

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'Jesus raises Lazarus from the Dead', Carl Bloch (1871)

LENT 5

29TH MARCH 2020

Life-giving God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death: breathe upon us with the power of your spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Please feel free to take this pew sheet home.

VICAR'S MUSINGS

This weekend we observe the Fifth Sunday of Lent; although I must say another name comes to mind: The First Sunday After the End of Public Worship. Having torn through China, Italy, and Spain, the COVID-19 virus is now fast bearing down on those of us down-under, here in Australia and New Zealand. We are doing all we can to prevent and contain the spread, at considerable cost to our society, but sadly we are still tracking all too closely along the exponential curve of contagion.

It is easy to slip into despair; and I must confess, I've had my moments this week. But let me remind you of our Archbishop's words, written just a week ago, that I read out in church last Sunday (see www.stpeters.org.au). Following his announcement of the closure of public worship, crucially he wrote this: "It is important to say, at the same time, that this is not a closure of ministry. The need for Christian ministry is only likely to be heightened over the [coming] weeks and months but it will need to happen in new forms."

We may not be gathering for worship this weekend, but we are still St Peter's church where ever we are. Alongside a deep sense of grief, I have also been encouraged this past week by the kindness, the prayers, the ideas, and even new ministries that have begun to rise from the ashes of last Sunday's closure.

There is so much to report on, and I will in more detail over the coming weeks, but in summary for now, this is what the ongoing ministry of St Peter's Eastern Hill is looking starting to look like, one week into this new COVID-19 era:

Live Streaming Worship: Sundays, 11am, on St Peter's YouTube Channel

Sunday Mass, being no longer a public service, will from now on be live-streamed on the St Peter's You Tube channel at 11am each week (<https://bit.ly/2WHuRXc>) It will then be shared on Facebook and the Parish Website for you to watch at your leisure.

Weekday Mass

A small group of St Peter's priests continues to celebrate the Mass each day, but now behind closed doors. Be assured of our ongoing prayers for you each day.

Pastoral Care

As face-to-face pastoral care becomes increasingly impossible during the pandemic, we are working on a St Peter's telephone tree. As quarantine and physical isolation regulations tighten, we need to find new ways of keeping in touch personally, and offering pastoral care to one another.

Christian Education

Fr Greg Davies has already had his first virtual meeting of the Exploring Faith Matters (EFM) group, and plans are underway to continue with the adult confirmation preparation group on line.

Devotions and “Thought for the Day”

Our Lay Minister, Alae Taule’alo, has plans underway to sustain virtually our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary group devotions. He will also be inviting our clergy and lay leaders to offer a 4-5 minute “Thought for the Day” on YouTube, that will be then posted on FaceBook and on our Parish Website.

Social Service

To date both the daily Lazarus Centre breakfast program, and the Social Enterprise coffee caravan, have continued to offer sustenance and hope to some of the poorest and most disadvantaged Melbournians. As of this week, in partnership with State Parliament, plans are also underway to expand the “Heaven at The Hill” coffee caravan services to include the distribution of frozen meals to those in isolation or recently made redundant.

Bookroom

Sadly our Bookroom also was forced to close to the public this week. Our Manager, Carol O’Connor, however, has now moved entirely into on-line sales; so please continue to support this key ministry of St Peter’s church.

May God bless you, dear St Peterites, as we together chart this new landscape that has been thrust upon us. In closing, a little story about seeds sown. The newest member of our ministry team is Fr Roger Prowd, who recently retired from full-time ministry. We had our weekly catch-up today, for the first time, by “Zoom” video conferencing. It was a bit of a challenge to us both, but we got there, and then had an inspiring conversation about how to continue to offer priestly ministry in this new environment. In closing, Fr Roger read me a most beautiful poem from the mystic Rumi. He read from what he calls his “Day Book”; a collection of readings he’s gathered over his years of priestly ministry. If we had met in the old way, in person, at the Vicarage, I don’t think I’d have heard about Fr Roger’s “Day Book” or received the poem. So, now, as a result of the new era we find ourselves in, I can pass it on to you, as we all prepare for Sunday, for the Mass (albeit virtual) and for a future that may be uncertain, but which will surely be filled with an abundant harvest of God’s grace and love.

