Welcome to ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



The "Great Chalice of Antioch" (in fact a lamp); Metropolitan Museum, New York. Photo Fr Lawtence OP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 28 April 2024

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language) 9.30am FAMILY MASS 11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2nd & 4th Sundays)

6.00pm Low Mass (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube) Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Melarnie Lorraine Drever-Heywood, Margaret Collins, Irina Ishaq, Graham Ryles, Nelson Rufatt, Julie-Anne Bird, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Sue Tan, Margaret D'cruz.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

April	28	Felix Henry Gordon-Clark, Herbert Edwin Mills, Micha		
		Wentzell PRIEST		
	29	Mabel Cerutty, Herbert Lane, Lady Emma Louise Evelyn		
		Montagu, Doreen Elizabeth Wood		
	30	Bruce Chinnery, Marjorie Doreen Dover		

May 1 Sr Margaret Anne CHN

- 2 Annie Eggington, Arthur Percival Gunston, Alan Lawton
- 3 Andrew James Bennie, Mary Robbins
- 4 Roberta Alicia Lyons, Elizabeth Jane Trehern

Please contact the Parish Office or email office@stpeters.org.au to have names added to the sick list. They will remain on our prayer list for one month unless requested to be extended.

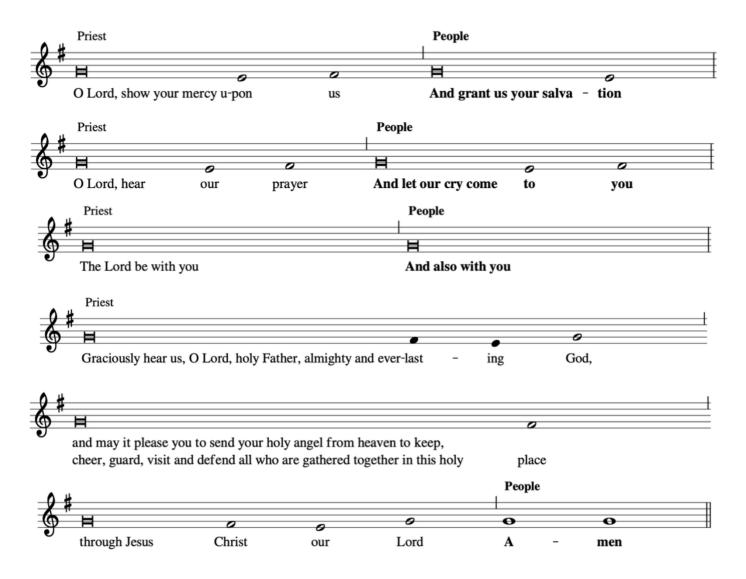
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold. Mass setting: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-94) Missa Brevis Entrance Hymn: NEH 114 Now is eternal life

The sanctuary party enters the chancel to prepare for the Vidi Aquam.



The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant intones the responsory.



The celebrant censes the altar during the Introit.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, alleluia; for he has worked wonders, alleluia; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia, alleluia.

V. O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have wrought salvation.

O sing a new song...

Celebrant:

In the name of the Father, ♣ and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christ is Risen. Alleluia.

He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Deacon introduces the Confession:

Merciful God: Our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyries are sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good
desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 8.26-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

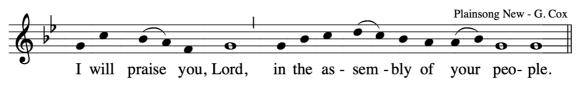
Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up

to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever. **R.**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

I shall live for him and posterity will serve him. Future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 4.7-end

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 15.1-8
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Tam the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

