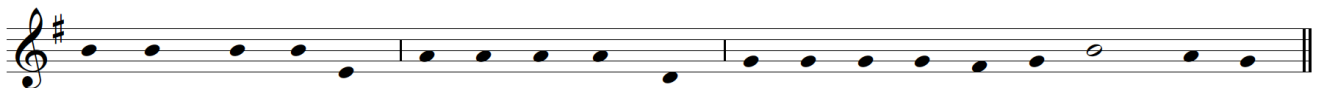
The Angel of the Lord brought ti - dings to Mary: **And she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.**



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:



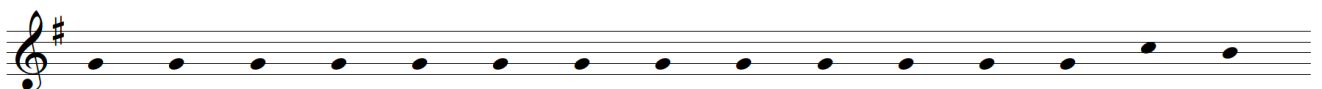
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. **A - men.**



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: O. Messiaen (1908-92) *Les Enfants de Dieu*

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 Nativity of Our Lord – December 25 are:

Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2.11-14; Luke 2.1-14 [Midnight]

Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1.1-6; John 1.1-14 [Christmas Day]

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

Sunday January 1st

Feast of Mary, Mother of Our Lord

8.00am Low Mass

(Traditional Language in the Handfield Chapel)

9.30am FAMILY MASS

11.00am HIGH MASS

Please note: Daily Mass on Public Holidays is at 9.00am

The Parish Office will be closed from January 3rd to 10th.

St Peter's Bookroom

Visit us in our shop or on website to find that extra special book, gift or card for Christmas this year!

Beautiful Icon Calendars 2023 now still available!

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



*Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born Lord of all.
Charles Wesley*

St Peter's Bookroom
wishes all parishioners and friends
a very peaceful and joy filled
Christmas and New Year.

We are closed from midday Friday 23rd December and will reopen Monday 2nd January 2023.

THE ST PETER'S CHARITABLE FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022

"St. Peter's Cares"

Dear Friends,

For over 30 years, St Peter's Eastern Hill has helped those in need.

Christmas is nearly here, and we need your help to:



1. continue our important work, feeding over 500 a week, every day of the year
2. provide some Christmas cheer and dignity to those who have nothing - Christmas hampers and a good Christmas lunch
3. offer training, employment and assistance whenever possible to our clients
4. employ a social worker to provide critical support services to those in need.

If you're in a position to give, please donate as generously as you can to our Christmas Appeal.

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please give as generously as you can

online: <https://www.spehcf.com.au/support-the-foundation>

Or contact the Parish Administrator to organise a donation over the phone: 03 9662 2391

Krystyna Campbell-Pretty, Foundation Chair & Fr Michael Bowie Vicar

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

From Stephen Duckett

Advent is a really important part of our church year, and a special time of reflection, but also a time of great joy. All through Advent our thoughts turn to the momentous new beginnings of Christmas, which eventually and inexorably lead to the cross.

‘And you shall name him Immanuel’. This occurs in both our reading from the Hebrew Scriptures and in the Gospel, and it also evoked for me the memory of the wonderful performance of the *Messiah* which many of us enjoyed so much a few weeks ago.

This then made me think about our very different experiences of Advent-tide. For some, it is a period of busyness as we finish up for the year and have the end of year break up events. For others, it is a time of loneliness, where we sit apart from others, remembering family and friends who have died or drifted away. For yet others, it is a time of stress with engagement in unwanted family reunions. For healthcare staff it is a particularly busy time of year, coming on top of current demand pressures from COVID. Part of our call is to think of others. Our faith is not one just to be experienced on Sunday, but we are to be in the world, advocating for a world which is more like the realm of God that Jesus pointed to. As we reflect on the birth of Jesus, we celebrate the great gift that he was. But we should also remember the great challenges that he gives us in his teaching, and the great liberation that comes from the post-crucifixion experiences of the resurrection.

So, as we travel these last few days to Christmas, perhaps we might reflect on what we can do to ease the burden currently shouldered by the lonely and depressed at this time, so their lives today are nearer to the joy that Jesus would want them to experience.

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Office Hours: 10am to 1pm, Tuesday – Friday

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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	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
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	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
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	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033

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Guild of St Benedict:	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
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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".