

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'Dream of Saint Joseph'. Cavallino (c1645)

ADVENT 4

22ND DECEMBER 2019

Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please feel free to take this pew sheet home.

VICAR'S MUSINGS

The root of the word Advent is the Latin verb *venire* “to come.” Over these weeks, together as a Church, we await the blessed Incarnation, the coming of the Christ Child. Our children easily grasp this “waiting for Christmas.” But Advent is a two-fold anticipation; we also look to the fulfillment of time, Christ’s second coming in glory. The Advent Collect, from the *Book of Common Prayer*, tells so poetically of this dual expectancy:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

Another of the great Advent prayers of the Church, or rather a series of prayers, is the “O Antiphons”. It is traditional from 17th to 23rd December, at the evening prayer of Vespers each day, to recite or chant in turn these seven prayers before or after a psalm or canticle. The coming Christ is addressed by seven divine titles from the Old Testament: O Wisdom! (*sapientia*); O Lord! (*adonai*); O Root of Jesse! (*radix*); O Key of David! (*clavis*); O Dayspring! (*oriens*); O King of Nations! (*Rex gentium*); O God-with-us! (*Emmanuel*).

This evening’s antiphon evokes Christ the King, O Rex Gentium. The paradoxical reconciliation of supreme power and the most intimate human desire is only made possible in and through the cornerstone of Christ; the mysterious intersection of transcendence and imminence. And in this great mystery lies salvation for all. The unsurpassed ruler of all Nations is also the primal Creator, descending into the dirt and messiness of existence, and lovingly shaping the clay of creation. May this too be our prayer as night falls today ...

*O Rex Gentium, et desideratus earum,
lapisque angularis, qui facis utraque unum:
veni, et salva hominem,
quem de limo formasti.*

O King of the nations, and their desire,
the cornerstone making both one:
Come and save the human race,
which you fashioned from clay.

8:00am Mass

Celebrant: Fr Hugh Kempster

Preacher: Brenda Williams

9:30 am Family Mass

Celebrant: Fr Philip Gill

Preacher: Brenda Williams

Deacon/Lay Minister: Brenda Williams

Children's Talk: Fr Hugh Kempster

Reader: Eleanor Newton

Intercessor: Ian Thornton

Hymns: Entrance : 8 (tune 128(ii)) Offertory : 295 Post-Communion : 10

Communion Voluntary: Peeters Ave Maria

Postlude: Clokey Veni Emmanuel

11:00am High Mass

Celebrant: Fr Hugh Kempster

Preacher: Brenda Williams

Deacon: Fr Greg Davies

Reader: Geoff Sutherland

Intercessor: William Southey

Hymns: Entrance : 9 Gradual : 8 (tune 128(ii)) Offertory : 295 Post-Communion : 10

Mass: Guerrero Missa: Surge propera

Motet: Biebl Ave Maria

Postlude: Clokey Veni Emmanuel

6:00pm Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Hugh Kempster

Next Sunday 29th December: Holy Family

Mass Readings: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3.12-21 & Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23

Celebrants: Fr Hugh Kempster, Fr Philip Gill & Fr Greg Davies

BISHOP STEPHEN COTTRELL TO BE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK

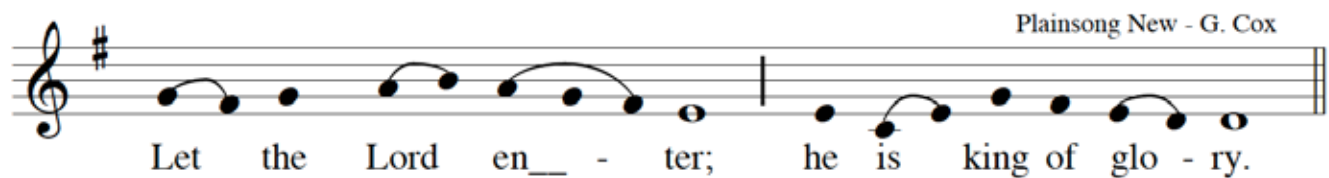
This week it was announced that the Rt Rev'd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, will be the next Archbishop of York. Bishop Stephen led the 2015 St Peter's Parish Mission, and we are delighted that he has been appointed to this significant leadership role in the Church of England and the Anglican Communion. You may be interested to read the following article on the Church of England website: "Bishop Stephen Cottrell to be the next Archbishop of York" (<https://bit.ly/2sFS27n>).

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 7.10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? 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.”

Psalm : 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6



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.

