

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



CHRIST THE KING

24TH NOVEMBER 2019

Eternal God, you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and have made us instruments of his kingdom: by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need, then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy and may worship and adore you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please feel free to take this pew sheet home.

VICAR'S MUSINGS

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Although clearly true in a theological sense, it is an ironic title. The soldiers in Luke's gospel nail a sign above his head, designed to humiliate the trouble-maker they are executing: "This is the King of the Jews." To the early readers and hearers of the gospel the irony was clear. They too had been persecuted for their faith. Their royal courts were in the catacombs and private houses where they held their secret and subversive acts of Eucharist; their Christian love feasts. Decades later, when the days of martyrdom were over, others then chose to go into the desert, seeking the "white martyrdom" of self-denial and ascetic discipline. The kingdom of heaven was to be found in detachment and humility not riches or earthly power.

This all changed on 28th October 312 AD when the armies of competing Roman Emperors, Constantine and Maxentius, slogged it out on Milvian Bridge for control of Rome and ultimately the entire Empire. Constantine had seen a vision prior to the battle, and made a pact with God that if he won he would become a Christian. He did indeed win, and then began the Constantinian era of Christianity that remained powerfully in place until unsettled by the pluralism of the Reformation, deconstructed by the intellectual critique of the Enlightenment, and then arguably delivered a death-blow by twentieth-century secularism and materialism.

The Constantinian era was one of warrior lord bishops, royal religion, regal cathedrals, and a church that played power politics with the big boys. This Christ was King in a very earthly and material sense. So much of our church hierarchy, architecture, liturgy and theology, even to this day hails from this period. A plain reading of the gospels runs so profoundly counter to this. The coronation of Christ was on the cross, not in a mighty temple or cathedral; at his right hand was no powerful bishop or righteous lawyer, but a criminal: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

The irreparable disintegration of the Constantinian model of Christ the King arguably came in the 1960s with the Death-of-God debate, although the current era of the Royal Commission is certainly making sure that the lid of the coffin is well and truly nailed down. Painful and humiliating as it is, this era could arguably be seen as our ecclesiological salvation. The biblical and early church crowning of Christ the King was never meant to be about worldly power; it was, and still is, a vision of how things can be so radically different in a broken world. Our regal Saviour turns power structures and hierarchies on their head. The angels rejoice equally, as the homeless woman kneeling at the altar-rail alongside the rich man, reach out their hands in humility and faith to receive the gift and mystery of Holy Eucharist.

8:00am Mass

Celebrant: Fr Hugh Kempster

Preacher: Fr Hugh Kempster

10:00am Combined High Mass

Celebrant: Fr Philip Gill

Presiding Bishop: Bp Alison Taylor

Preacher: Fr Hugh Kempster

Deacon/Lay Minister: Fr David Peake

Children's Talk: Fr Greg Davies

Reader: Carole Tedja

Intercessor: Eleanor Newton

Hymns: Entrance : 352 Gradual : 391 Offertory : 335 Post-Communion : 443

Mass: Liszt: *Missa Choralis*

Motet: Gibbons *O clap your hands*

Postlude: Buxtehude *Praeludium in G (Bux:WV 149)*

6:00pm Evensong & Benediction

Officiant & Preacher: Fr Hugh Kempster

Psalm: Chant by Luther

Preces & Responses: Ayleward

Canticles: Howells *Collegium Regale*

Anthem: Howells *A hymn for St Cecilia*

Hymns: Office: 391 Evensong: 252 Benediction: 305(1,2) 295 (1,2)

Postlude: Leighton *Fantasy on 'St Columba': The King of love my Shepherd is*

Next Sunday 1st December: First Sunday of Advent & LaTrobe Sunday

Mass Readings: Isaiah 2.1-5, Romans 13.11-14 & Matthew 24.37-44

Celebrants: Fr Hugh Kempster & Fr David Peake

PARISH HIGH MASS & ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH TODAY

We welcome Bishop Alison Taylor, who is Presiding Bishop at the 10:00am Parish High Mass with Children's Church. Bishop Genieve has asked that Bishop Alison then attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish on her behalf as an observer.

All parishioners on the Electoral Roll are warmly invited to the 12 noon Annual Meeting of the Parish, after a cup of soup kindly provided by Caroline Rutherford and the Hospitality Team.

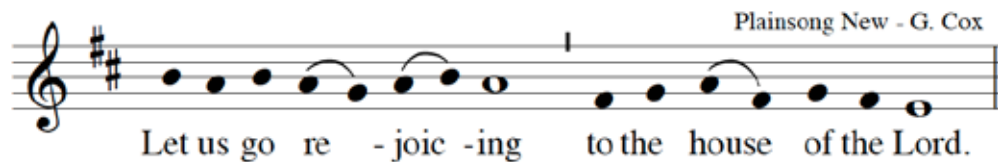
Copies of the 2019 Annual Report of the Parish are available in hard copy at the Welcome Table. This is a 72 page document, so please share one between two, or if you would prefer to save some trees and download an electronic copy, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2OqWjmr>

MASS READINGS

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5.1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: ‘It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.’” So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Psalm : 122.1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5, 6-7, 8-9



I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.
Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. R.
As it was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David. R.

