

WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



Bautismo de Cristo by Juan Fernández de Navarrete, circa 1567.

PEW SHEET
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
9TH JANUARY 2022

WEEKLY MUSINGS

Within a week the year's Church Calendar has moved us on from our Christmas stories, including the Epiphany celebrated only 3 days ago, to the Baptism of Our Lord today. From here on in, the adult ministry of Jesus begins in earnest.

How is it that we move so fast from the child Jesus to his adulthood? There are all sorts of theories about these unknown years, including that he may have even travelled to the East.

Time is very elastic in the Gospels. Luke immediately follows this account of the Baptism of our Lord with the genealogy of Jesus stretching right back to son of Adam, son of God. In all the Gospels we are given very particular screenshots of the life of Jesus set within the immensity of God's time. Many Jewish references are overlaid into the life of Jesus. In time God emerges, comes close to us.

The significance of the Baptism of our Lord marks our own entry into the Church, a fresh beginning in our life's journey with God.

But the gaps of time in the Gospel stories are significant too. We can try to fill them with our imagination, but perhaps it's enough to notice them and simply accept that during these silent years growing up, Jesus increased in wisdom and 'in divine and human favour.' (Luke 2:52).

To be cleansed and re-created in Jesus doesn't just happen in a vacuum nor come out of nowhere. It takes time, place and others. For some of us even a lifetime doesn't seem like enough time to ponder, let alone take on board, the mysteries about what it means to be a Christian. So too our prayer life comes from unfathomable depths of the Spirit which well up inside us. Outside time, yet deeply connected into our humanity and our culture. A Spirit which still speaks into each our own screenshots of day to day living.

To be baptised also doesn't mean we are taken to a safe place. The adult life of Jesus tells us that. But it does mean, with a little shock, the implications of a God who stretches the heavens like a tent and rides on 'the wings of the wind.' (Psalm 104:3). It means that a lot can happen in places we cannot see and times we are not given to know. Perhaps one thing we are asked of as Christians is to take the time to ponder what we do not know. To consider the gaps of our own understanding and puzzle over them. Not to solve, but to acknowledge with awe the vastness, as well as the particularness, of God's Love manifested in our own life, in our community, in the world, and in history.

Carol O'Connor

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Wendy Hancock, Judith Hibberd, Russell Kennedy, Thomas Low, Martin Moran, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, John Small, Margaret Sutherland, Paul Wheelton, Angus and Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, David Bornstein, Kate Castle, David Curtis, Helen Drummond, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Grace James, Lynn James, Natalie Kellett, Roman Kerr, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Ken Letts PRIEST, Alice McCraith, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Robin Page, Liz Prideaux, Judy Ryles, Jenny Sasse, John Stewart BISHOP, Ian Thornton, Barbara Ure-Smith & Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	9 th	Arthur John Dean, Ruth Eason Duckett, Helen Haisman
Mon	10 th	Victoria Martha Adams, Keith Robert Young
Tue	11 th	Violet Ames-Smith, Mary Hill, John Lawrence, Catherine Jane Peerman
Wed	12 th	Edna Abbott, Gordon Forbes Latimer
Thu	13 th	Margaret Baulch, Frances Betty Gubbins
Fri	14 th	Lesley Kemmelfield, John Hawkes Marwood Mules, Lilian Murray
Sat	15 th	Edward Bagot, Louise Handfield, Chloe Hart, Martha Howell, Frank Maidment, Emma Neller

MASS PROPERS & MUSIC

Mass setting: *Missae Veni Sponsa Christi*, Palestrina (1525-1594)

Hymn: The Sinless one to Jordon came

NEH #58

INTROIT

Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem
: propterea unxit te Deus, Deus tuus,
oleo laetitiae prae consortibus tuis.

*Thou hast loved justice and hated
iniquity: Therefore God, thy God, hath
anointed thee with the oil of gladness
above thy fellows.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104



O Lord my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honour and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent **R.**

You set the beams of your dwelling place on the waters,
you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers. **R.**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great. **R.**

Living things all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. **R.**

When you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

SECOND READING *chanted by the sub-deacon*

TITUS 2.11-14; 3.4-7

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who

gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. For when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

GRADUAL

Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel, qui
facit mirabilia magna solus a saeculo.

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone accomplishes great wonders
for all eternity.*

ALLELUIA



THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3.15-16, 21-22)

+ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

OFFERTORY

Benedíctus, qui venit in nómine
Dómini: benedíximus vobis de domo
Dómini: Deus Dóminus, et illúxit
nobis, allelúja, allelúja.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord; we bless you from the house
of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he
has given us light, alleluia, alleluia.*

Hymn: Happy are they, they that love God

NEH #369

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Omnes, qui in Christo baptizáti estis,
Christum induístis, allelúja.

