

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL
Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia
Parish Church of the City since 1846



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
1ST OCTOBER 2023

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: Col Robinson, Baby Penelope Hocking, Jennifer Lamont, Trevor Brooks, Michael Malady, Lena Sheridan, Michael Messina, Roger Boey, Geoffrey Gronow, Nelson Rufatt, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Margaret Lugg, Jenny Field, Eric McClure.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- October 1 Thomas Aubrey Arnold, Emma Bryson, Caroline Conabere, David Penman BISHOP, Grant Stocker, William Henry Sutton
- 2 Mattie Howell
- 3 James Cheong PRIEST, Robert Shanks Craigie, George Gracewood, Una Eastwood, Sister Ida CHN, Daisy Vines, Peter Charles West, Patricia Wingrove
- 4 Barrie Draper, Margery Hayward, William Hunter PRIEST, Jack Kitchener Luckins, William Fellows Robbins
- 5 William Harold Irwin, Thomas Naughton, Noel Joseph Ryan
- 6 Henry Corlass, Eleanor Lorraine Drever-Heywood
- 7 Ellen Beatrice Anderson, Ariel Male, Eva Swindells, Eric Young

Please contact Eugene Chin at 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: H. Darke (188-1976) *Communion Service in A minor*

Introit Hymn: NEH 239 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

At 11.00am the sanctuary party enters the chancel to prepare for the Asperges.

Cantor

All

Pu - ri - fy me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean:

wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow. Fine

Cantor

Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness:

All

ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces.

Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness:

Cantor

and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God:

All

Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now,

Repeat antiphon

and for e - ver. A - men.

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

Priest
 O Lord, show your mercy u-pon us

People
 And grant us your salva - tion

Priest
 O Lord, hear our prayer

People
 And let our cry come to you

Priest
 The Lord be with you

People
 And also with you

Priest
 Graciously hear us, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-last - ing God,

and may it please you to send your holy angel from heaven to keep,
 cheer, guard, visit and defend all who are gathered together in this holy place

People
 through Jesus Christ our Lord A - men

The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant censes the altar during the Introit.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

V. Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

All that you have done to us ...

Celebrant:

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

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Please kneel

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

Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>
Christe eleison	<i>Christ have mercy</i>
Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>

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,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our 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

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end

A reading from book of the prophet Ezekiel.

¹⁸The word of the Lord came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’ ³As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

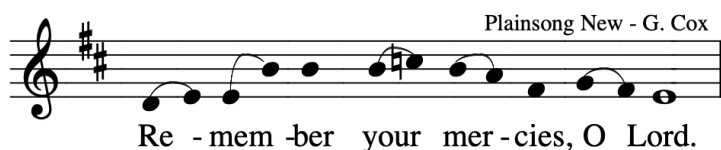
²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25



Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
According to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! **R.**

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 2.1-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

²If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

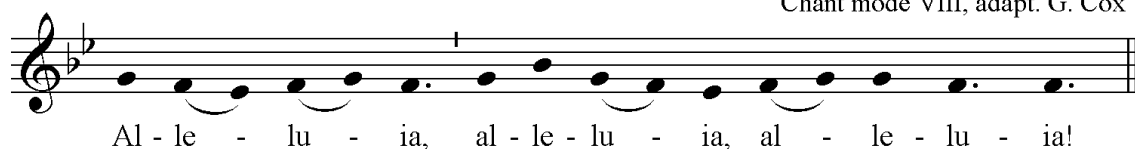
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in
my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own
salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Chant mode VIII, adapt. G. Cox



My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 21.23-32**

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the
people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are
you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ ²⁴ Jesus said to

them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

²⁸'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Mthr Kathryn Bellhouse

Please stand for the Creed.

[A copy of the music for the Sung Creed is available at the back of the church.]

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;**

through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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*]

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, when we remembered Sion.

Offertory hymn NEH 295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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.

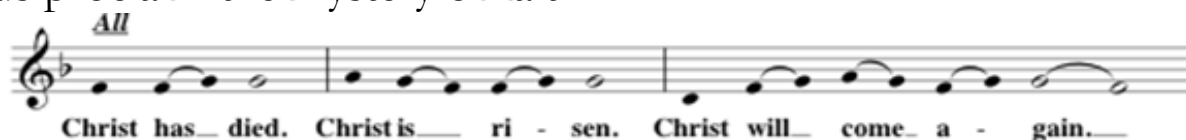
Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.

At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.