Second Reading: Romans 1.1-7

From Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which God promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures: the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 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. 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, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

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.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1.18-24

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. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. 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. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.



'Dream of Saint Joseph', Solimena (1696-97)

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Brown, Henri-Felix Carolane, Wendy Hancock, Lynn James, Alice McCraith, Bella Saadala, Evelina Thornton; Cecilia, and Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Marja Barouh, Chris Bennie, Michael Boyle PRIEST, Geoffrey Cox, John Crocker, Gail Edwards, Sr Gloria CHN, Cliff Gornall, Sr Hilary CHN Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Ray Ng, Norman Missen, Joyce Newton, Tim Peake, Liz Prideaux, Allan Rei, Helen Rowley, Barbara Ure-Smith, Valerie Wild, Annette Wood; Andrew, Chad, and Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: those killed by the volcanic eruption in New Zealand

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	22	George Andrew, Joyce Alice Cooke, Phyllis Eleanor Frost
Mon	23	Alice Priscilla Cook, William Jurgen (Bill) Ondaatje, John Ormond Randell
Tue	24	Bette Bennison, Philip Henry Job, James Ernest Watts
Wed	25	Leslie Cula PRIEST, Mavis Errey, Elizabeth Gordon Robinson
Thu	26	Neville James Barry, Nellie Margaret Dearlove, Annette Grimes, Allan McGuire, Reginald Murphy
Fri	27	Theodoros Govegos
Sat	28	Mary Winifred Gielis, Irwin Henry Kendall

PARISH DIARY

<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 29th 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 5th 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. There will be a Commissioning of the new Parish Council, 2020 Klingner Scholar, and Pastoral Care worker at all services. After 11am High Mass, from 11:45am, all are invited to a Parish Picnic in Fitzroy Gardens (BYO food and drink to share).

NOTICES

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 generous gifts after 9.30am and 11.00am masses. Thank you for your donations - greatly appreciated!

Helen Drummond

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**

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 danielferguson15@gmail.com

*Daniel Ferguson
Chair, Guild of St Benedict*

WEEKDAY MASS - CHRISTMAS TO NEW YEAR

Weekday morning Mass on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th December will be at the usual time of 7.15am. From Thursday 26th December to New Year's Day, 1st January, weekday morning Mass will be at 9am. The usual time of 7.15am will resume on Thursday 2nd January. For all other Christmas and Sunday service times see our Christmas notice.

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

The Bookroom wishes St Peter's parishioners, friends, visitors and customers a joyful and safe Christmas New Year.

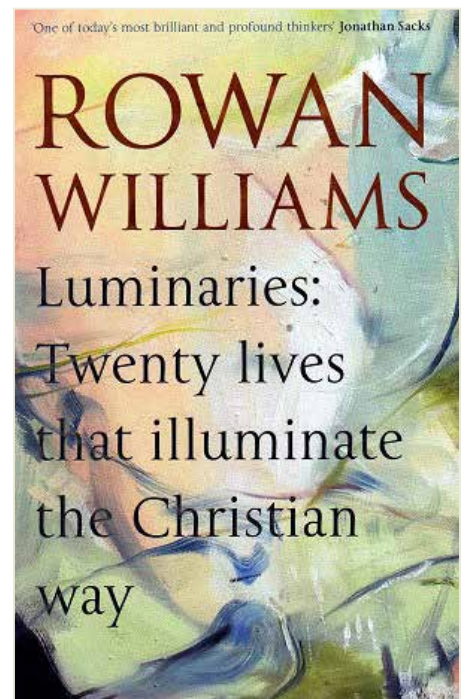
We will be closed from Christmas Day, reopening January 2nd 2020.

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. Stuck for an idea for a Christmas present? Why not purchase a St Peter's Bookroom Gift Voucher today?

Highly Recommended:

Luminaries: Twenty lives that illuminate the Christian way by Rowan Williams

The stories and writings of many great Christian thinkers have profoundly influenced Rowan Williams' own life and thought, and this sequence of short reflections is sure to sharpen your theological vision and cast a fresh light on what it means to live and breathe the gospel.
\$34.95



Opening Hours

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

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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, 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:	Xeveri Swee	03 9662 2391
	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
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	Helen Drummond (People)	03 9662 2391
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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

Parish Council

Membership:

Helen Drummond
Stephen Duckett (chair)
Rachel Ellyard
Daniel Ferguson
Stuart Hibberd
Fr Hugh Kempster
Catherine McGovern
Daniel Mitterdorfer (secretary)
Terry Porter
William Southey
David Spriggs
Rwth Stuckey
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".*