

*Welcome to*  
*St Peter's Eastern Hill*

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



Fra Angelico, "The Dormition & Assumption of the Virgin" (1424-34)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – Pew Sheet

# WEEKLY MUSINGS

The human body is at the centre of the Christian faith. Centuries ago, Christians declared the body-negating Gnostics to be heretical, placing the reality of the body—especially Christ’s body—at the heart of orthodoxy. After all, the mystery of the Incarnation is centred on the uncreated and eternal descending to earth within a real human body. And the Incarnation required the participation of another human body—Our Lady’s. The importance of the body in our faith defeats spiritualising tendencies and the safety of metaphor.

Christ’s resurrection was corporeal, not spiritual. We understand Christ’s presence in the Eucharist to comprehend his body, blood, soul and divinity. We even dare to claim that our own bodies, although created, will ultimately be dignified by being raised up. Paul’s declaration: “If the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised” deliberately ties the destiny of our bodies with Christ’s body to allay any suspicion of allegory. Our faith does not abrogate the carnal: the final exaltation of our bodies is God’s promise to us.

Today, we are called to commemorate the exaltation of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s body at the end of her earthly life. Mary’s body was, like ours, created not divine. And the claims we make about Mary’s body are no different to the claims we make about the bodies of all the faithful, but with the difference that Mary’s body has already been taken up to heaven; ours will be taken up later. Mary was accorded this singular privilege because of her role in the Incarnation. Consider the super-abundant graces she brought to Elizabeth’s house at the visitation, filling Elizabeth with the Holy Spirit and sanctifying John the Baptist. Even before his birth, Christ was working through Mary as a harbinger of redemption and divine grace.

Tradition has often paralleled Christ and his mother with Adam and Eve. Adam’s disobedience was redeemed by Christ’s obedience; Mary became a site for rebirth in Christ where Eve was a means by which death came into the world. Christ prefigures the ultimate triumph over sin and death; Mary is the first fruits of creation assumed into paradise. She presages the raising of our own bodies. The beatific vision she sees in paradise is the same vision we hope to see ourselves. Here is the audacious thought that illuminates our faith: through the body of one man came the exaltation all bodies. The assumption of Mary’s body points to the ecstatic union of the created with the Creator.

*Alae Taule’alo – Authorised Lay Minister*

# DAILY INTERCESSIONS

## FOR THE SICK:

Rhonda Graham, David Curtis, Martin Moran, Roman Kerr, Br Lindsay SAC, Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, Kate Castle, Wendy Hancock, Siew Hung, Tara Kendon, Russell Kennedy, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, John Small, Paul Wheelton & Peter.

## AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, David Bornstein, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Alice McCraith, Mary Montague, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Robin Page, Liz Prideaux, Graham & Judy Ryles, Jenny Sasse, John Stewart BISHOP, Margaret Sutherland, Ian Thornton, Barbara Ure-Smith & Jan.

**FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:** John Jenner

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

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Isobel Allen, Gertrude Gorringer, Elizabeth McKenzie,  
Colin Stephenson PRIEST

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Georgina Lucy Grosvenor, Eleanor La Trobe, Raymond Pescu,  
Fred Simms

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Gerald Francis John Dart, Arthur Sedsman PRIEST

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Faith Colechin, Marie-Therese Dessewffy, Ada Nankivell

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Dolores Barber, Emma Griffith, Albert Macpherson PRIEST  
Stephen Nickson

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Willis, Doris Emily Austin Wood

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Roger Martin Clarke, Margaret Gardner, Margaret Olivia Nelson  
Thomas Holyoak Rust PRIEST

# FAITH FORUM

“Listen, the river is singing”

Mary Oliver and the gift of learning to pay attention



**Sunday August 22nd, 12.30-1.30pm**

Henderson-Newton Room  
St Peter's Eastern Hill Hall  
15 Gisborne St  
Melbourne 3002

This month Carol O'Connor will facilitate a session on contemporary poet Mary Oliver. Mary Oliver's poetry is full of questions: about life, the natural world, the way we inhabit our environment. This session is a brief introduction to her poetry, discovering together some of her insights and sharing their meaning for us today. These sessions are open to all. No Cost. This is part of the Faith Forum series at St Peter's Anglican Church. Faith Forum is an opportunity to explore and discuss matters and issues of faith and spirituality.

