

*Welcome to*

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Sunday after Ascension)

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

O God, whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: by your Holy Spirit, hold the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and for ever. *Amen*

# VICAR'S MUSINGS

This week I received an e-mail from a parishioner: “[We] have been watching and enjoying the Sunday service on YouTube thank you so much. You and Fr Philip and the small team have been conducting the services in such a dignified and uplifting manner and the church has looked most beautiful as usual. Excellent work by Rhys and the cantor thank you. We were surprised to hear in your sermon that St Peter’s social enterprise is now handing out some 500 meals each day and has a sizable team of university student volunteers. We wondered about the logistics of all that. Is it all done via the coffee cart or the courtyard? At what times? Just trying to understand how you have achieved that.”

Our “Heaven at The Hill” meal program has become a key component of mission at St Peter’s since the lock-down, but the e-mail made me realise that many parishioners are unaware of this new outreach of our church. So I thought I would share my response with you here: “How lovely to hear from you .... Thank you for your kind words. The growth of the meal distribution program has indeed been truly remarkable; God’s grace actually. It began the week of the 23rd March, when the Parliament kitchen manager rang me to ask if our social enterprise would be interested in distributing food to those affected by the pandemic. Because this new undertaking was to be social service (free food) rather than social enterprise (selling coffee) we thought it would save any confusion if we separated it from the coffee caravan. So, I spoke to the Wardens, and they agreed to “Heaven at The Hill” using the Hall kitchen and courtyard for distribution. The Parliament kitchen cooks all the food and pre-packages it in single-serve containers. We then pick these up each morning, and bag them up into one-week’s worth of meals, for distribution; along with staples such as bread, eggs and milk, as available. We commence each day at 9.30am after the Breakfast Program has finished, so as not to confuse the two distinct programs.”

“At first my wife, Ree, administered things singlehandedly, but then the 60 meals became 100 each day, and so we took on more volunteers. The big shift in gear came when RMIT University came on board through our Lay Minister Alae Taule’alo and our leadership of the Chaplaincy program there. International students are Melbourne’s new poor at the moment. So many have lost their casual jobs, are not entitled to JobSeeker or Centrelink, can’t go home, and have parents who are on lockdown and out of work



themselves overseas. The 100 meals became 200, then 400, and we now distribute as many as 500 meals each day. Most people visit us at St Peter's to pick up, but we also deliver to other distribution hubs through our contacts in Hoppers Crossing, Corio, Sunshine and Sunbury.”

“The dramatic growth in student volunteers has been another blessing. Our daughter, Hannah, was initially instrumental in this. She and her friend, both RMIT students, were the first volunteers to help Ree. They then encouraged their friends to help, and the numbers grew quickly. There are now 19 students volunteering; a number of them in necessitous circumstances themselves. And two parents of one of the volunteers have become our main delivery drivers, filling up their car a couple of times each week to take food to our suburban delivery hubs. I hope that answers some of your questions. It has been a phenomenal development of our church outreach, which through Ree's incredibly hard work, and God's grace, has grown exponentially in just 8 weeks. Sadly, it also reflects the desperation that so many young people and others are facing in this time of pandemic. Kind regards, Fr Hugh.”



State Parliament Presiding Officers, The Hon.s Colin Brookes and Shaun Leane visit our Social Enterprise Meals Program

# Milestone for Victorian Parliament's kitchens preparing meals for people in need

More than 100,000 meals have been prepared in the Victorian Parliament's kitchens for vulnerable community members during the COVID-19 emergency.

"We want to acknowledge this significant milestone and thank the wonderful community-minded organisations that are working with us on this initiative," Legislative Council President Shaun Leane said.

"We're glad that a public asset is being used for the good of the community in partnership with organisations that each and every day are working for the benefit of people in need," Mr Leane said.

The partner organisations for this meals program are The Salvation Army, The Lazarus Centre, St Peter's Eastern Hill Anglican Church, Heaven At The Hill social enterprise, the Father Bob Maguire Foundation, Melbourne City Mission, St Vincent de Paul Society and St Mary's House of Welcome.

Parliament's 2019-20 appropriation is being used to support the program with \$283,000 spent in the month of April 2020. As some of Parliament's planned activities could not be undertaken due to COVID-19, some of the funds have been directed to this meals program.

"We've drawn on the parliamentary budget to make this initiative happen. We're glad that savings in the Parliament's budget are allowing us to assist vulnerable community members during this difficult time," Legislative Assembly Speaker Colin Brooks said.

"Using these funds to deliver this program has kept our parliamentary catering staff in jobs and provided work for agency staff who have been regulars with us," Mr Brooks said.

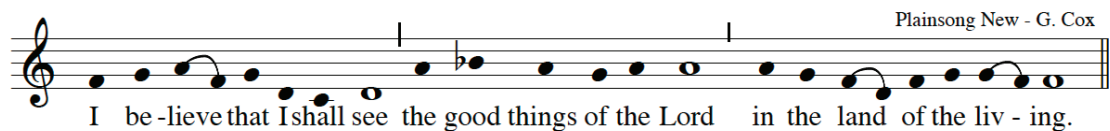
Inspired by the Victorian example, other Australian parliaments have initiated similar meals programs for vulnerable members of their communities. "This is a positive example of people working together to support each other through this emergency," Mr Leane said. "During National Volunteer Week we want to particularly thank the many volunteers who are helping our partner charities distribute the meals prepared at Parliament House. These volunteers are a daily source of inspiration for all of us," Mr Brooks added.

