

WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617 – 1682) The Holy Family with a Little Bird

PEW SHEET
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
26TH DECEMBER 2021

WEEKLY MUSINGS

Today we celebrate the Feast of The Holy Family, a special Feast to celebrate the sanctity of the Holy family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – as a family unit. Sacred Art of the Holy Family became popular during the 15th century: it was also during this time that the Holy Family was presented as the ideal for Christian families and that purpose continues to this day. While praying the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and pondering on the holy mysteries I reflected on the first three beads that represent Faith, Hope and Charity- An important starting point to understanding the Holy Mysteries. In the non-Christian world, today is also known as Boxing Day.

While walking along the park, I overheard a young boy asking his mother: “Why's the day after Christmas called Boxing Day?” “The faithful and loving mother went on to explain that it originated in the United Kingdom and one theory is that it was originally a day to compensate servants. In the Middle Ages and the early Renaissance, all the servants had to work on Christmas Day. For the affluent upper-class folks, Christmas is all about exchanging gifts, eating, drinking and making merry. For the poor servants, however, their servitude meant that they had to put the needs of the people they worked for first and work long into the night to fulfil their master’s request. Boxing Day then became a day of hope for the servants looking forward to; to spend quality time with their family then becomes a gift of itself.

During Boxing Day, the masters would also give a Christmas box to each of his servants. These boxes were often recycled from the Master’s gifts when the family has unwrapped their presents. Inside the box, there would be delicious ribbon sandwiches of many sorts, a small jar of liquorice, toffee sweets and marmalade, and a few gold coins. It was an old-fashioned way of thanking the servants for their labour for the year. Traditions tell us that Boxing Day is a day on which we show charity to our friends and to the wider community. A colleague of mine who grew up in the English countryside recalls this old tradition continuing into his childhood. He reminisces, "In England when the waste-disposal men came around on Boxing Day, you would give them a Christmas box; postmen, page-boys, butlers and servants of various kinds also receive a Christmas box, It was about giving gifts to others, and it's a charitable activity so that no one will go without”.

As we ponder the mysteries of the season of Christmastide with Faith, Hope and Love, let’s reflect on our parish family of St Peter’s, Eastern Hill, led by our beloved Bishop David Farrer. Let's think about how we can strengthen this community and spread our Christianly love with Faith that pleases God, Hope for a brand-new era, and Charity that is the torch of our Anglo-Catholic charism.

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DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Wendy Hancock, Judith Hibberd, Russell Kennedy, Ken Letts PRIEST, Thomas Low, Martin Moran, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, John Small, Margaret Sutherland, Paul Wheelton, Angus and Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, David Bornstein, Kate Castle, David Curtis, Helen Drummond, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Grace James, Lynn James, Natalie Kellett, Roman Kerr, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Alice McCraith, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Robin Page, Liz Prideaux, Judy Ryles, Jenny Sasse, John Stewart BISHOP, Ian Thornton, Barbara Ure-Smith & Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

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| Sun | 26 ^h | Neville James Barry, Nellie Margaret Dearlove, Annette Grimes, Allan McGuire, Reginald Murphy |
| Mon | 27 th | Theodoros Govegos |
| Tue | 28 th | Mary Winifred Gielis, Irwin Henry Kendall |
| Wed | 29 th | Barry Robert Merton |
| Thu | 30 th | Joseph Savill |
| Fri | 31 st | Marion Brown, Peter Burman, Chasely Evelyn, Jane Mullins, Thelma Tonkins, Rose Phyllis Jessie Woods |
| Sat | 1 st | Frank McKinnon Bladin, James Corden, Keith Robert Young |

MASS PROPERS & MUSIC

Mass setting: *Missa SS Familiae*, Peter Griesbacher (1864 - 1933)

Hymn: Once in royal David's city:

NEH #34

INTROIT

God is in his holy dwelling place; the God who causes us to dwell together, one at heart, in his house; he himself will give power and strength to his people.

Ps. Let God arise; let his foes be scattered. Let those who hate him flee from his presence. Glory be etc.

FIRST READING


1 Samuel 1.11, 20-22, 24-28++

Hannah, wife of Elkanah, had no children; she prayed to the Lord and made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord." Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there forever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time." When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, a measure of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord." She left him there for the Lord.

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

PSALM 84

Plainsong New - Geoffrey Cox



How hap - py they who dwell in your house, O Lord.
*Bless - ed are**

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. **R.**

Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.
Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion. **R.**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!
Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness. **R.**

SECOND READING *chanted by the sub-deacon*

1 JOHN 3.1-2, 21-24

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

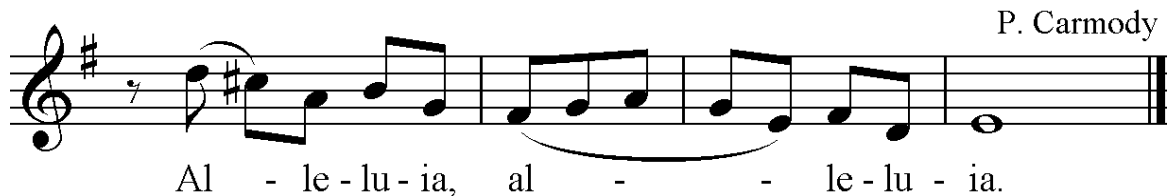
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GRADUAL

Unam petii a Domino, hanc requiram,
ut inhabitem in domo Domini omnibus
diebus vitae meae; ut videam
voluptatem Domini, et visitem templum
ejus.

*One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I
will require: even that I may dwell in the house
of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the
fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.*

ALLELUIA



THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2.41-52)

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

Now every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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

OFFERTORY

In te speravi, Domine, dixi: Tu es Deus meus, in manibus tuis tempora mea.

