

*Welcome to*

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

*Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia*

*Parish Church of the City since 1846*



## HOLY FAMILY

27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020

Saving God, whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, *Amen* .

# VICAR'S MUSINGS

A joyous Feast of the Incarnation, with an easing of restrictions over Advent that enabled a return of so much that we love about St Peter's. A true "Liturgy" (Greek: leitourgia "work of the people"): from Rwth Stuckey's Christmas candle artwork; to our first formal function hosted by Foundation Chair, Krystyna Campbell Pretty, to thank the Social Enterprise, the Lazarus Centre, and our kind donors; to Di Clark and the Pastoral Care team taking home and hospital communion to the sick; our little working bee led by Sacristan, Eugene Chin, to prepare the crib and Christmas Tree; the SE gardener and cleaners who tended to the grounds and deep-cleaned all the carpets; and David of Y&D Cleaners who polished the floors so beautifully, pro bono; to Ree Bodde and the Meals Program volunteers who gave their time on Christmas Day to distribute 250 meals, 72 coffees, \$3,000 KMart vouchers in a Christmas pack to International Students, and host a BBQ for those away from family at Christmas; to RMIT Senior Chaplain and St Peter's Lay Minister, Alae Taule'alo, for preparing the Liturgy Sheets so carefully, and our Office Administrator, Kosta Soteriou, for the production line (and fixing the photocopier); Katherine Barnett and the amazing Children's Church actors and musicians; Phil Stranieri who brought Santa Nicholas all the way from Myra; to our readers, sides people and Guild of St Benedict team under the leadership of Daniel Ferguson; to our Musical Director, Andrew, and Head Server, Anthony, and everyone upstairs and downstairs who led the Masses so skillfully and beautifully; and to the clergy, including Fr Hans visiting from Melbourne Grammar, for their prayerful leadership at the Altar. *Deo gratias* .

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## **PARISH OFFICE TO CLOSE OVER CHRISTMAS**

The Parish Office will shut between Christmas Day and the 3rd of January. If you need to contact the Parish during this time, please contact the Vicar on 0488 960 022

## **CAROL SERVICE AT 7PM TONIGHT**

This evening, there will be a special service of Nine Lessons and Carols. At St Peter's we observe the English tradition of not singing carols until Christmas Day, and so our annual carol service is always held on the first Sunday after Christmas. We are the only church in Melbourne that still observes this tradition, and the service is always well attended. If you've not been before, do come. The choir have prepared a beautiful selection of carols for you to enjoy. You won't be disappointed! To book:

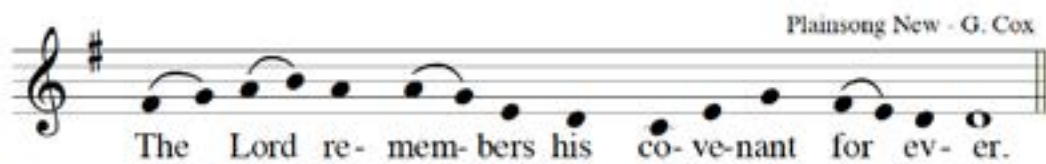
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# SUNDAY MASS READINGS

**First Reading:** Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5,15-16; 21.1-7

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” The Lord brought Abraham outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And Abram believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.” God said to Abraham, “As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

**Psalm:** 105.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9



O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.

R.

Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually. R.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones. R.

He is mindful of his covenant forever,  
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,  
the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac. R.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith Sarah herself, though barren, received power to conceive, even when she was too old, because she considered God, who had made the promise, to be faithful. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, “It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.” Abraham considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead-and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**Second Reading:** Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for

glory to your people Israel.” And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When Mary and Joseph had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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**ST PETER'S BOOKROOM + HEALTHY BODY AND SOUL FESTIVAL,  
SUNDAY JANUARY 10TH, BRUNSWICK TOWN HALL**

St Peter's Bookroom is attending this event, presenting a stall and leading a half hour meditation session with the Christian Mystics. Come and join us! Say hello to Kathy or Carol at our Bookroom stall, or sit in meditation for half an hour at 10.30am with some phrases from Spiritual Writers of the Christian tradition, whether it be 13th century Meister Eckhart or 21st century Laurence Freeman.

[www.healthybodyandsoulfestival.com](http://www.healthybodyandsoulfestival.com)

*St Peter's Bookroom wishes all parishioners and friends a peace-filled and joyous Christmas. Thank you all for your wonderful support during this challenging year for all of us. We will be closed between Christmas and New Year. Opening Monday 4th January 2021.*

# PRAYERS

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## FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Bishop, John Crocker, Guia Legarda, Babu Mathew, Marion McIntosh, Alice McCraith, Judy McCraith, Lyn Nicholas, Liz Prideaux, John Small, John Stewart BISHOP, Paul Wheelton, George, Charles, Jan, and Victoria

## AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Chris Bennie, Michael Boyle PRIEST, Joe Butscher PRIEST, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Siew-Hung, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Joyce Newton, Judith Ryles, Pat Slump, Evelina Thornton, Joan Waldren-Small and Barbara Ure-Smith

**FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Elizabeth Gwen CHN, Eleanor Langford, Geoff Simondson PRIEST , Roger Williams PRIEST

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

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Sun 27 Theodoros Govegos

Mon 28 Mary Winifred Gielis, Irwin Henry Kendall

Tue 29 Barry Robert Merton

Wed 30 Joseph Savill

Thu 31 Marion Brown, Peter Burman, Chasely Evelyn, Jane Mullins, Thelma Tonkins, Rose Phyllis Jessie Woods

Fri 1 Frank McKinnon Bladin, James Corden, Keith Robert Young

Sat 2 Zoltan Ference Noel, John Randell



# 90 years of working towards an Australia free of poverty

Tuesday 8th December 2020, marked 90 years since Fr Gerard Kennedy Tucker, Guy Coleman Cox and Michael Clarke founded what is now the Brotherhood of St. Laurence (BSL). For 90 years, BSL's mission has been to create lasting change for a compassionate and just society where everyone can thrive and be free of poverty and disadvantage.

Thank you for being a part of this movement, both collectively and individually. Your involvement helps us build a better Australia and fulfil our mission of an Australia free of poverty.

We invite you to learn more about our rich history and our vision for the future, as well as read inspirational stories of progress from our wonderful community through the following on-line video: <https://bit.ly/2Lcvap5>

Whether it takes the next ten years or a further 90 years to realise our vision, one thing is certain, the Brotherhood of St. Laurence will proudly continue to be a strong voice for people experiencing disadvantage. *Because we believe no one should live in poverty.*

Thank you for your compassion and kindness to others through your support of BSL and all of those we work with. We wish you and your parishioners many blessings for Christmas and the New Year.

# PARISH DIRECTORY

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## Sunday Services

10.30 am Parish Mass - online and in person (limited due to the pandemic restrictions)  
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/StPetersEasternHill](http://www.youtube.com/StPetersEasternHill)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/)

## Weekday Services

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays)  
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm  
Also online only, due to the pandemic restrictions  
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/)

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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 Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr David Peake	0412 299 839
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
Klingner Scholars:	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391
	Xeverie Swee	03 9662 2391

## Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
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Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
Children:	Katherine Barnett	03 9387 4089
COVID Safe & Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
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	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
	Daniel Ferguson (People)	03 9662 2391-
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
Prayer Link	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
RMIT Chaplaincy:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
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## 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  
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".*