Please contact Fr Greg to express your interest, and with any ideas for future forums: ph. 0417 992 976 or e-mail [gregdavies121@icloud.com](mailto:gregdavies121@icloud.com)

# OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM ROSARY GROUP

The Cell of Our Lady Walsingham went online last year, and our rosary group has now been meeting via Zoom for eighteen months!



We meet five days a week at 5pm (on weekends too during lockdown) to pray for the community and the world and of course to offer devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham.

Ours is a diverse group, and via the magic of Zoom we're pleased to welcome members from interstate and overseas, with one of our regular rosary leaders dialling in from Singapore.

If you're interested, join us via the Zoom link:

<https://rmit.zoom.us/j/91989236310>

You don't need to be a rosary expert to join us, nor are you expected to lead any of the sessions, unless you want to!

If you're interested in joining our prayer sessions feel free to follow the Zoom link or email [alaetaulealo@gmail.com](mailto:alaetaulealo@gmail.com); we can even send a set of rosary beads and an instruction booklet to you. You can also email through any intentions you'd like the group to pray for.



HEAVEN AT THE HILL  
MEALS PROGRAM

# Food Donation Drive

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# A Time to Speak

## The Prophetic Church in the Public Forum



**A Time to Speak**  
The Prophetic Church in the  
Public Forum  
Ray Cleary  
Coventry Press  
9781922589057 — **\$19.95**

*A Church that does not provoke any crisis, preach a Gospel that does not unsettle, proclaim a word of God that does not get under anyone's skin, or the word of God that does not touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed: what kind of Gospel is that? — OSCAR ROMERO*

*A Time to Speak* is a challenge to the churches in Australia to recover their prophetic voice; to engage with Australian society and systems, to reflect on the tradition of the ancient prophets in Israel and the teachings of Jesus, calling people to care for one another, putting the other before the self.

Here is a call to the churches to change directions; to abandon their emphasis on personal morality and individual salvation and to focus instead on those issues that are at the heart of the Gospel tradition, issues that affect the entire Australian society, its direction, its priorities, its sense of identity. It is an invitation that demands that the churches re-engage with the public forum, recover confidence to speak the timeless, gospel message.

But to do this will require change within the churches – changes of style, changes of leadership, changes of structures, changes that will restore confidence that the Jesus tradition reveals the purposes of God for the world and its creatures, changes that will enable fresh ways of being church in a context where Christianity is no longer automatically valued and respected.

The author brings a lifetime of ministry to the task, with more than forty years of engaging the church and the community in public discourse on the social, ethical, justice and economic concerns that affect community life, climate change, housing, economics, the needs of children, young people and families as well as broader social justice issues.

**Ray Cleary** is an Anglican priest, Canon Emeritus of St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. He was the CEO of Melbourne City Mission and chaired the Public Affairs Commission of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, the Social Responsibilities Committee of the Diocese of Melbourne, Anglicare Australia and was the CEO of Anglicare Victoria from 2000-2010. He is currently an adjunct faculty member at Trinity College Theological School.



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The Most Revd Dr Philip Freier  
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INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

## THE ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER 2021

IN SUPPORT OF THE  
BUILDING OUR FUTURE APPEAL

Unfortunately due to this most current lockdown and the anticipated sloweasing of restrictions that will follow, we have decided to postpone the Archbishop's Dinner. The new date of this event will be **Thursday 7 October 2021**. We will automatically transfer any bookings to this new date, however, if you are now unable to attend, please contact us by calling Matilda Sholly on (03) 9348 7527 and we will issue a refund. If you are yet to buy a ticket and would like to make a booking for the new date, type the link below into your browser:

**<https://bit.ly/3Co3YKi>**

*~ You will find there also a link to purchasing raffle tickets at \$5 each ~*

Date: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Time: 6.30–10.30pm (optional Evensong in Trinity Chapel at 5.45pm)  
Location: Dining Hall, Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052  
Dress: Lounge suit  
Cost: \$110 per person  
RSVP: By Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Enquiries: Matilda Sholly | (03) 9348 7527 | [events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au)



# INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE NEWS

**From the Parish representatives on the Incumbency Committee**

*UPCOMING PARISH MEETING – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED*

With Fr Hugh now in his tenth and final year as Vicar of St Peter's Eastern Hill, preliminary meetings of the Incumbency Committee's three elected members, Stephen Duckett (Wardens), Carol O'Connor (People) and Craig Wilson (People) have occurred to discuss the process and start a search for possible candidates.