Second Reading: Colossians 1.12-20

Give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. The Father has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so

that he might come to have first place in everything. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel: Luke 23.35-43

When Jesus had been crucified, the people stood by watching; the leaders scoffed at him saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over Jesus, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”



**Anglican Relief and
Development Fund
Australia**

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:

www.givenow.com.au/anglicanreliefanddevelopmentfund

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Henri-Felix Carolane, Geoffrey Cox, Sr Gloria CHN, John Harvey, Sr Hilary CHN, Jan Foster, Noelene Jones, Alice McCraith, Gia Nu Luu, Norman Missen, Ray Ng, Evelina Thornton, Valerie Wild, and Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Marja Barouh, Chris Bennie, Michael Boyle PRIEST, John Crocker, Gail Edwards, Cliff Gornall, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, 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: Paul Shiels

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	24	Alec Ewen, Eric Jenkins, Emily Reader
Mon	25	Richard Guy Berry, Sister Winifred Muriel CHN
Tue	26	John Beard, Lila Buckley, Claude Reginald Heden, Viola Klingner, John Edmond Perugia, Thomas Joseph Savage BISHOP
Wed	27	Sarah Armstrong, Emily Ruth Cameron, Evelyn Mary Richmond
Thu	28	Stuart Winston Hall
Fri	29	Dorothy Hall, Richard Andrew Scott Roberts, Max Teichmann
Sat	30	Grahame Henry Murphy, Rupert Tilly

PARISH DIARY

<i>Today</i>	Combined High Mass at 10am, followed by a light lunch and the Annual Meeting of the Parish from 12.00pm. Evensong & Benediction in the church at 6:00pm.
<i>Wednesday 27th November</i>	'Red Wednesday' Ecumenical and interfaith gathering at St Patrick's Cathedral forecourt, at 7:30pm. RSVP essential.
<i>Saturday 30th November</i>	RMIT Multi-faith chaplaincy 'bring-and-share, Christmas themed welcome lunch, at Kaleide Theatre Foyer, Bldg 8, 360 Swanston Street, between 12:00pm and 3:00pm.
<i>Sunday 1st December</i>	First Sunday of Advent & LaTrobe Sunday: 8.00am Mass, 9.30am Family Mass & 11.00am Litany and High Mass.
<i>Saturday 7th December</i>	G.F Handel's "Messiah" performed at St Peter's Church, at 7:30pm.
<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.

PARISH SUPPORT TEAM PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS

Following the Statutory Meeting earlier this year, Bishop Genieve appointed a 'Parish Support Team' to work with the St Peter's leadership and congregations to resolve conflict and address ongoing issues. At the conclusion of the six-month process, Bishop Genieve and the Support Team met with Parish Council members, clergy, employees, and coordinators of many of the volunteer ministries of the parish on 12 November.

The report that the Bishop presented to that meeting is included in the Annual Meeting papers, available from the Welcome Table today and posted on the website. For the past two months Parish Council has been working on a 'Reflections' discussion document designed to help us move forward together as a Parish; this is also circulated with the Annual Meeting papers today. We invite parishioners to engage with this Parish Council Reflections paper in writing ahead of the Annual Meeting, or in person at the meeting itself. Please send any written responses to: stephen.j.duckett@gmail.com and rachelellyard@vicbar.com.au

There is obviously still a lot of unfinished business to be worked through, and this will be a big part of the agenda for our new Parish Council. Four main issues on the 2020 Parish Council's agenda will be:

- 1) providing avenues and forums for us as a parish to continue discussing and working through issues that have arisen, including potentially developing a Covenant for the Parish Council and maybe the wider parish.
- 2) working on implementation of the Pastoral Care Review, which was set up following the Statutory Meeting. This will be led by a working group consisting of me as Chair, Fr Hugh, Peter Yewers, and Di Clark.
- 3) establishing a review of governance, roles and responsibilities as endorsed by the special meeting.
- 4) completing the parish's 2020-22 Mission Action Plan.

The Vicar and Wardens will be convening a series of leadership retreats and planning days to help Parish Council address these priorities. Please contact me if you want to discuss any of these issues.

Stephen Duckett
Vicar's Warden and Chair of Parish Council

Christmas Hampers

Yes, it is that time of the year again and Anglicare, through our Lazarus Centre ministry are continuing their established tradition of distributing Christmas hampers of food and other amenities to the homeless and needy. The festive season can be a lonely and depressing time for those on the margins of society, so these hampers can often bring a little joy to those who have very little. If you would like to support this community outreach, your donation of items such as the following will be gratefully received:

- small Christmas puddings and cakes
- tins of ham, turkey and chicken (ring pull or key opening)
- tins of vegetables (ring pull)
- shortbread and other Christmas biscuits
- sweets, lollies, chips and chocolates
- cans of soft drink
- small jar of coffee (50g) & packets of tea bags (25pk)
- small packets of sugar and UHT long-life milk
- Christmas cards

NOTE: A request has been made for NO mince pies this year.

