

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'Christ and his Disciples on the Road to Emmaus,' Jan Wildens (c1645)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

26TH APRIL 2020

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

VICAR'S MUSINGS

“Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof;
but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed.” *Matthew 8:8*

As we prepare to receive the blessed sacrament at the Mass, in one of the most sacred moments of our liturgy, the celebrant presents the chalice and host to the congregation and says: “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.” The congregation then responds: “Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.” The celebrant’s words are based on John the Baptist’s declaration in the first chapter of John’s gospel, and the response is drawn from the story of the healing of the centurion’s servant, recorded in Matthew 8:5-13.

During these times of pandemic most of the St Peter’s congregation can only watch the Mass from afar, or through YouTube to be more specific, as a small group of clergy, servers and musicians say these sacred words. In conversations with a number of parishioners, they have understandably bemoaned the disconnect they feel with this Holy-Communion-on-a-screen. But other I’ve talked to are remarkably managing to find comfort in, and engage with the Mass, albeit at a distance. I think we all long for a return to public worship, but for the time being YouTube Mass is our reality.

In a recent conversation with Fr Greg, reflecting on last Sunday’s YouTube Mass, he recalled the Matthew 8 (and Luke 7) story of the healing of the centurion’s servant, that is so central to our liturgy of the Mass. “Jesus didn’t need to come to the centurion’s house; Jesus healed from a distance. It’s a bit like YouTube Mass actually!” I was really taken by this reflection. I know it’s hard, but I do encourage you all, dear St Peterites, in your exile, to find creative ways of staying connected with God and each other. In the pew sheet notices below there are a number of online offerings that our parish ministry team have been working on. Do join us, even if it is less than ideal, and open your heart, mind and spirit to the sacred mysteries of God at work in these strange and troubling times. Also below is a prayer for spiritual communion that you may find helpful to pray during the Mass.

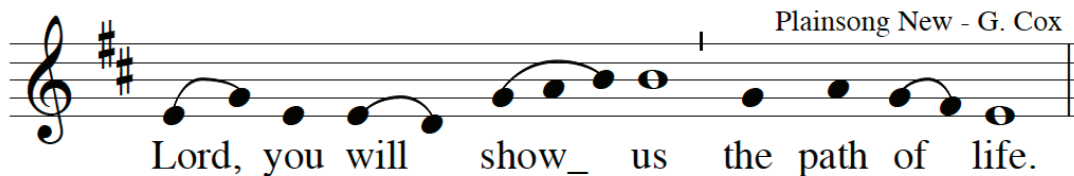
*Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Sacrament;
I love you, and I long to receive you into my soul;
Since I cannot at this time receive you physically,
Come into my heart, through the grace of the Holy Spirit;
Dwell in me, as I seek to dwell in you;
Heal me, and grant me the faith of the centurion;
My Lord and my God. Amen.*

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2.14, 22b-28

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’”

Psalm : 16.1-2+5, 7-8, 9-10, 11



Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.”

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. R.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. R.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;

my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,

or let your faithful one see the Pit. R.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. R.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-21

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. Christ was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And Jesus said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” Jesus asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.” Then Jesus said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So Jesus went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread,

blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. The two disciples said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. These were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then the two disciples told what had happened on the road, and how the Lord had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

ANZAC WREATH

The ANZAC wreath is donated by Craig and Randall Wilson in loving memory of their parents Ray and Evelyn Wilson, longtime parishioners here at the Hill.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP, WEDNESDAYS AT 12 NOON

Meditation is a way of tapping into a deep spring of love, joy and peace that is within us all. Jesus called it ‘living water’. Parishioner Roland Ashby has set up an online Christian meditation group and warmly invites any parishioner to join the group. It is on Wednesdays at 12 noon, and lasts for about 45 minutes. If you are interested, please email him or more details:

randrashby@bigpond.com

TMA ONLINE EDITION

The April (Easter) edition of The Melbourne Anglican (TMA) is now available at <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma> in various formats for reading online and printing.