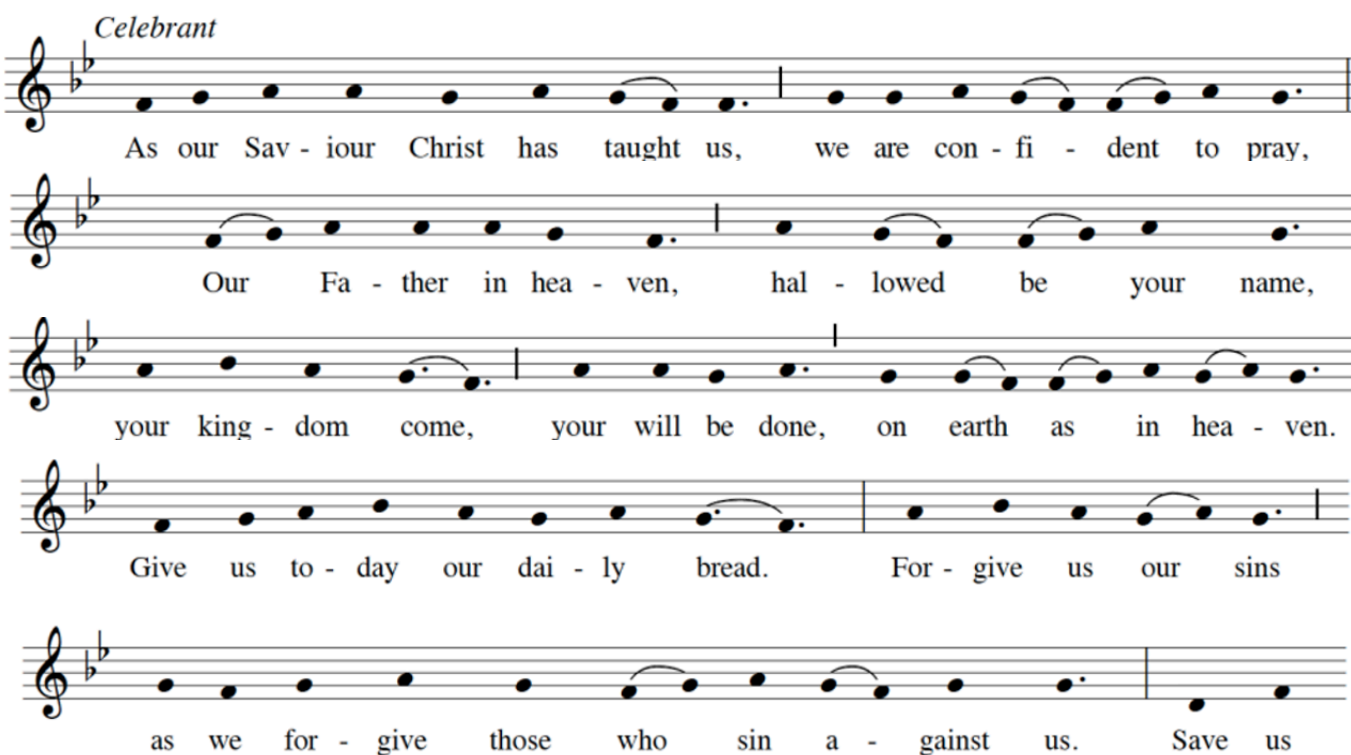
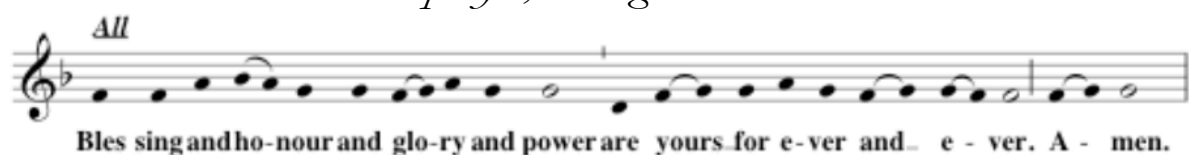
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