While not limited to Christmas hampers, toiletries are also handy items - things like: toothpaste & brushes, shampoo & conditioner, disposable safety razors, deodorant, soap (small packages or hotel size).

NOTE that most of the clients are single people, so individually packaged items are best, or small packets - as family sized packages are often difficult to break down to smaller sizes for distribution.

All donations will need to be with us by **Thursday 12th December** at the latest, as the following weekend the team of elves (err, volunteers) will begin sorting and packing the hampers. With grateful thanks in anticipation.

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SERVICE of
HEALING and
RENEWAL

Sunday November 24th at 6pm

Christ Church Brunswick

On Glenlyon Rd (just off Sydney Rd)



...Enter the Mystery....

The ministry of Laying of hands with prayer

The ministry of anointing with oil

(these two ministries were entrusted by Jesus to the first disciples whom he sent out as ministers of his healing. They continue to be reliable ways of experiencing his gentle and strong touch through the ministry of the Church)

'He called the twelve and began to send them out... they..anointed with oil many who were sick....'

(Mark 6)

'Are any sick? Call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord....and the Lord will raise them up' (James 5)

The Service will include opportunities to receive the waters from the holy well at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in the U.K. (www.walsinghamanglican.org)

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE GENTLE & MERCIFUL LOVE OF CHRIST



The laying on of hands, a touch both gentle and strong....

*The preacher will be
The Venerable Bob Cooper,
Archdeacon of Sunderland
in the diocese of Durham
U.K.*

RED WEDNESDAY



Ecumenical and Interfaith gathering

**Wednesday 27 November 2019, 7.30pm
Forecourt of St. Patrick's Cathedral,
East Melbourne**

Catholic leaders, Leaders of major faiths and other Christian denominations will lead this gathering as we remember the millions of people around the world today who are persecuted for their peacefully held religious beliefs.

At the end of the gathering, the Cathedral will be flood-lit in red as a mark of solidarity.

ALL WELCOME
but please RSVP justice@cam.org.au
by Friday 22 November for catering purposes.

"And, indeed, though they differ concerning other things, yet all agree in this: that they think there is one Supreme Being that made and governs the world." St Thomas More



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JUSTICE & PEACE
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA

#RedWednesday

cam.org.au/justice

RMIT Multi-faith chaplaincy: Welcome Lunch

RMIT Multi-faith chaplaincy is partnering with the Welcome Dinner Project to hold a "bring-and-share" Christmas-themed lunch at RMIT on Saturday 30th November.

FRIENDS & FAMILY WELCOME
BRING A PLATE
CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Details and registration:
<https://tinyurl.com/rmit-welcomedinner-2019>

THE CHOIR OF ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL,
GLORIANA CHAMBER CHOIR & BAROQUE ORCHESTRA
DIRECTED BY ANDREW RAISKUMS

G.F. Handel

Messiah

Saturday, 7 December 7.30pm
Tickets \$40 (\$25 student rush) available online:
www.trybooking.com/ZSLB

Cristina Russo, soprano
Sally-Anne Russell, mezzo-soprano
Daniel Todd, tenor
Nicholas Dinopoulos, bass-baritone
Directed by Andrew Raiskums





**Christmas
Bowl**



**Love thy
neighbour**



Share God's love through the Christmas Bowl.
Please give today. Call 1800 025 101 or visit actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

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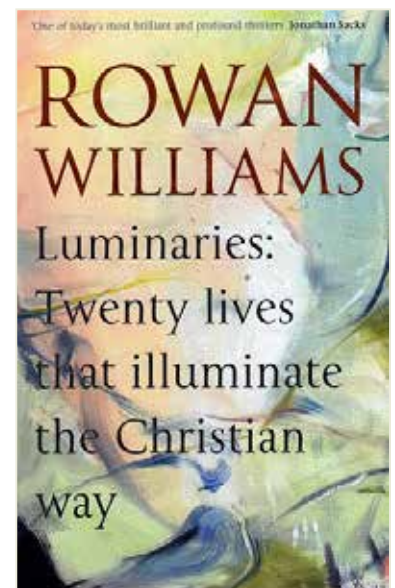
ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

Lots of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and 2020 Calendars now in stock. Check them out in the Bookroom this morning, or go to our website and purchase online!

NEW RELEASE!

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

Starting in the first century with St Paul and ending in the twentieth with St Oscar Romero, Rowan Williams invites you to reflect with him on the lives and legacies of twenty great Christians – saints, martyrs, poets, theologians and social reformers. Their stories and writings have profoundly influenced his 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.



Included among these 'luminaries' are Augustine of Hippo, William Tyndale, Teresa of Avila, Charles Dickens, Florence Nightingale, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Simone Weil,

Let these brilliant meditations light your way as you follow the footsteps of the faithful who have gone before.

\$34.95

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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:	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
	Nick Lambarde-Scott (People)	0423 213 622
	Rwth Stuckey (People)	03 9662 2391
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:

Nicholas Browne (secretary)
Helen Drummond
Stephen Duckett (chair)
Rachel Ellyard
Fr Hugh Kempster
Nick Lambarde-Scott
William Southey
David Spriggs
Rwth Stuckey
Peter Wild
Peter Yewers

*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".*