THE DAILY OFFICE AT HOME

In these days of pandemic we are no longer able to gather as a worshipping community as we used to. Many parishioners, however, are finding it a comfort to worship and pray at home. It is a long-held tradition for Christians, Lay and Ordained, to pray the Daily Office. All you need is a Bible and A Prayer Book. If you only have one or neither of these at home, call Carol in the Bookroom, or online at : <http://www.bookroom.stpeters.org.au/>

MORNING PRAYER

EVENING PRAYER

Monday

Ps 118
Lev 22.31-23.11, 15-16
John 9.1-12

Pss 114 & 115
Exodus 19.1-15
1 Corinthians 1.1-9

Tuesday

Pss 143 & 146
Lev 23.23 - 38
John 9.13-23

Ps 105.23-45
Exodus 19.16 - 20.17
1 Corinthians 1.10-19

Catherine of Sienna, spiritual teacher (d. 1380)

Wednesday

Ps 103
Leviticus 24
John 9.24-41

Ps 66
Exodus 20.18 - 21.6
1 Corinthians 1.10-19

Thursday

Pss 148 & 149
Leviticus 24
Luke 9.24-41

Pss 144 & 150
Exodus 22.20 - 23.3
1 Corinthians 2.1-11

Philip and James, Apostles and Martyrs

Friday

Ps 27
Jobe 23.1-12
Acts 2.37-47

Ps 33
Proverbs 4.10-18
John 6.1-14

Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, teacher (d.373)

Saturday

Ps 116
Leviticus 26.27-45
John 10.31 - 42

Pss 111 & 113
Exodus 23.20-33
1 Corinthians 3.5-17

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Brown, Joe Butscher PRIEST, Hanna Christiansen, Alice McCraith, Grace James, Lyn Nicholas, Tania Burdick, Allan Rei, John Small, John Taaff, Evelina Thornton, Paul Wheelton, Rosemary Wilcox, Geoffrey Wratten, and George.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Chris Bennie, Tania Burdick, John Crocker, Gail Edwards, Sr Gloria CHN, Cliff Gornall, Sr Hilary CHN, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Joyce Newton, Tim Peake, Liz Prideaux, Judith Ryles, Barbara Ure-Smith, Annette Wood, Anne Wuttke; Andrew, Cecilia, Chad, Jan, and Peter.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Constable Glen Humphris, Senior Constable Kevin King, Constable Josh Prestney, Leading Senior Constable Lynette Taylor and John Lee PRIEST

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun 26 Jane Eyre, Sr. Lois CHN

Mon 27 William John Campbell McIver

Tue 28 Felix Henry Gordon-Clark, Herbert Edwin Mills,
Michael Wentzell PRIEST

Wed 29 Mabel Cerutti, Herbert Lane, Emma Louise Evelyn Montagu

Thu 30 Bruce Chinnery, Marjorie Doreen Dover

Fri 1 Sr Margaret Anne CHN

Sat 2 Annie Eggington, Arthur Percival Gunston, Alan Lawton

NOTICES

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON YOUTUBE, EVERY SUNDAY MORNING

During these days of lock-down, all our Sunday Mass services are recorded. This Sunday's service will be posted early in the morning, so you can join us for remote worship at your usual Sunday worship time if you would like. Just tune into the St Peter's You Tube channel:

<https://bit.ly/34PFoBK>

SUNDAY MORNING TEA AT THE VICARAGE, BY ZOOM EVERY SUNDAY FROM 12.30PM

Usually, after Mass, we gather in the Hall for morning tea. As we can't do this in the same way anymore, the Vicar has started hosting a virtual "Sunday Morning Tea at the Vicarage" on Zoom. Do feel free to join in, by following the link: <https://bit.ly/3csplvY>

DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

As we are no longer able to gather as a Parish for worship, our personal devotions will become increasingly important for nurturing our faith and our sense of God's presence in this crisis. Our Lay Minister, Alae Taule'alo, has put together a number of devotional resources that may be helpful to you over the coming weeks and months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Link: <https://www.stpeters.org.au/devotional-resources>