*As for all of you who have been
baptised in Christ, you have put on
Christ, alleluia.*

COMMUNION MOTET: *This is the Record of John*, Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites
from Jerusalem to ask him: Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not; and said plainly:
I am not the Christ. And they asked him:
What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet?
And he answered, No. Then said they unto him:
What art thou? That we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him
that crieth in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord.

Text: (John 1: 19-23)

Hymn: With Christ we share a mystic grave

NEH #317

Postlude: *In dir ist Freude (BWV 615)*, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

NOTICES

MASSES & COVID UPDATES

There have been updates to government and diocesan requirements with regard to vaccination. QR code check-in remains compulsory but vaccination status checks for services, weddings and funerals are no longer required, so that all services are open for all people regardless of vaccination status. Wearing a mask is now mandatory for all services.

It remains Diocesan policy that only fully vaccinated people can attend for refreshments before or after services. Everyone in attendance must keep their mask if they are not consuming food and drink.

GUILD OF ST. BENEDICT – REFRESHMENTS 2022

Thank you to those who have contributed to our Sunday and Special Events hospitality in 2021. As we are looking towards the New Year and hopefully a ‘pandemic-free’ environment in which to deliver hospitality, we would appreciate your assistance.

We look forward to welcoming new people onto our roster, in particular, for Sunday Mass refreshments. If you would be willing to offer your services, for once a month or every second month, this would assist us greatly in providing on-going hospitality – *‘more hands make light work’*.

Training, guidance and assistance is provided to make the process as streamlined as possible. If you believe you would like to assist, please contact one of the Churchwardens, or talk to myself on Sunday. Thank you.

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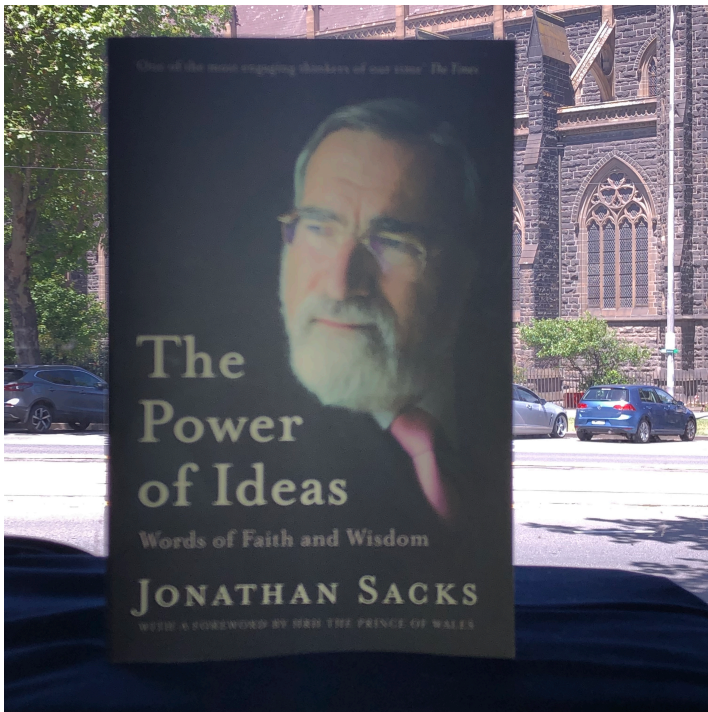
St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplies

New Year Greetings from St Peter's Bookroom!

May good books and wise words become your close companions in 2022.

Looking for a suggestion to start your year's reading covering all the important subjects of our time, political and intellectual? Here's a suggestion:

The Power of Ideas: Words of faith and wisdom by Jonathan Sacks



Price: \$33

These pieces demonstrate with striking coherence the developing power of Sacks' ideas, on faith and philosophy alike. His words of faith and wisdom shine as a beacon of enduring light in an increasingly conflicted cultural climate, and prove the timeless nature and continued relevance of Jonathan Sacks' thought and teachings.

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Richard Harries **Church Times** on 31st December, 2021.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2021/31-december/books-arts/book-reviews/the-power-of-ideas-words-of-faith-and-wisdom-by-jonathan-sacks>

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Sunday Services

9am BCP Mass; 10.30 am High Mass with Children's Church; 6pm APBA Mass

Weekday Services

Mon - Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays); Wednesday 1.15pm Mass
Saturday 9am Mass with Devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham (4th Sat. of the month)
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm

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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"*