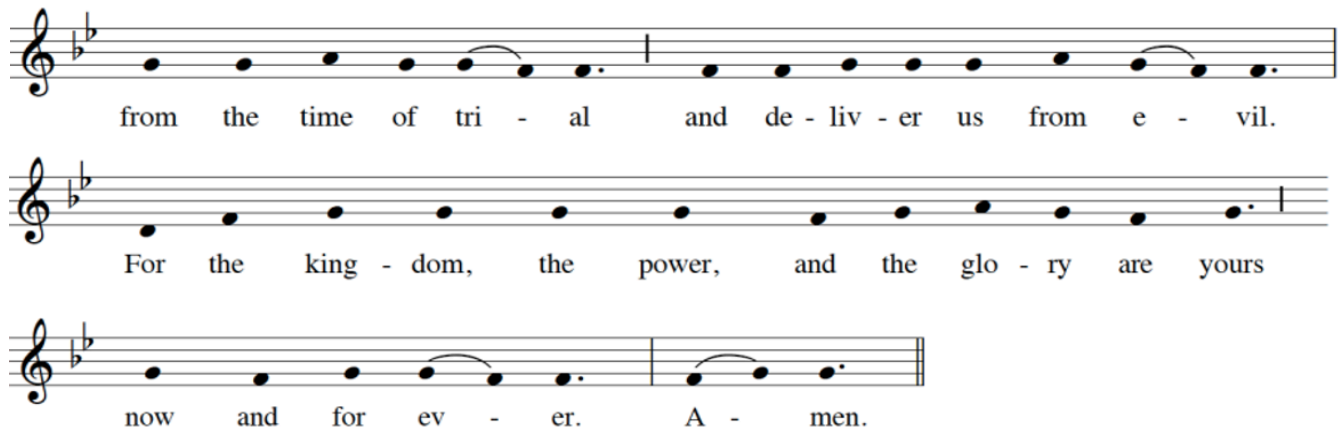
The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:





from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours
 now and for ev - er. A - men.

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 by the choir.

**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.*

C. V. Stanford (1852-1924) *Beati quorum via*

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

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.

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


Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.


THE ANGELUS




The Angel of the Lord brought ti - dings to Mary: **And she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



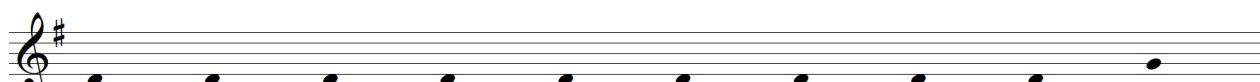
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



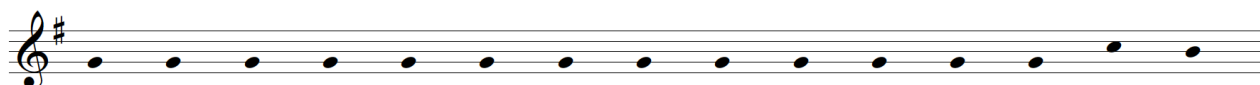
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



Behold the handmaid of the Lord: **Be it unto me ac - cord - ing to thy word.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.

And the Word was made flesh: And dwelt a - mong us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. We beseech thee O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Postlude: F. Mendelssohn (1809-47) *Fugue from Sonata No. 2 in C*

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

October 8th Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost OS 27

Isaiah 5.1–7; Psalm 80.9–17; Philippians 3.4b –14; Matthew 21.33–end

NOTICES

For your Diary

Margaret Lugg's Funeral

Our faithful Parishioner, the late Margaret Lugg's funeral will be at St Peter's this Tuesday 3rd October at 11.00am. Preacher: + David

Ethics of Health Care Funding – A Conversation and Book Launch (Wednesday 1 November 2023 4.00pm)

Our own Stephen Duckett will be having his book launch on this date, please go to Trybooking for more details and to book.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJGIE>



Pledge envelopes for 2023-24 now available

The new financial year for the parish starts 1 October.

If you would like a box of pledge envelopes for your offering, contact Pete Wild after mass or on peterwild1957@gmail.com

Another music excursion!

Are you interested in a choral extravaganza? The Australian Chamber Choir is staging a concert on 12 November 3pm, Scots Church with a program including favourites from Vaughn Williams, Parry, Byrd, Britten. (It's called Buckingham Palace, so that gives you a flavour of what's on offer, more info here

<https://www.auschoir.org/buckingham-palace/>).

We have booked 10 'regular' seats at \$70 each, first come, first served. If you want to sit in front eight rows, please book your own premium seat. If there is interest we'll have a collective meal after High Mass (?in Chinatown) or drinks afterward at my place or both. Please let me know of your interest (Stephen.j.duckett@gmail.com)

Stephen Duckett

VACANCY - DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We are seeking to appoint a new Director of Music, commencing in January 2024. A Position Description and associated information is available

on the parish website stpeters.org.au. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Fr Michael via mnrbowie@gmail.com or telephone 03 9662 2391. Applications close 6 October 2023.

Nov 1st (Wednesday 7.00pm) - All Saints Day

Nov 2nd (Thursday 7pm) - All Souls

Nov 26th - Christ The King

Weekly Reflections

The world of the prophet Ezekiel has just ended. As a priest, his whole life has revolved around keeping the Law and the commandments; his entire world is the Temple and the culture around it. But when King Jehoiachin of Judah surrenders to the vastly stronger empire of Babylon in 597 BCE, Ezekiel and others of Judah's leadership are taken into exile. In a foreign land, he must learn how to live a life of faith far from his homeland and his people and the Temple which has sustained his being. Is it any wonder that he is suddenly questioning so much of what he's previously believed?