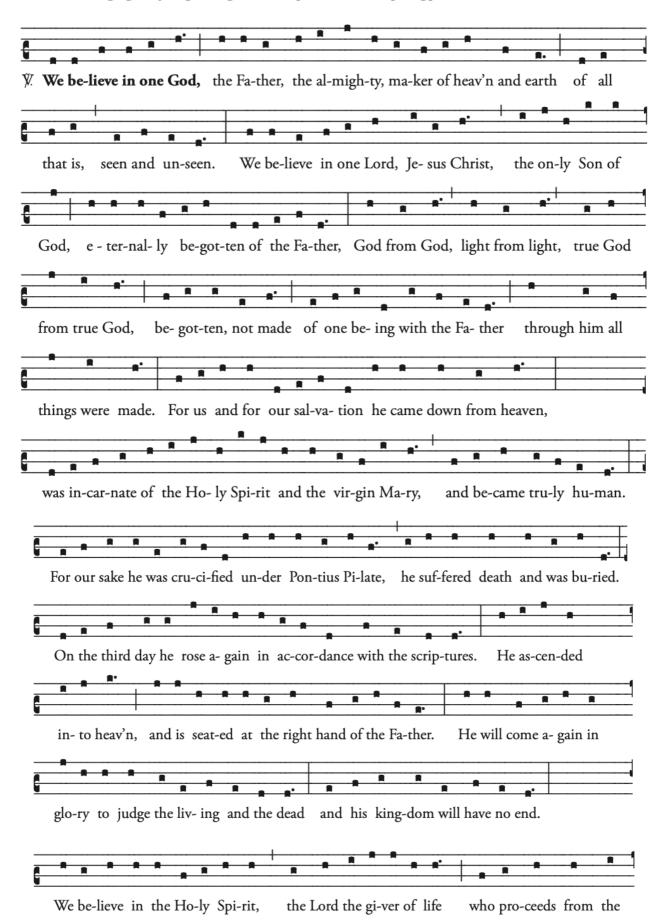
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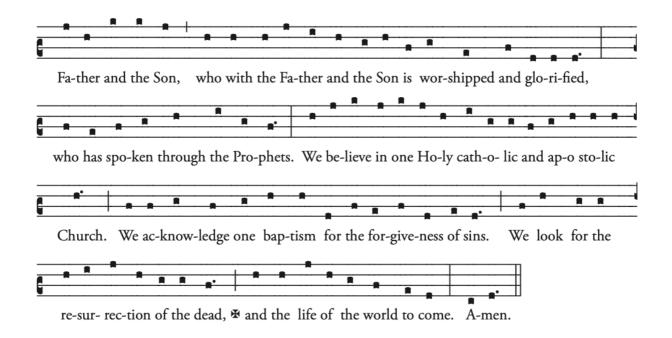
CREED

[At 9.30am, creed is said.]

The Creed

All stand and sing together facing the High Altar. The priest intones the opening phrase.





PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel. After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And let light

perpetual shine upon them.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. Celebrant:

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON [Sung by the choir at High Mass]

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing a psalm to his name. Come and hear, all who fear God, and I will tell you what great things the Lord has done for my soul, alleluia.

Offertory hymn NEH 296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant:

Blessed are you, Lord God..... Blessed be God forever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.

The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.

At 9.30am the Sanctus is sung by the people. At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.

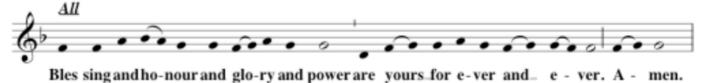
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:



[The Lords Prayer is said at 9.30am]





Celebrant:

We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament. All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.

COMMUNION MOTET Sung by the choir at 11.00am

Edward Elgar (1857-1934) Ave verum corpus

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 119 The strife is o'er

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Notices are given here.

The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia. He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia. As he promised hath arisen, alleluia. Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia.

O God, who by the Resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given joy unto the world: grant we pray that by the help of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of life eternal, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.

Postlude: Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707) Praeludium in G (BuxWV 149)

If you are a new parishioner, or a visitor to St Peter's, please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door as you leave the church. All are welcome for refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

Readings for Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Acts 10.44-end †; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17

NOTICES

For your Diary

Port Arthur memorial to take place Sunday 28th April at 1.10pm.

Poets and the Faith 2024

Second Tuesday of the Month 6-7.30pm

Wine and cheese on arrival, with suggested \$10 donation
The Hall of St Peter's Eastern Hill

More details: https://www.stpeters.org.au/poets2024

For inquiries or to register your interest, please email: **poets@stpeters.org.au**

Scan to QR code to book



Or go to https://www.trybooking.com/COHCY



Nelson Rufatt - Appeal for Donations

Many of you would know Nelson and Emma-Mae Rufatt, two of our choral scholars, and their new addition Nelson Junior; they are valued and beloved members of our church community. What some of you may not know is Nelson is currently fighting Stage Four leiomyosarcoma, a rare soft-tissue cancer. Specialists have advised that there is little more treatment that they can offer for his illness. There is some hope though: there are some evolving treatments that are available overseas, but these are not available publicly in Australia, and thus the full cost of this local treatment must be borne by the young family.

Nelson has established a GoFundMe campaign to raise the \$100,000 to pay for this treatment. The young family hopes that, as well as continuing to pray for Nelson, you might also consider making a donation. Nelson's appeal has passed the \$80,000 mark but still has some way to go; any further donations would be most gratefully appreciated. You can donate via the fundraising page

at https://shorturl.at/amvy4 or scan the QR code

Weekly Reflections

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor, theologian, and martyr. In the Anglican Communion he is commemorated on April 9th, the date he was hanged by the Nazi police in Flossenburg concentration camp in 1945. At a time when so many in the Lutheran Church were pressured to be complicit with the Nazi regime, he was one of the few who remained staunchly resistant. He became a significant founding member of the Confessing Church; a movement which arose in German Protestantism opposing the pro-Nazi German Evangelical Church.

Whilst he was in prison for two years, Bonhoeffer was able to write letters, prayers and poems to his friend Eberhard Bethge and also his family. These were later published and reveal a man of extraordinary sensitivity and integrity; they are movingly evocative of his daily life and thoughts in his prison cell. In one poem, dated 9th July, 1944, Bonhoeffer reflects upon the question of his identity. Five times within this poem he puts the question: 'Who am I?' In the first three verses he considers how outwardly others see him to be:

Who am I? They often tell me I would step from my cell's confinement calmly, cheerfully, firmly, like a squire from a country house.

