

*Welcome to*

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond our understanding: pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

# VICAR'S MUSINGS

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.” *Psalms 23:1-3*

## “BEING CHURCH” AT ST PETER’S DURING STAGE-ONE EASING

On Monday the State Government announced that church doors can once again be opened for public worship, permitting: “10 members of the public to gather for religious purposes (in addition to the people reasonably required to facilitate the ceremony)” [insert link]. Our Archbishop on Wednesday, however, added a cautionary note: “The Premier made it clear on Monday that, while small religious services may resume, in general people ought to remain at home, leaving only for certain reasons. He repeated ‘safe, cautious, appropriate’” [bit.ly/2WwUp8K](https://bit.ly/2WwUp8K). The big return-to-church party we’ve all been dreaming of, in reality, is not going to happen. Rather, over the coming weeks and months, it is going to be “Back to St Peter’s: Small Steps.” I have outlined below some of the small steps that I am proposing for St Peter’s, during the current stage-one easing of restrictions. These protocols come out of discussions with our worship team and other parishioners, and were formally affirmed by the Wardens at our meeting this week. They will be in place until the end of May 2020, when our Premier and the Archbishop may announce further changes.

### i) Ongoing Online Worship and Ministry

As the Archbishop has said: “in general people ought to remain at home.” The virus is still out there. As we see on the news each day, it is highly contagious, and in our congregation many of us are over 70, some with health conditions that may compromise your immunity, so we must all be “safe, cautious, appropriate.” More and more parishioners are now connecting with St Peter’s through the various components of our new online ministry. This will continue to be the primary way we “go to church” at St Peter’s for the foreseeable future. Every day of the week there are a number of ways to connect:

- Sunday Mass: uploaded on the St Peter’s YouTube channel, so you can watch at the time you usually go to church, or at your leisure [bit.ly/2yGaXSk](https://bit.ly/2yGaXSk).
- Sunday “Morning Tea at the Vicarage”: by Zoom; contact – [vicar@stpeters.org.au](mailto:vicar@stpeters.org.au)

- Weekday Mass: Monday to Friday, on the St Peter's FaceBook page [click here](#)
- Praying the Rosary: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5pm with our Lay Minister, Alae Taule'alo; contact - [alaetaulealo@gmail.com](mailto:alaetaulealo@gmail.com)
- Christian Meditation: Wednesdays at 12noon with Parishioner, Roland Ashby; contact - [randrashby@bigpond.com](mailto:randrashby@bigpond.com)
- St Peter's Bookroom: still open, but now entirely on-line - <https://www.bookroom.stpeters.org.au/>

## ii) St Peter's Telephone Tree

This weekend, I am delighted to announce the launch of the St Peter's Telephone Tree. A total of 22 St Peter's staff and volunteers have agreed to make at least one phone call to 7 other parishioners every week or two. The St Peter's Callers are members of Parish Council, Clergy, and other Leaders in our parish. We have 161 parishioners on the calling list, so you can all expect a phone call in the coming days. The goal is simple: let's pick up the phone, and check in with one another, to offer support in this rapidly changing time of pandemic. If for some reason you do not receive a call in the coming days, please phone me and I can sort out any problems that might emerge (ph. 0488 960 022).

## iii) Attending Mass in Person – “Low Mass” only

*Unfortunately, during the Victorian Government stage-one restrictions easing, we cannot resume any of the usual Sunday services at St Peter's.* Since the closure of Anglican churches to the public on Monday 23rd March, the sacramental heartbeat of St Peter's has continued to beat, albeit much less vigorously than before. Every day, seven days a week, a small group of us has gathered to say Mass in private. Now that the West Door of the church is once again open to the public, for up to 10 people, you are welcome to join Fr Philip, Fr Greg and myself in person for one or more of these simple “Low Mass” services. Below is a list of the current public Low Mass at St Peter's:

- Monday 7.15am
- Tuesday 7.15am
- Wednesday 7.15am, 1.15pm
- Thursday 7.15am
- Friday 7.15am
- Saturday – no public worship
- Sunday 10.30am

Up to ten people can attend any of these services each week, but you will need to read carefully the rules below.