The world in which Ezekiel is writing – some five hundred years before the events of the gospels – is different enough to our own as to be almost beyond comprehension. In the late Iron age, it is God, or the gods, who can be held responsible for almost any event, whether that event is anticipated or not. And so the calamity of a nation's king surrendering to a foreign power – well, what does that say about God, and God's willingness or ability to protect the people who see themselves as God's chosen?

It's one of the age-old questions: where is God when the world is ending? Why does God allow evil in the world which God so loves? How can we see and know suffering, and also trust in the love of the Creator of the Universe?

It's a question which has been asked since Ezekiel's time, and we may not sit easily with the answer the author of the book comes up with: his realisation is that the suffering of the people is not because of the sins of generations previous to them, but because of their own sins – which to our modern minds seems incredibly harsh, but which to Ezekiel's audience would have been revolutionary. Suddenly their relationship with their Yhwh is not determined by things outside of

them – their parents and grandparents and great-grandparents – but by their own actions and attitudes and desires. Suddenly they have agency in how they approach the God to whom they already belong.

Which is Jesus' point too, in his ongoing battle with the religious authorities who want nothing more than to outsmart and embarrass him in front of the people. The parable he tells is designed to put them in their place as people who look pious and righteous while refusing to live as people of faith. It is the outcast – in Jesus' situation, the prostitutes and tax collectors, who have listened to John the Baptist, who will be welcomed with open arms into the kingdom of heaven. No longer can the religious authorities claim to act as gatekeepers to God's presence.

We will never fully unknot the question of God's role in suffering – we have been trying for at least the last 2,500 years. But from Ezekiel's conversations with God, we know that God remains present with us, through the rise and fall of nations, through whatever darkness humanity can throw at itself. And we know that there is nothing which can keep us from the love of God – not the Pharisees or their modern-day equivalents, not the sins of our ancestors or the world around us, not even death itself: our souls, our very lives, already belong to God, and there is nothing that can separate us from the love in which we dwell.

Naomi Johnson

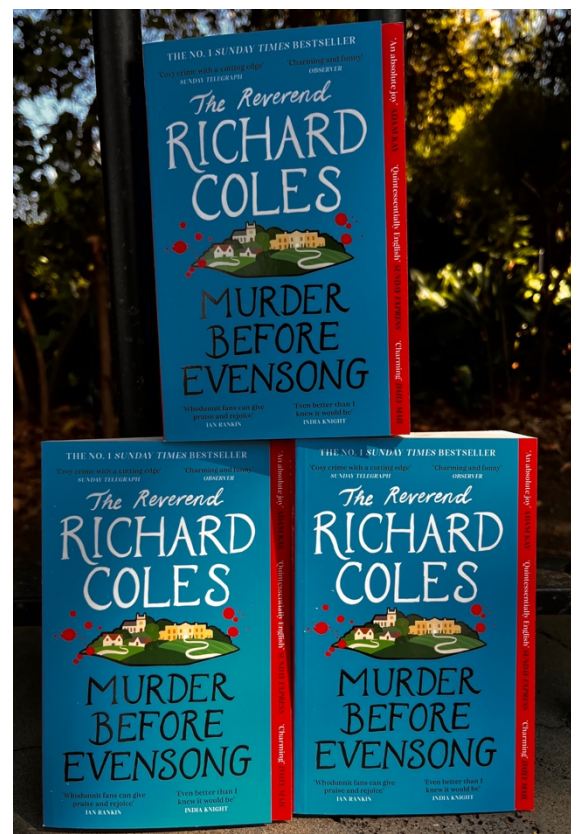
St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

Christmas Cards have started arriving in stock! Be an early bird and check them out today on our website or visit us in the shop.

Back by popular demand:

Murder Before Evensong by The Revd Richard Coles

Canon Daniel Clement is Rector of Champton. He has been there for eight years, living at the Rectory alongside his widowed mother - opinionated, fearless, ever-so-slightly annoying Audrey - and his two dachshunds, Cosmo and Hilda.



When Daniel announces a plan to install a lavatory in church, the parish is suddenly (and unexpectedly) divided: as lines are drawn, long-buried secrets come dangerously close to destroying the apparent calm of the village.

And then Anthony Bowness - cousin to Bernard de Floures, patron of Champton - is found dead at the back of the church, stabbed in the neck with a pair of secateurs.

As the police moves in and the bodies start piling up, Daniel is the only one who can try and keep his fractured community together... and catch a killer.

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