

WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



Friedrich Ludy, "Christ Denounces the Scribes and Pharisees" (1843)

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
29TH AUGUST 2021

O God, whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life: transform and renew our minds that we may not be conformed to this world but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WEEKLY MUSINGS

As Victorians retreat into our homes once again to face another bout of extended lockdown, I feel it is easier to do so compared to a year ago when we were raw to government-imposed solitary confinement. The great 17th-century French philosopher Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), one of my spiritual heroes, wrote about faith in a highly tumultuous time after the thirty years war where Europe had descended into brutality and chaos where Christians butchered each other over doctrinal differences. Despite the challenging and often uncertain times of violence, Pascal wrote of his unwavering belief in the Christian faith, he wrote that Christianity presented us with the finest study of human nature; why and how we behave the way we do and what can be done to remedy the human condition. Amongst many of his great writing is one of my favourites: “All of humanity's problems stem from man's inability to sit quietly in a room alone.”

Pascal pointed out that human beings fear the silence of existence, we dread boredom and instead choose aimless distraction. Pascal coined the term “Deviation”. Instead of dealing with the great question of does God exist? Who am I? Why am I here, heaven and hell, where am I going? The purpose of my life? All the great questions of life; we seek out “Deviations” to comfort our minds.

Yesterday, I saw two joggers jog pass the parish, as they jogged pass the corner of our street, they retracted their steps, turned around and shouted at the Wayside Crucifix: “The city is dead God, is this your will!” They are clearly frustrated and so are many Victorians. A study in the USA revealed that most people dislike being in a room alone for more than fifteen minutes. Some would rather give themselves a mild electric shock than to sit alone and practise holding the presence. My unasked question to the two joggers: “Is frustration your only reaction at this time?” Or perhaps we could use this Covid imposed über monasticism to sit quietly in our home and ponder the deeper Pascalian questions? Or perhaps to reach out and wrestle with God like Jacob did in the Bible and receive a new identity when we emerge from this Lockdown?

Xeverie Swee

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Due to the latest pandemic lock-down public worship is not currently permitted; but we warmly invite you to join us online for Mass, live-streamed to FaceBook and YouTube.

MASS SETTING: *Service for the Office of Holy Communion, E.C. Bairstow (1874-1946)*

The sacred ministers process to the altar steps; the celebrant then censes the altar.

INTROIT

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I have called out to you all the day; for you, O Lord, are good and forgiving and plenteous in mercy to all who call upon you. Vs. Incline your ear, O Lord, and hear me, for I am needy and poor. Glory be etc.

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.**

The celebrant chants the collect for purity.

The cantor sings:

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**, Lord have mercy

The celebrant 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.

The Gloria.

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at

the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the + glory of God the Father. Amen.

The celebrant chants the collect of the day. Please then be seated for the readings.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-8 *read by Eugene Chin*

Moses spoke to the people; he said: “So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

“You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?”

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

PSALM 15 *led by the cantor, please join in the refrain.*



O Lord, who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue. **R.**

Those who do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the Lord. **R.**

Those who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved. **R.**

JAMES 1.17-18, 21-22, 27 read by *Eugene Chin*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Please stand.

GRADUAL

Timebunt gentes nomen tuum,
Domine, et omnes reges terrae gloriam
tuam.

*The nations shall fear your name, O Lord,
and all the kings of the earth your glory.*

ALLELUIA

P. Carmody

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Celebrant:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

+ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?”

Jesus said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. “For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. “All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”


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

Homily: Fr Hugh Kempster

After the homily there is a short time of silent prayer.

Please stand for the Credo.

Celebrant *All*

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We be - lieve in one God, the Fa - ther, the al - might - y,

mak - er of hea - ven and earth, of all that is,
 seen and un - seen. We be - lieve in
 one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God,
 e - ter - nal - ly be - got - ten of the Fa - ther,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 be - got - ten, not made, of one be - ing with the Fa - ther;
 through him all things were made. For us and for
 our sal - va - tion he came down from hea - ven,
 and was in - car - nate of the ho - ly Spi - rit
 and the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and be - came tru - ly hu - man.
 For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;
 he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain

in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven
 and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a - gain in glo - ry
 to judge the liv - ing and the dead and his king - dom will have no end.
 We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life,
 who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son, who with the Fa - ther and the
 Son is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied, who has spok - en through the pro - phets.
 We be - lieve in one, ho - ly, cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church.
 We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the for - give - ness of sins.
 We look for the re - sur - rect - ion of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. A - - -
 - - - men.