#### iv) Rules for Those Attending Low Mass in Person

Our new pattern of worship is not Mass the way it used to be at St Peter's. At each of these services, a priest and a server will lead the Low Mass, and up to 10 people will be permitted to join us. There will be a homily, but there will be no organist, no hymns, no choir, and no large serving team. In order to comply with State and Diocesan guidelines, we have strict rules for those attending Mass in person:

- Only 10 are allowed in the congregation
- Sadly, if there are already 10 people in the congregation when you arrive, you will have to go home
- Spatial distancing will be essential; you must stay at least 1.5m away from the priest and all other worshippers
- Rather than Holy Water, you must use the hand sanitiser on entering and exiting the church
- Your name and phone number will be recorded in a log, for every service you attend, in case the State COVID-19 Rapid Response Squad needs to trace a virus outbreak
- Before and after each service, the pews, door handles and other surfaces will be sanitised with an anti-viral solution, by our church cleaners

#### v) How to “Book a Pew” for Mass

Another big change is that you will now have to “Book a Pew” for Mass. Because only ten people are now allowed to attend public worship, you cannot just turn up like you used to. It is a simple procedure, but you must plan ahead, or you may risk being turned away from church (something none of us would want to happen):

- **Very important: you must “book a pew” at least 48 hours (2 days) in advance of any service you would like to attend**
- Please e-mail the Parish Office [sphoffice@stpeters.org.au](mailto:sphoffice@stpeters.org.au)
- Or phone Kosta on (03) 9662 2391
- Make sure to leave your name and phone number
- Indicate which service, from the above list, you hope to attend
- Indicate the date or dates of the services you would like to attend
- **Please note: if there are already more than 10 people booked for a particular service, you will not be able to attend that service**
- We will call you if this is the case

These are strange times indeed, and the landscape is shifting all the time. We are all experiencing fear, anxiety, anger, and boredom. If there was ever a time that faith matters more than usual, it is now. So, be encouraged, stay connected, remain faithful, and ...

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding  
Keep your hearts and minds  
In the knowledge and love of God,  
And of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
And the blessing of God,  
Who is Creating, Redeeming and Life Giving,  
Be with you now,  
And with those you love and pray for,  
This day, and always.  
**Amen.**

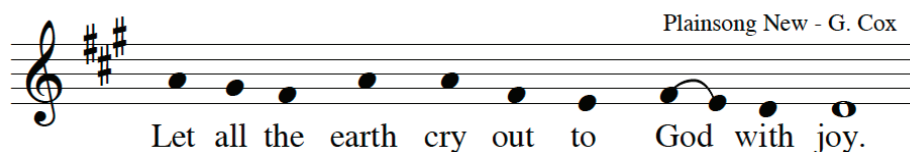


# SUNDAY MASS READINGS

**First Reading:** Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

A severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah to them. The crowds with one accord listened eagerly to what was said by Philip, hearing and seeing the signs that he did, for unclean spirits, crying with loud shrieks, came out of many who were possessed; and many others who were paralysed or lame were cured. So there was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Psalm :** 66.1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16+20



Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!" R.

"All the earth worships you;  
they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."

Come and see what God has done:  
he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. R.

He turned the sea into dry land;  
they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in him,  
who rules by his might forever. R.

Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me. R.

## **Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3.15-18

In your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.

## **Gospel:** John 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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## **EfM - EXPLORING FAITH MATTERS**

At St Peter's our EfM group will soon beginning a new year in June and invites anyone interested in exploring and reflecting upon their Christian faith in depth to join us. St Peter's EfM group usually meets on a Thursday evening from 6pm to 8.15pm. However, since the Covid-19 restrictions we are currently meeting on-line on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.15pm. The on-line meeting and time will continue until the current restrictions have been relaxed. Details of the EfM program and the commitment involved are outlined in the EfM Information Brochure for 2020 which can be downloaded from the EfM website – [www.efmaustralia.org](http://www.efmaustralia.org) or email Fr Greg who can send you a copy – [gregdavies121@icloud.com](mailto:gregdavies121@icloud.com). For more information or to register your interest please contact Fr Greg at [gregdavies121@icloud.com](mailto:gregdavies121@icloud.com) or 0417 992 976.

# 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

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Monday	Ps 118 Numbers 20.1-21 John 13.36 -14.7	Pss 114 & 115 Exodus 35.20 - 36.7 1 Corinthians 10.1-11
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*Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury (d. 998)*

Tuesday	Ps 45 Numbers 20.22 - 21.9 John 14.18-31	Ps 105.23-45 Exodus 40.17-38 1 Corinthians 10.12-22
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Wednesday	Ps 103 Numbers 20.10-35 John 15.1-11	Ps 99 Isaiah 63.7-14 Colossians 2.20-3.4
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*Ascension Day*