However, the poem turns in the fourth verse when he perceives himself as: restless and longing and sick, like a bird in a cage, struggling for breath, as though hands were compressing my throat.

It's only at the end of the poem that he can resolve this painful conflict:

Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine.

Whoever I am, thou knowest, O God, I am thine.

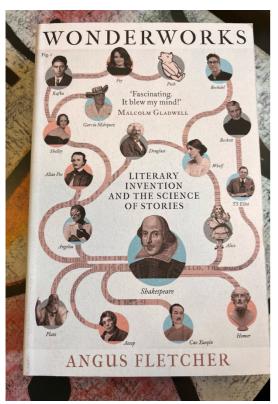
In last week's Gospel reading Jesus stated: 'I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.' (John 10:11). In this week's Gospel, Jesus says: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.' (John 15: 1). He bids his disciples to *abide* (in other words remain, stay, wait) in Him, as He does in them. And, by implication, He does in us today.

It is a mystery and a paradox that by this act of abiding in Jesus, and He in us, that we come to find and experience who we truly are. In Him, those parts of ourselves that are confused, wretched or only an outward show to others, are cleansed. Abiding in Love has this extraordinary power of making someone whole. It doesn't matter, in the end, who others perceive or believe us to be. What matters is our relationship with God, through Jesus and by means of the Holy Spirit. The vine, in other words that whole web of interconnected relationships we have with others, our environment, our world, comes to be fed and nourished by this Love that is prepared to let go and sacrifice itself for another.

Bonhoeffer had been given an opportunity to escape prison, but chose not to for fear the repercussions on his family and friends. In a letter from prison to Eberhard Bethge, he wrote: 'one must completely abandon any attempt to make something of oneself, whether it be a saint or a converted sinner, or a churchman (a so-called priestly type!)....' By living 'unreservedly' in the necessities of our world, we 'throw ourselves completely into the arms of God, taking seriously not our own sufferings, but those of God in the world – watching with Christ in Gethsemane.' May we learn too, this current Easter season, how to throw our own selves 'completely into the arms of God.'

Carol O'Connor

St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier



Looking for a fun, yet intelligent and erudite read on the nature of reading literature throughout the ages? Why not try **Wonderworks** which came out in 2021 and is our recommended read this week.

Wonderworks: Literary invention and the science of stories

by Angus Fletcher

'In some ways, Fletcher is a kind of Jeeves, leading us around the castle of literature in a respectful but knowing manner.' Jane Smiley from the *Guardian Newspaper*

Wonderworks reveals that literature is among the mightiest technologies that humans have ever in-

vented, precision-honed to give us what our brains most want and need.

The writers we revere - from Homer to Shakespeare, Austen to Ferrante - have each made a unique technical breakthrough that can be viewed as both a narrative and neuroscientific advancement. But literature's great invention was to address problems we could not solve: not how to start a fire or build a boat, but how to live and love; how to maintain courage in the face of death; how to account for the fact that we exist at all.

Based on Angus Fletcher's own research, **Wonderworks** tells the story of the greatest literary inventions through the ages, from ancient Mesopotamia to modern-day America. It draws on cutting-edge neuroscience to demonstrate that the inventions really work: they enrich our lives with joy, hope, courage and energy, and they help our brains heal from grief, loneliness and even trauma.

From ancient Chinese lyrics to nursery rhymes and fairy tales, from slave narratives to contemporary TV shows, **Wonderworks** walks us through the evolution of literature's crucial blueprints, and offers us a new understanding of its power.

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Office Hours: 10am to 1pm, Monday - Thursday

Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass 6pm Low Mass [1^{st} , 3^{rd} & 5^{th} Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2^{nd} & 4^{th} Sundays]

Weekday Services

Mon-Fri Mass at 8.00am (9.00am on Public Holidays); Wednesday 1:15pm Mass; Saturday 12noon Mass Special Devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham on the 1st Saturday of the month Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 7.00pm

Clergy and Lay Ministers			Parish Council Membership
Vicar:	Fr Michael Bowie	0432 072 213	Fr Michael Bowie (President)
Assistant Priest:	Mthr Kathryn Bellhouse	0416 378 748	Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)
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	Mthr Pirrial Clift	0407 453 306	Anne Scott-Pendlebury
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Churchwardens:	Michael Gronow	0411 289 318	
	Helena Hughes	-	We are an inclusive and welcoming church
	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033	built on the unceded lands of the
Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793	Wurundjeri people. Our mission is: "Wor
Flowers:	Michael Upson	0492 964 984	shipping Christ in the Eucharist; serving
Guild of St Benedict:	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033	Christ
Head Server:	Anthony Schepis	0400 578 952	in the world".
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