On 28 July, the members met with our Regional Bishop, Bishop Genieve Blackwell, to clarify the membership of the committee and the process to be followed. The full membership of the Incumbency Committee is Bishop Genieve, Archdeacon Heather Patacca, our three elected members (above), a clerical consultant and a lay consultant to be nominated from respective panels held by the Diocese. Prior to formally convening the Incumbency Committee, Bishop Genieve asked that a Parish Profile be prepared, and this is well advanced.

**The Bishop also asked that a Parish consultation meeting occur between the Archdeacon and the congregation.** The purpose of the meeting is to invite the congregation to express its views in looking to the future of St Peter's.

Once the Incumbency Committee has agreed a short list of candidates, the Bishop approaches the candidates to determine whether they wish to be considered. CVs are received and typically three or four candidates are interviewed over a short period of time. A list of questions and clear assessment criteria are prepared beforehand.

Throughout the process the names of candidates understandably must remain confidential to the Committee.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the process with one of us, please feel free to do so. Similarly, if you have names you'd like to put forward as possibilities, please let any one of us know.

The members of the Incumbency Committee look for your prayerful support throughout the process and suggest this prayer for guidance:

*God of Grace, you judge your people with wisdom and rule us with love.  
Give a spirit of understanding to the members of the incumbency committee  
that they may make wise decisions*

*that will give glory to you and be a blessing to your people.*

*God of all Wisdom, you are our eternal shepherd and guide.*

*In your mercy grant your Parish of St Peter a shepherd after your own heart  
who will walk in your ways and with loving care watch over your people,  
that your name may be glorified.*

*Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



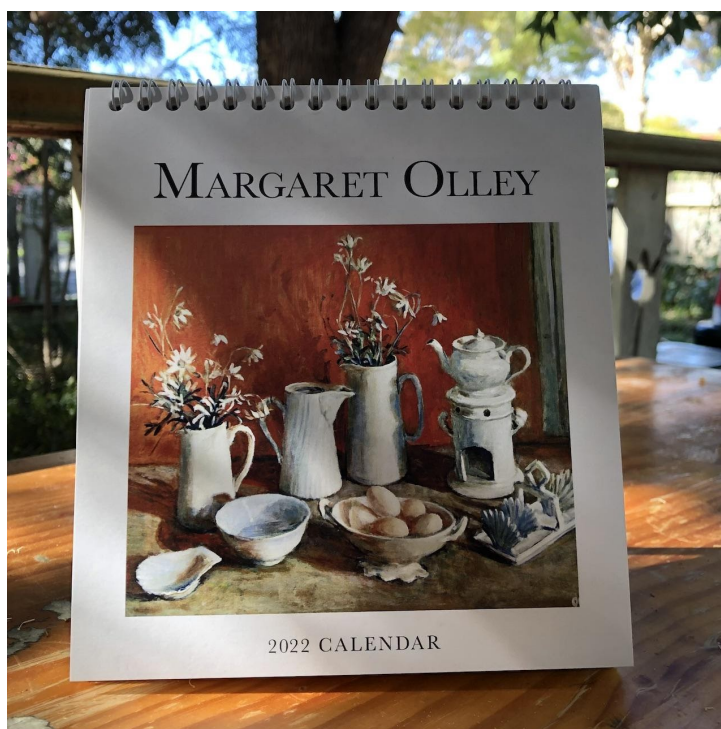
Alissa Duke, “St Peter’s Eastern Hill – Cityscape” (2019)

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Office Hours. 10.00 am – 2.00pm Tuesday - Friday

## Sunday Services

9:00 am	Mass (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30 am	High Mass with Children's Church
6:00 pm	Mass (Evensong replaces the Mass every 4th Sunday of the month)

## Weekday Services

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays)

Wednesday Mass at 1:15 pm

Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm

## Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
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	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
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	Xeverie Swee	03 9662 2391

## Parish Council Membership

Helen Drummond  
Stephen Duckett (Chair)  
Rachel Ellyard  
Daniel Ferguson  
Peter Griffin (Treasurer)  
Stuart Hibberd  
Fr Hugh Kempster (President)  
Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)  
Terry Porter  
William Southey  
Peter Wild  
Sue Wuttke

## Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
Cell of O.L.O.W:	Eleanor Newton	03 9662 2391
Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
COVID Safe & Child		
Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
Churchwardens:	Stephen Duckett (Vicar)	0447 837 741
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
	Daniel Ferguson (People)	03 9662 2391
Director of Music:	Andrew Raiskums	0439 556 627
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*Our mission is: "Catholic Evangelism: Growing in God's love".*