“A Wished-For Song” by Rumi (1207-73)

You are song, a wished-for song.
Go through the ear to the centre,
where the sky is, where wind,
where silent knowing.
Put seeds and cover them.
Blades will sprout
where you do your work.

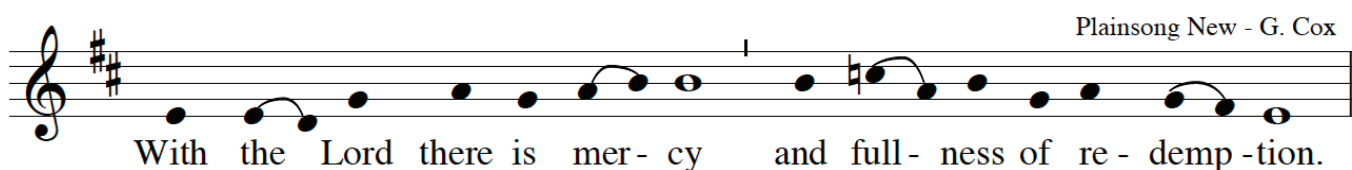
MASS READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14

Thus says the Lord God: “I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,”

Psalm : 130.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7b-8

Plainsong New - G. Cox



With the Lord there is mer- cy and full- ness of re - demp - tion.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

R.

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

R.

I wait for the Lord,

my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning.

R.

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

R.

Second Reading: Romans 8.8-11

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is

in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel: John 11.1-45

The sisters of Lazarus sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard this, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." Jesus was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Marja Barouh, Margaret Brown, Joe Butscher PRIEST, Hanne Christiansen, Alice McCraith, Grace James, Lyn Nicholas, Tania Burdick, Allan Rei, Evelina Thornton, Paul Wheelton, Rosemary Wilcox, and George.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Chris Bennie, Tania Burdick, John Crocker, Don Edgar PRIEST, 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: Victims of the COVID-19 virus,

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun 29 John Keble PRIEST, Patrick O'Connor, John Lindsay Pierce,
Helen Smith

Mon 30 Patrick Francis Gooley

Tue 31 Elena Irene Gunston

Wed 1 Ida Beatrice Anderson, Olive Vera Duggan,
Charles Edward Hays, Audrey May Pennington

Thu 2 Lewis Radford BISHOP, Janet Margaret Petty

Fri 3 Sister Bridget csc, Ethel Crotty

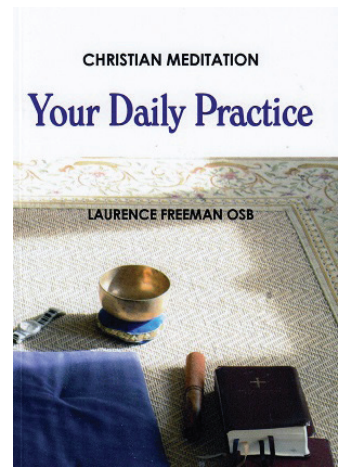
Sat 4 Helen Gilbert, Geva Elizabeth Weigall MacMillan,
Gilbert Williams PRIEST

ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

Dear Parishioners and friends of St Peter's,

The Bookroom is still open behind closed doors.

This week spiritual writer Richard Rohr, quoted another great spiritual thinker Henri Nouwen: "Hope frees us to live in the present, with the deep trust that God will never leave us." At the beginning of Lent, parishioner Roland Ashby started up meditation groups here at St Peter's. Meditation is prayer. And to go to the place of prayer, that Upper Room where we sense self-isolation in God, is to enter that place of deep trust that God will never leave us. One of the little books which Roland recommended is *Christian Meditation: Your Daily Practice* by Laurence Freeman OSB. This small book can be a tool for helping you find that Upper Room at this time.



It covers topics such as What is Prayer? Christian Tradition of Meditation, The Practice, and Progress: 'The Journey.' Laurence Freeman bases his practice on John Main, who was 'an invaluable guide into the deeper spiritual life... of the Christian tradition of meditation.'

Christian Meditation: Your Daily Practice is \$9.95. If you would like it posted out to you the price will be \$13-, anywhere in Australia. Please phone the Bookroom, or send me an email. God Bless you. Carol

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 th 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 rd Saturday of the month)

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Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
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	Fr Don Edgar	0418 967 829
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	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr David Peake	0412 299 839
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Daniel Ferguson
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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".*