All kneel for the Prayers of the People, led by Eugene Chin. After each petition:
 Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the intercessions:

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.

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

O Lord, look down in order to help me; let them be covered with confusion and shame, who seek after my soul to take it away.

MOTET: *Sheep may safely graze (from Cantata 208), Bach (1685-1750)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 Church.

Celebrant:

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, leading to ...

Celebrant: . . . forever praising you and saying:
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.
+ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

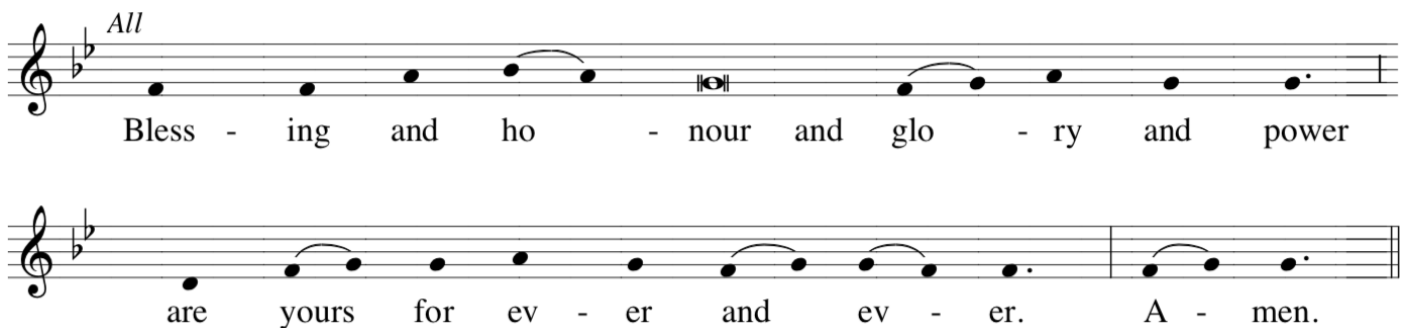
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Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:

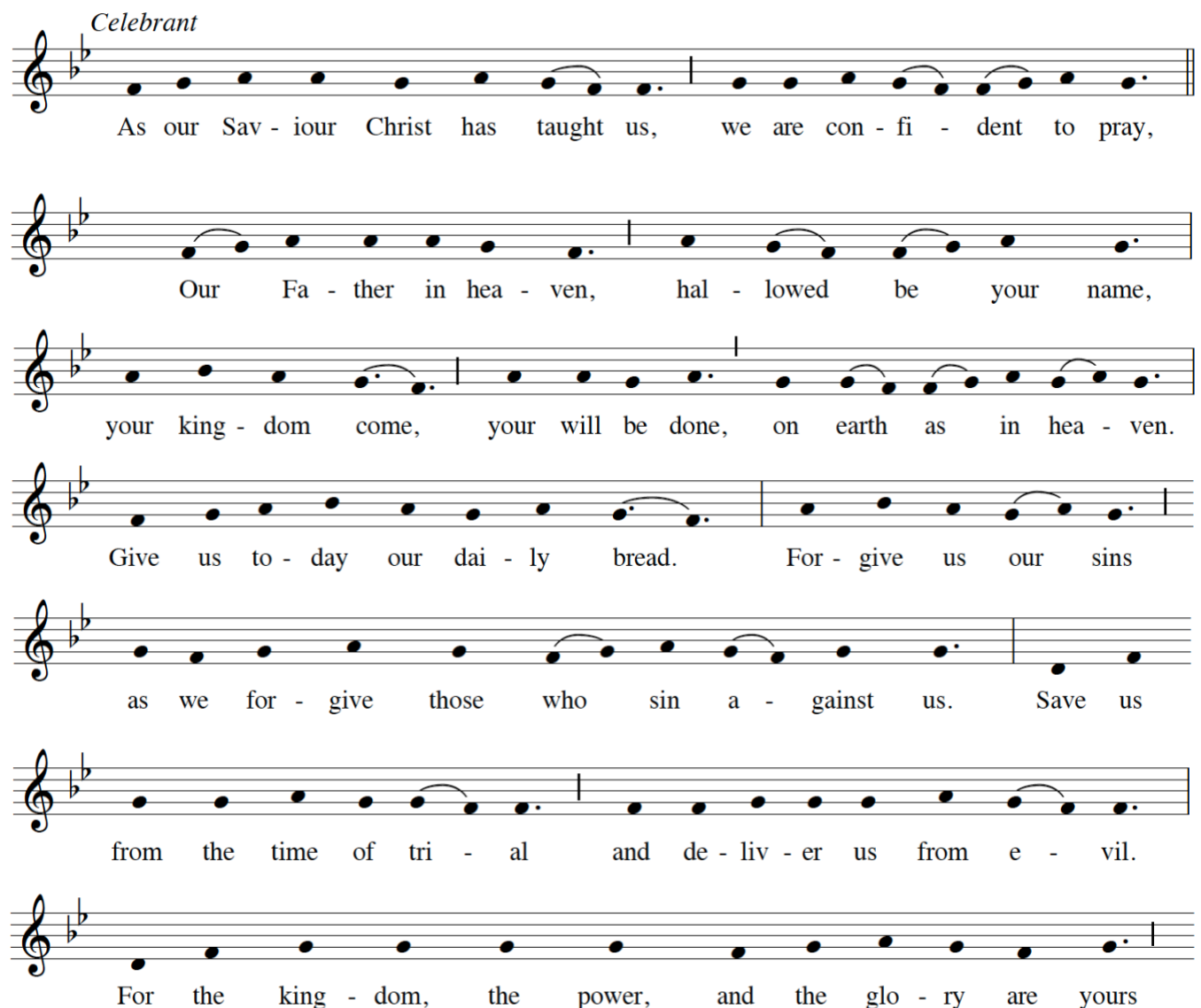
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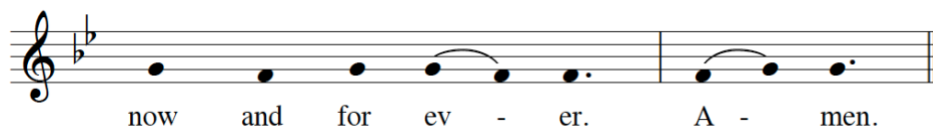
Bless - ing and ho - nour and glo - ry and power
are yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

All chant the Lord's Prayer:

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



Celebrant:

We who are many are one body. **For we all share in the one bread.**

All remaining kneeling. The cantor leads:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Celebrant:

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION

The Sacrament is shared.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Lord, I will make mention of thy righteousness only: thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now : forsake me not in mine old age, O God, when I am grey headed.

At the conclusion of the communion of the people, there is a time of silent prayer.

SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The celebrant chants 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 a blessing and dismisses the congregation:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Postlude: *iv. Allegro Impetuoso from Six Short Pieces for Organ*, H. Howells (1892-1983)

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, Kate Castle, David Curtis, Wendy Hancock, Siew Hung, Russell Kennedy, Roman Kerr, Tim McKew, Martin Moran, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Liz Prideaux, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, Judy Ryles, John Small, Ronald Stroud, Michael Upson, Paul Wheelton & Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, David Bornstein, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Rhonda Graham, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Alice McCraith, Mary Montague, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Robin Page, Jenny Sasse, John Stewart BISHOP, Margaret Sutherland, Ian Thornton, Barbara Ure-Smith & Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Judith Austin

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun 29th Alan Frank Cooke, Annie Drysdale, Harold Williams

Mon 30th Alfred Leslie Bennett, Gerald Sharpe BISHOP

Tue 31st Elizabeth Hargreaves, Helga Johanna Westwood

Wed 1st Nellie Champion, Sister Elizabeth CHN, May Grant, Eileen Scott, Eric Llewellyn Williams

Thu 2nd Peter Huxley, Ivan James, Molly Low, Mary Perry, Liz Tanner

Fri 3rd Elsie Braggs, Gerald Goodenough, Ivy Hannaford, Florence Madigan

Sa 4th Arthur Court, Edna Freeman

Vaccination Hub for International Students

Thursday, 2 September 9am to 11.30am

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Friday, 8 October 9am to 11.30am

[St Peter's Eastern Hill](#), in Partnership with St Vincent's Hospital, is offering vaccinations for international students on our East Melbourne site.

No appointment is necessary; please bring your student identification and IHI.