Thursday	Ps 110 Daniel 7.9-14 John 14.12-29	Ps 97 2 Kings 2.1-15 Revelations 5.1-10
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Friday	Ps 51 Numbers 22.1-20 John 15.12-25	Ps 107.1-32 Deuteronomy 29.1-21 1 Corinthians 10.23-11.1
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Saturday	Ps 81 Numbers 22.21-40 John 15.26 - 16.11	Ps 55.13-15 (16-17) 18-28 Deuteronomy 29.29-30.20 1 Corinthians 11.2-16
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# PRAYERS

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## FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Brown, Joe Butscher PRIEST, Alice McCraith, Grace James, Lyn Nicholas, Tania Burdick, 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, Cheryl Duff, 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:** Those who have died from Covid-19

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

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| Sun | 17 | Olive Davies, Peggy James, Margaret Nelson,<br>Frederick Trayhern, Xina Zhao Zhang   |
| Mon | 18 | Una Baldock, Denis Doherty, Francis Milne, Edward Ure-Smith  |
| Tue | 19 | Annie Elizabeth Allen, Eleanor Keartland, John Thorne Martin,<br>Samuel McColl   |
| Wed | 20 | Lionel Kingsley Cooper, Harold Davies,<br>Charles John Edgar Kempster, James Pinnock   |
| Thu | 21 | John Phillipin Gore Claridge, Jamie Denton, Wilton Plunkett,<br>Eva Florence Tonkin  |
| Fri | 22 | Millie Ellen Hardman, William Hill, George Leopold   |
| Sat | 23 | Bruce Ballingall, Evie Edlin, William Gordon,<br>Philip Hayman <small>PRIEST</small> , Denis Lake, Alice Smith,<br>Marjorie Winfield |

# 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>

## **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION ONLINE - WEDNESDAYS AT NOON**

Roland Ashby is leading a weekly meditation group online each Wednesday at 12 noon. Drawing on John Mayne, *Lectio divina*, and other christian mediation resources, this is a welcome time of quiet and contemplation in the middle of the week. For more information and to join the group contact Roland : [randrashby@bigpond.com](mailto:randrashby@bigpond.com)

## **ZOOM ROSARY AT ST PETER'S**

The Rosary will be held thrice weekly: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5pm via Zoom. 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](mailto:alaetaulealo@gmail.com)

# ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

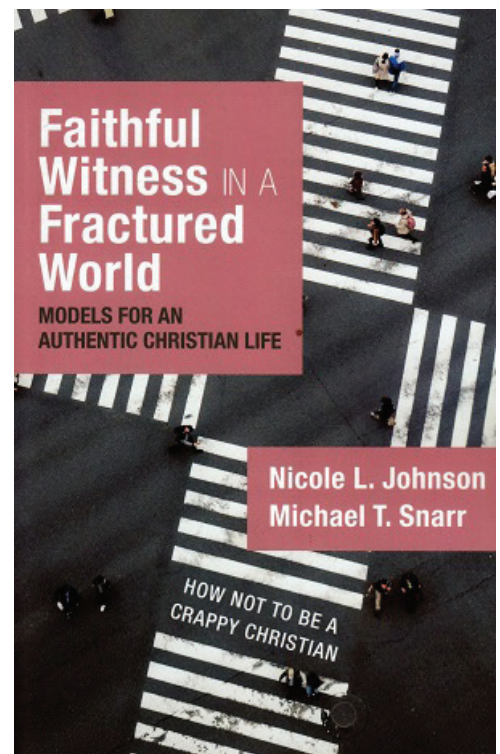
This week we have been out and about collecting books for the Book Fair. It will happen – not sure when, but it will. Thank you to those who are currently storing our boxes of books. The Archbishop of Melbourne has also donated a number of boxes.

## NEW BOOKS

As advertised and recommended in the The Melbourne Anglican:

*Faithful Witness in a Fractured World: Models for an Authentic Christian Life* by Nicole L. Johnson and Michael T. Snarr

Christians have always looked to models within the Christian faith to guide their lives. At a time when the church is more identifiable by ugly partisan politics—what we call “crappy Christianity”—than by compassionate neighbour love, this book highlights the lives and work of seven individuals who are pursuing their Christian calling in humility and profound love for and service to others.



\$29.95

### Opening Hours

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

15 Gisborne St Melbourne 3002

Situated in the Parish Hall building on the streetside, facing St Patrick's Cathedral

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# PARISH DIRECTORY

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E-mail: sphoffice@stpeters.org.au or vicarswarden@stpeters.org.au  
Office Hours. 9.30am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday

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## 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 4 <sup>th</sup> 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, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month)

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## 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	0417 323 112
Klingner Scholar:	Xeverie Swee	03 9662 2391

## Other Parish Ministries and Programs

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
	Helen Drummond (People)	0419 897 973
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
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
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
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

*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".*