# SUNDAY MASS READINGS

## First Reading: Acts 1.12-14

After Jesus was taken up to heaven, the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## Psalm : 27.1, 4, 7-8



The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid? R.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple. R.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!

“Come,” my heart says,  
“seek his face!” R.

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 4.13-16

Dear friends, rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name.



**Gospel:** John 17.1-11a

Jesus looked up to heaven and said: “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.”



# 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 84 Numbers 22.41-23.12 John 16.12-24	Pss 64 & 67 Deuteronomy 31.1-15 1 Corinthians 11.17-34
<i>Augustine of Canterbury, missionary and Bishop (d. 605)</i>		
Tuesday	Pss 65 & 70 Numbers 23.13-30 John 16.25-17.51	Ps 66 Deuteronomy 31.23-32.9 1 Corinthians 12.1-13
Wednesday	Ps 68.1-20 Numbers 24.1-11 John 17.6-19	Ps 68(21-23) 24-35 Deuteronomy 32.10-22 1 Corinthians 12.14-31
Thursday	Ps 71 Numbers 24.12-25 John 17.20-26	Ps 145 Deuteronomy 32.23-38 1 Corinthians 13
Friday	Ps 69.1-16 Numbers 27 Acts 1.1-14	Ps 107.1-32 Deuteronomy 32.39-52 1 Corinthians 14.1-12
Saturday	Ps 72 Numbers 36 Acts 1.15-26	Ps 48 Numbers 11.16-17, 24-30 1 Corinthians 14.13-25

# PRAYERS

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## FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Brown, Sarah Dowe, Alice McCraith, Grace James, Margaret Lugg, Eleanor Newton, Lyn Nicholas, John Small, John Taaff, Evelina Thornton, Paul Wheelton, Rosemary Wilcox, Geoffrey Wratten, and George.

## AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Chris Bennie, Tania Burdick, Joe Butscher PRIEST 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:** Elsie Manley, Jonathan Chambers PRIEST,  
Those who have died from Covid-19

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

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Sun	24	Mary Handfield, Louise Keartland, Bertha Olive King, William Porter
Mon	25	Harold Campbel Campbell-Pretty, Winifred Martha Halliday Humphries, Harold Douglas Pemberthy, James Walters
Tue	26	Leonard Croker PRIEST, Walter Wentzell
Wed	27	John Costello PRIEST, Dorothy Irene Taaff
Thu	28	Barry Connell, Sister Philippa CHN, Norman Steele
Fri	29	Antonio Azzopardi, Sidney Ronald Barkley, John Stephen Hart BISHOP, Mabel Paterson
Sat	30	-



# 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)



## **Efm - REGISTRATIONS INVITED**

Registrations are now invited to join an Efm group. Two new groups are about to commence for those interested in being part of an Efm group here in Melbourne or further afield via on-line. Please consider the options below: Details of the Efm program are outlined in the Efm 2020 Information Leaflet which can be downloaded from the Efm website: [www.efmaustralia.org](http://www.efmaustralia.org)

For more information and to register please contact Fr Greg Davies – [efm@efmaustralia.org](mailto:efm@efmaustralia.org) or telephone 0417 992 976.

### **Option one:**

Face to face group:

Time: Thursday Evenings from 6pm to 8.15pm

Venue: St Peter's Eastern Hill

Commencing: Thursday June 11th 2020

[Depending upon numbers and Covid-19 restrictions we will meet either on-line or face to face].

Registrations due: June 4th 2020

### **Option two:**

On-line with a face to face meeting once every six weeks.

Time: Wednesday Evenings from 7.30pm to 9.00pm using Zoom

Face to face meetings – Saturday from 10am to 2pm – Venue & Dates to be confirmed.

Commencing: Wednesday June 17th 2020

Registrations due: June 10th 2020

# ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

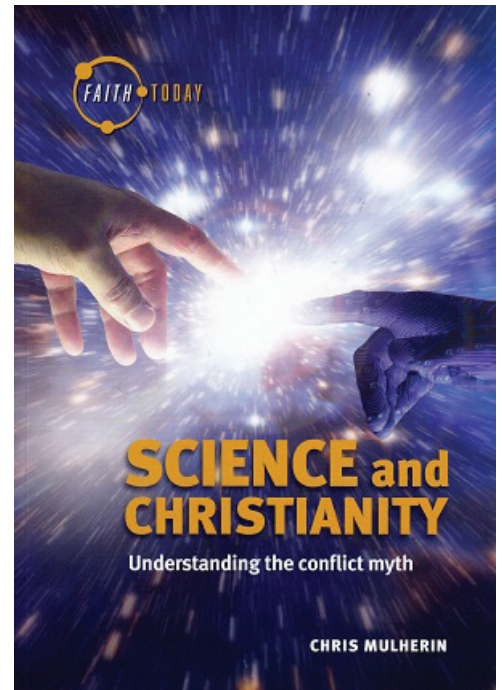
*Science and Christianity* by Chris Mulherin

A great book for inspiration at this time.

Have you ever gazed into the night sky at the stars? Have you ever asked yourself questions that make you feel small and insignificant in the vastness of space and time?

Inside *Science and Christianity*, you can embark on a journey of exploration into some of the most significant questions we can ask ourselves. Some of these are scientific questions about the wonders of the physical universe we find ourselves in. Other issues are philosophical and religious: they are concerned with the meaning

and purpose of life on this dust-speck planet called Earth, which floats through an unimaginably vast cosmos. Chris Mulherin has spoken here at St Peter's, and last year released this fabulously illustrated A4 size book suitable for children and adults alike.



\$29.95

## Opening Hours

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

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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
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	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".*