ZOOM ROSARY AT ST PETER'S

The Rosary will be held thrice weekly: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5pm via Zoom. Invites for the week's sessions with accompanying links will be sent out Sunday night to people on the Zoom Rosary mailing list. They'll be posted on Facebook the day of the session. To join an online session just follow the relevant meeting link. To download the Zoom app or join the meeting online visit the Zoom website: <https://zoom.us/>

If you're interested in being on the Zoom Rosary mailing list please email: alaetaulealo@gmail.com

ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

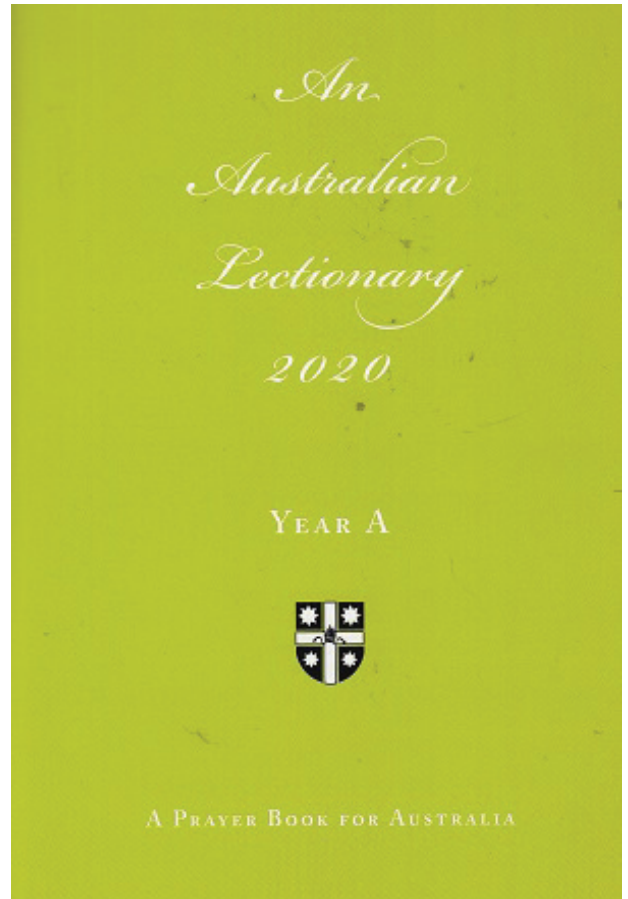
Dear Parishioner and Friends of St Peter's Bookroom

The Bookroom continues to remain open, operating alive and well behind closed doors.

Please explore the recent treasures poured into the Bookroom website. We have another new section this week - Soul Food for This Time. Here are many items – books, crosses, rosary beads, candles... that may be of assistance to you in your prayer during this period of Coronavirus.

We also recommend the APBA Lectionary 2020 which lists all the prayer readings for this year.

To purchase a Lectionary online, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2Vd0W8f>



God Bless

Carol

Opening Hours

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

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Office Hours. 9.30am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday

Sunday Services

8.00 am Low Mass (BCP)
9.30 am Family Mass
11.00 am High Mass
6.00 pm Low Mass (Evensong & Benediction on 4th Sunday)
Refreshments are available in the Parish Hall after each of the Sunday morning Masses

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
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	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	0417 323 112
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Other Parish Ministries and Programs

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Children:	Katherine Barnett	03 9387 4089
Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	03 9662 2391
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	Helen Drummond (People)	0419 897 973
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
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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
Music Administrator:	Sue Wuttke	0422 866 286
Organist:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853
Parish Administrator:	Konstantine Soteriou	03 9662 2391
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RMIT Chaplaincy:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Weekday Mass	Christy Thiagarajah	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
Rwth Stuckey
Peter Wild
Sue Wuttke

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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".*