Places are limited so please email:

alae.taulealo@rmit.edu.au to register your interest.

Students will be able to access both Pfizer and Astra Zeneca.

[St Peter's is located in East Melbourne](#) at the corner of Gisborne and Albert Sts. To access the site, enter via the driveway entrance in Albert St.

Getting your vaccine is one of the five authorised reasons to leave your home during Stage 4 restrictions, even if you live more than 5km from the place you get vaccinated.



St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplies

Though our doors on Gisborne St are closed, we are still open for Mail Orders and Click and Collect! Look on website for lots of interesting and stimulating books, gorgeous cards and gift items. You can stay within your 5km radius and still find that special, beautiful gift for someone you hold dear in your life.

A Time to Speak by Ray Cleary. \$19.95



A Time to Speak by Ray Cleary is a challenge to the churches in Australia to recover their prophetic voice; to engage with Australian society and systems, to reflect on the tradition of the ancient prophets in Israel and the teachings of Jesus, calling people to care for one another, putting the other before the self.

Four Suggested Titles to Read During Lockdown 6!

Dear parishioners and friends at St Peter's,

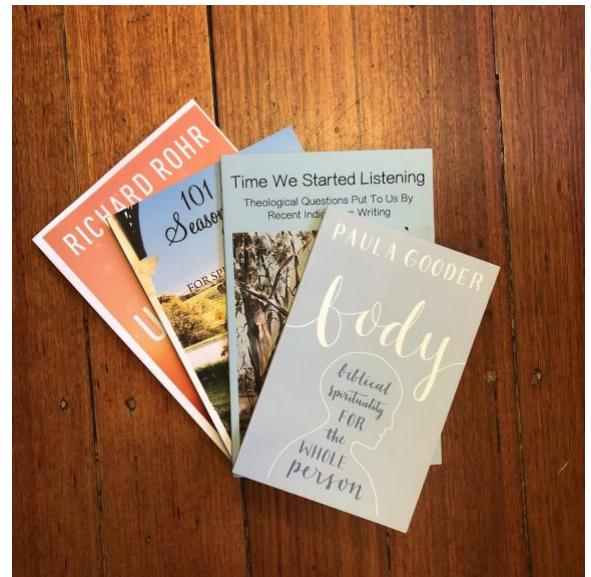
Are you looking for some more good Lockdown reading? Here are four titles the Bookroom recommends.

I am delighted to note that two of them are by Anglican clergy writers from Victoria: Duncan Reid and Graham Knott. Fellow Anglican priest, writer and Indigenous painter, Glenn Loughrey describes Duncan Reid's work *Time We Started Listening* (**\$24.95**) as

possessing that urgently needed capacity to see through the eyes of the other - to be in that place of intersection between Aboriginality and the European way of seeing.

Graham Knott's 101 Seasonal Reflections for Spiritual Growth (**\$22-**) offers stories and reflections that can be equally shared online or enjoyed alone in quiet times of contemplation.

Paula Gooder's book *Body* (**\$29.95**) has been out since 2016 but still provides a relevant and necessary critique on the Apostle Paul's theology of the body. Scholarly crafted, pastorally sensitive and eloquently written. Finally, Franciscan Friar and Catholic Priest, Richard Rohr's book *The Universal Christ* (**\$32.95**) from 2019 reminds that in this world Christ is to be found in each person we meet and that we are surrounded by the sacred. It's a work not based on theological technical thinking, but one more drawing the reader to grow in spiritual insight and wonder into the nature of our Christian God.



BOOK FAIR

Due to the continuing serious nature of the Covid19 pandemic and the unpredictable timing of Lockdowns, we have decided it is in all our best interests to postpone the Book Fair until March next year.

The Book Fair will now be on **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March 2022.**

If any parishioner has storage facilities for our ever-growing numbers of books, please contact Carol in the Bookroom at bookroom@stpeters.org.au

Looking very much forward to our 2022 Autumn Book Fair!

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Sunday Service (during lock-down)

10.30 am Mass – live-streamed on FaceBook and YouTube

Weekday Services (during lock-down)

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays) – live-streamed on FaceBook

Saturday Mass with Devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham (3rd Sat. of the month) – live-streamed on FaceBook

Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm – live-streamed on FaceBook

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welcoming Church, built on the
lands of the Wurundjeri people.
Our mission is: "Catholic
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love".*

