

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



*No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket,
but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. Matt5.15*

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

5 FEBRUARY 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass

(Traditional Language in the Handfield Chapel)

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 in the Handfield Chapel.

This is also live streamed on Facebook.

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Eleanor Hamilton, Andrew Sinn, John Hall, Greg Hocking, Rob Whalley, Helen Drummond, Bp John Parkes, Margaret Armstrong, Pete Wild, John Capp

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Charles Northam, Lorna Sargaison, Joan Small, Jim Houston Priest,
Dom Placid Lawson OSB.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

- Feb 5 Ruth Isabel Curtis, Matthew Richmond, Lucy Synnot
6 Sophie Athanites, Archibald Smith
7 Ilona Helen Noel, Lionel Sarrof PRIEST
8 Jane Eggington, James Hayward, Barbara Lamin, Esther Miller,
Leland Ponton, Irene Robins, Tracey Winters
9 Edna Everingham, John Farndon, Elizabeth Hall, Alice Herde,
Alice Nicholls
10 Emma Rosengren, Walter Welsh, Lucy Youl
11 Letitia Armstrong, Stacey Davies, Peter James Duff, Howard
Hinchcliffe, Sarah Hollis, Valerie McManus, Ida Nilson, Arthur Olding,
Kate Tate

Please contact Fr Greg 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: Cipriano de Rore: Missa Praeter rerum seriem

Entrance Hymn:

[9.30am & 11.00am] NEH 343 Bright the vision that delighted

9.30am Family Mass begins on page 4.

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.

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 at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am.

**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.

Faithful God,
you have appointed us to your witnesses,
to be a light that shines in the world:
let us not hide the bright hope you have given us,
but tell everyone your love,
revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 58.1-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to

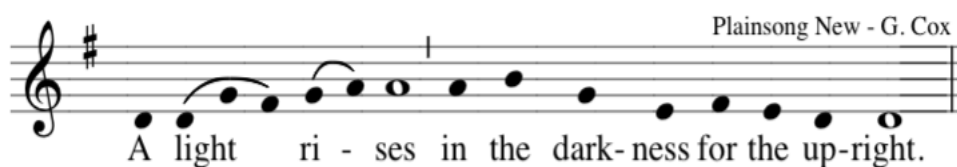
God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112

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Those who fear the Lord rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. **R.**

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord. **R.**

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.
They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their name is exalted in honour. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [5.13-20].

✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Michael Bowie

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*]

Make my steps steadfast in your paths, that my feet may not falter. Incline your ear to me, and hear my words. Show forth your wonderful mercies, O Lord, you who save those who trust in you.

Offertory hymn NEH 436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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:



Celebrant

As our Sav - iour Christ has taught us, we are con - fi - dent to pray,
 Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
 as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
 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 said 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.**

The Celebrant recites silently the Communion Antiphon.

*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*

Bairstow: Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 357 Father, hear the prayer we offer

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
Thanks be to God.


THE ANGELUS

At 11.00am only The Angelus is led and sung by the Celebrant.


The church bell rings three times during the recitation of the Hail Mary, and nine times during the final Collect.



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



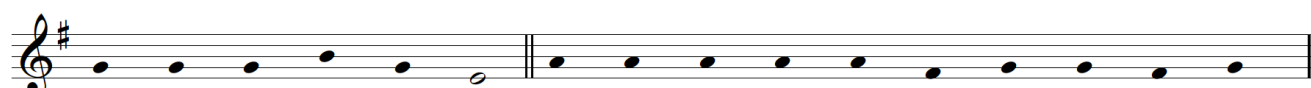
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



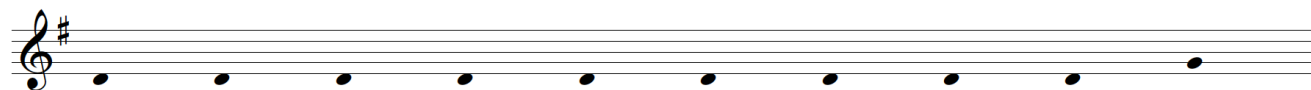
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



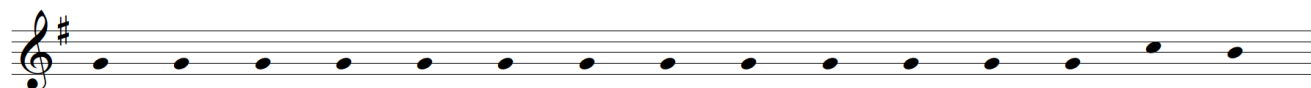
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.




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. Couperin (1668-1733) *Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux,*
Messe pour les Paroisses

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 the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany are:

Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 15.15-20; Psalm 119; 1 Corinthians 3.1-9;
 Matthew 5.21-37

NOTICES

[See page 19 for Weekly Reflections]

Important Notice – Tram network upgrade in Gisborne Street, between Victoria Parade and Macarthur Street, East Melbourne.