In you have I put my trust, O Lord; I said: "You are my God, my destiny is in your hands."

Hymn: Of the Father's heart begotten

NEH #33

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Fili, quid fecisti nobis sic? Ego et pater tuus dolentes quaerebamus te.

Et quid est quod me quaerebatis?

Nesciebatis quia in his quae Patris mei sunt oportet me esse?

My son, why have you treated us so? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you.

How is it that you were seeking me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?

COMMUNION MOTET: *The Shepherd's Farewell*, Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)

Hymn: O Little One sweet, O Little One mild

NEH #31

Postlude: J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750) *In dulci jubilo* BWV 729

Peter Yewers has donated flowers today in loving memory of Mavis Yewers.

NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS OVER CHRISTMAS

Please note that the Parish office will be closed Dec 25th – January 3rd 2022. Regular office hours will resume January 4th 2022.

MASSES & COVID UPDATES

Daily Mass times on Monday December 27th and January 3rd 2022 will be at 9:00am instead of 7:15am.

There have been updates to government and diocesan requirements with regard to vaccination. QR code check-in remains compulsory but vaccination status checks for services, weddings and funerals are no longer required, so that all services are open for all people regardless of vaccination status. We welcome back those parishioners and guests who are not vaccinated but ask that you wear a mask at all times inside the church. In fact, given the current Omicron strain, and consistent with government health advice, we strongly encourage all attendees to wear your masks during service, even if you are fully vaccinated.

It remains Diocesan policy that only fully vaccinated people can attend for refreshments before or after services. Anyone serving refreshments ought to be masked.

GUILD OF ST. BENEDICT – REFRESHMENTS 2022

Thank you to those who have contributed to our Sunday and Special Events hospitality in 2021. As we are looking towards the New Year and hopefully a ‘pandemic-free’ environment in which to deliver hospitality, we would appreciate your assistance.

We look forward to welcoming new people onto our roster, in particular, for Sunday Mass refreshments. If you would be willing to offer your services, for once a month or every second month, this would assist us greatly in providing on-going hospitality – *‘more hands make light work’*.

Training, guidance and assistance is provided to make the process as streamlined as possible. If you believe you would like to assist, please contact one of the Churchwardens, or talk to myself on Sunday. Thank you.

Daniel Ferguson. Email danielfergus15@gmail.com Phone 0419 572 033



ST PETER'S
EASTERN HILL

CHRISTMAS

at St Peter's Eastern Hill

JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Friday 24th Dec
CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00pm Family Mass with Pageant
and the Arrival of St Nicholas
11:00pm Carol Singing
11:30pm Procession, Blessing of Crib and
Midnight Mass

Saturday 25th Dec
CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am Mass (BCP)
10:30am Procession and High Mass

Sunday 26th Dec
HOLY FAMILY

9:00am Mass (BCP)
10:30am Procession & High Mass
6:00pm Mass (APBA)

Sunday 2nd Jan 2022
MARY MOTHER OF
GOD (tr. 1st Jan)

9:00am Mass (BCP)
10:30am Procession and High Mass
7:00pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

Thursday 6th Jan 2022
EPIPHANY

6:15pm Missa Cantata with
Chalking Ceremony

www.stpeters.org.au (03) 9662 2391



“ST PETER’S CARES” CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Throughout the difficulties of both 2020 and 2021, St. Peter’s Eastern Hill has been there helping the homeless and others in need.

Now at Christmas, we need your help:

- To continue our important work helping the needy every day of the year
- To provide some Christmas cheer and dignity to those who have nothing – Christmas hampers and a BBQ Lunch



If you are in a position to give, please donate as generously as you can to our Christmas Appeal.

www.spehcf.com.au/donations

Or call us on 03 9662 2391
Donations of \$2 and over are tax-deductible

Thank you

- Feeding over 500 a week
- Every day of the year
- Training and employment assistance whenever possible



ST. PETER’S EASTERN HILL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
an outreach of the Anglican parish church of the city of Melbourne

St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplies

We wish all parishioners, customers and friends of the Bookroom a joyful Christmas and peace-filled New Year.

For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
TS Eliot, *Little Gidding*

We will be closed between Christmas and New Year, reopening Tuesday 4th January, 2022. Looking forward to seeing all our customers and friends then.



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Office Hours: 10am to 2pm, Tuesday – Friday

Sunday Services

9am BCP Mass; 10.30 am High Mass with Children's Church; 6pm APBA Mass

Weekday Services

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays); Wednesday 1.15pm Mass
Saturday 9am Mass with Devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham (4th Sat. of the month)
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm

Clergy and Lay Ministers

Locum Vicar:	Bp. David Farrer	0449 229 875
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	Mthr Pirriall Clift	0407 453 306
	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
Klingner Scholars:	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391
	Xeverie Swee	03 9662 2391

Parish Council Membership

Helen Drummond
Rachel Ellyard
Daniel Ferguson
Peter Griffin (Treasurer)
Stuart Hibberd
Bp. David Farrer (President)
Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)
Terry Porter
Alae Taule'alo
Peter Wild
Sue Wuttke
Philip Wright
Michael Upson

Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
Cell of O.L.O.W:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
Children's Church:	Katherine Barnett	0403 352 256
Churchwardens:	Michael Gronow (Vicar's Warden)	0411 289 318
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
	Daniel Ferguson (People)	0419 572 033
COVID Safe & Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
Director of Music:	Andrew Raiskums	0439 556 627
Flowers:	Michael Upson	0492 964 984
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:	Shanti Michael	03 9662 2391
Pastoral Care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
Prayer Link & Pastoral	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
RMIT Chaplaincy:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Sacristan	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391

*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".*