This will have some impact on us here at St Peter's. **Early works**(minimal impact) – 9pm to 5am, Friday 3 February to Thursday 23 February. Major works(significant impact) 10pm, Friday 24 February to 5am, Friday 3 March 2023. During the major works there will be extremely high levels of noise. There will also be detours for cyclists, pedestrians and traffic. Access to St Peter's will need to be from Albert Street. Please take a brochure with more details from the back of the church. More information can also be found on the Yarra Trams website – yarratrams.com.au/projects

Lent Study Program 2023 –

Fr Michael will give a series of addresses on each Sunday in Lent at 1pm in the church, titled *'The Eucharist makes the Church.'*

Rosary and Angelus on Fridays

... to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and seek him in his temple...

John and Pete say the rosary in the Chapel of Our Lady of Walsingham on Friday at 3.30 pm. The sorrowful mysteries are prescribed for Friday, but we vary this from week to week. Saying rosary takes about 20 minutes.

Important Dates!

February 22nd – Ash Wednesday
8am & 7pm Mass with the Imposition of Ashes

Friday March 24th – 7pm
Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Week
Palm Sunday April 2nd
Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

St Peter's Bookroom

Tramline Upgrade – St Peter's Bookroom Important Notice

Due to the high level of noise and limited access to Gisborne St, **St Peter's Bookroom will be operational only behind closed doors 27th February – 3rd March 2023.** The Bookroom will be closed on Gisborne St for this week. We will still be contactable and orders can be made via phone, email or the website. Thanks for your patience during this time. Carol O'Connor - Manager

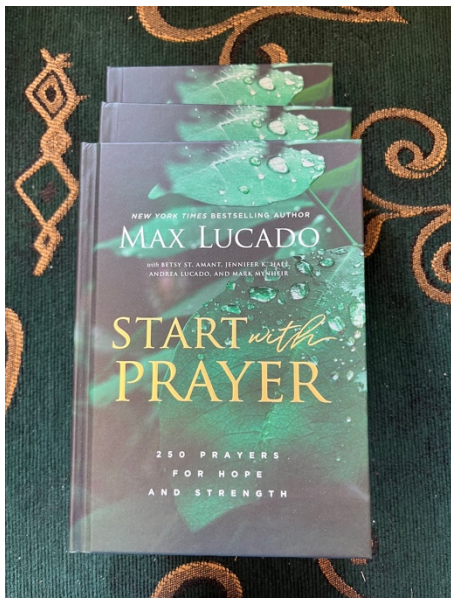
NEW RELEASE!

Start With Prayer: 250 Prayers for Hope and Strength by Max Lucado

Do you find it difficult to turn to prayer when you need it most Do you have trouble finding the words to capture exactly how you're feeling?

When struggles and anxieties come up in our lives, we invite God into our world, watching our fears surface and then depart. But how do we help prayer become a tried-and-true practice in our daily lives Finding the right words to pray can be challenging.

Whether you're learning to pray for the first time or you're hoping to reinvigorate your prayer life, **Start with Prayer** will change the way you think about your relationship with God.



Pairing timeless scripture with thoughtful prayers, **Start with Prayer** is a special collection of 250 prayers that will help you develop the strength and hope you need to turn to prayer first in any situation you're facing.

This is a trustworthy resource that you can turn to no matter what season of life you're in right now, reminding you that starting with prayer is always the right answer.

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WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

From Carol O'Connor

The Goose Girl at the Well is a tale collected by the Brothers Grimm in the 19th century. It tells the story of a father who divided his kingdom between three daughters based on their stated love for him. The youngest, who was the most beautiful and said to have wept tears of pearls and jewels, told the king she loved him like salt. Insulted by this the king banished her from the kingdom sending her off with only a bag of salt. The king regretted his decision. But don't worry, the girl was later found by a handsome count and they all eventually managed to work things out.

Versions of this story occur in many European tales. The most famous is Shakespeare's play **King Lear**. There, the youngest daughter, Cordelia, doesn't compare her love for her father to be like salt, but instead, when asked by the king, maintains she has 'nothing' to say. (Though, from her asides to the audience and subsequent events, we know her love to be more true than that of her two sisters.) But in nearly all versions the comparison of the youngest daughter stating to love their father like 'salt' is a common feature. Ultimately their love is vindicated as lasting and true, though at a cost.

St Paul says he comes 'not with the excellency of speech.' In Matthew's Gospel today, Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?' The parable of salt occurs in all three synoptic Gospels. But only in Matthew does it come straight after the Beatitudes where the Kingdom of God seems to be a very upside down and radical version of our own world. Maybe placing the parable here highlights a deeper theme through all our readings today which is having the courage to live honestly, and holding onto the hope of restoration even when the landscape ahead looks pretty bleak.

But before we can be honest and speak truth with anyone else we have to be open and honest with ourselves. Aware of ourselves – our illusions, our self-justifications, our own glamour. This openness and inward plain talking before God can take the most courage. And bring the most joy. Perhaps that ultimately is the message in the Grimms' **Goose Girl at the Well**, and Shakespeare's **King Lear**. This world will be saved by a beauty and hope that is deep and nourishing and beyond all words. It's found in the cross, in Jesus, in the resurrection. And to glimpse that in the wilderness of life brings hope, courage and ultimately true restoration for all of us.

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Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass
6pm Low Mass [1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2nd & 4th 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 4th Saturday of the month
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 7.00pm

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(People's Wardens)
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We are an inclusive and welcoming church, built on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri people. Our mission is: "Worshipping Christ in the Eucharist; serving Christ in the world".