

WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



“Christ Healing a Deaf and Dumb Man”, Domenico Maggioletto (1712-1794)

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
5TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Almighty and everlasting God, increase our faith, hope, and love, and, that we may receive all you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

WEEKLY MUSINGS

It is with very mixed feelings that I write my Musings this week. I have big news! Last week I accepted a letter of offer to serve as Senior Chaplain to Melbourne Grammar School, from January 2022. The position is for a year, to cover Fr Hans Christiansen's Long Service Leave. I will therefore postpone my own planned 2022 Long Service Leave so as to assist the School, and Fr Hans, in this way.

My last Sunday at St Peter's will be La Trobe Sunday, 5th December 2021. Whilst the prospect of returning to chaplaincy in one of Australia's leading schools is both exciting and daunting, I am also feeling a deep sense of grief as I prepare to leave St Peter's; my home, workplace and spiritual home for nearly 10 years.

These past years, since my Induction on Thursday 19th April 2012, have been very demanding at times. I've had to dig deep, and in God's grace draw on all the expertise and experience of more than 30 years working professionally in the Church. There have been times, I must confess, of pulling out what little hair is left on my head! St Peterites are passionate about their beloved church - as they should be - and they fight hard to preserve its traditions and legacy. But even flagship shrine churches like St Peter's are shaped by the zeitgeist and must adapt to the times.

We now have priests who are women regularly assisting in the celebration of the Mass. I certainly didn't sign up to being a TV evangelist when I was ordained, but over the past 18 months the St Peter's ministry team has well and truly moved on-line, providing numerous creative ways of keeping connected as a parish in these times of pandemic. Building on a proud tradition of social service since the nineteenth century, the fledgling St Peter's Social Enterprise has not only survived 200+ days of lockdown, but is truly flourishing, serving the needs of Melbourne's poorest and opening up employment pathways for the jobless. And the list goes on.

I hope to see you in person at church sooner rather than later, and that my farewell in three months will not be solely to a live-stream camera. But such are these times, and we all do the best we can. Hard as it is in these times, do keep in touch.

Fr Hugh Kempster

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: *A Community Mass, R. Proulx (1937-2010)*

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

INTROIT

You are righteous, O Lord, and right is your judgement; deal with this servant of yours according to your mercy.

Vs. Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. 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:

Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>
Christe eleison	<i>Christ have mercy</i>
Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>

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.

Gloria in excelsis Deo	<i>Glory to God in the highest,</i>
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.	<i>And on earth peace to men of good will,</i>
Laudamus te,	<i>We praise you,</i>
benedicimus te,	<i>We bless you,</i>
adoramus te,	<i>We adore you,</i>

glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam
gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu:
+ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen

*We glorify you.
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father,
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the Sins of the world,
have mercy on us,
You take away the Sins of the world,
receive our prayer
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
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 chants the collect of the day. Please then be seated for the readings.

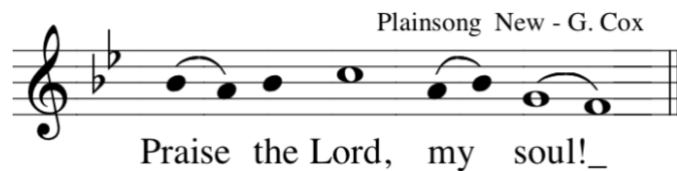
THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 35.4-7 *read by Eugene Chin*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

PSALM 146 *led by the cantor, please join in the refrain.*



It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free. **R.**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind
and lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous
and watches over the strangers. **R.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations. **R.**

JAMES 2.1-5 *read by Eugene Chin*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

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

Please stand.

GRADUAL

Beata gens, cujus est Dominus Deus
eorum: populus, quem elegit Dominus
in hereditatem sibi.

*Verbo Domini caeli firmatisunt : et spiritu oris
eius omnis virtus eorum.*

ALLELUIA

P. Carmody

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

THE GOSPEL

Celebrant:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (7.31-37)

+ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Returning from the region of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a man who was deaf and who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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*

v 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.**

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.

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

I prayed to my God, I Daniel, and I said : “Hearken, O Lord, unto the prayers of your servant, and cause your face to shine upon your sanctuary; look with forgiveness upon this nation over whom your name has been invoked, O God.”

MOTET: *Laudate Dominum*, W. A. Mozart. Williams (1756-1791)

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.

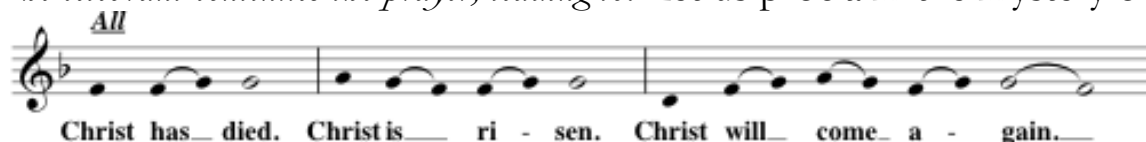
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to ...

Celebrant: ...forever praising you and saying:

<i>Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus</i>	Holy, holy, holy
<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	God of power and might,
<i>Pleni sunt caeli et terra</i>	heaven and earth are full
<i>gloria tua.</i>	of your glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.
<i>+ Benedictus qui venit</i>	+ Blessed is he who comes
<i>in nomine domini.</i>	in the name of the Lord
<i>Hosanna in excelsis</i>	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:

All

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
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. The cantor leads:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

*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, 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

Vovete, et reddite Domino Deo vestro,
omnes qui in circuitu ejus affertis
munera : terribili, et ei qui aufert
spiritum principum: terribili apud
omnes reges terræ.

*Make vows unto the Lord your God, and
accomplish them, all you who gather around
him to present offerings; to the awesome God
who takes away the life of princes; he is greatly
feared by all the kings of the earth.*

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: *Fugue in C minor (BWV 537)*, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, Kate Castle, David Curtis, Wendy Hancock, 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 Montagu, 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:

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

- Sun 5th Stanley Shenton Gordon, Pamela Newman, Paul Trood
- Mon 6th Sarah Bradshaw, Kathleen Deasey, Jacquelyn Farrer, Mary Stringer, Emily Stodart, Reginald Harold Wray
- Tue 7th Isabella Corlass, Louis Crooks, William Lee, Florence Eileen O'Hanlon, Alice Wheeler
- Wed 8th Frank Anderson, Emma Balderson, Margaret Béchervaise, Albert Carne, Desmond Deasey, Margaret Jennings, Edward Bouverie Pusey
PRIEST
- Thu 9th David Andrew Hooper, Maud Saunders, Jean Dorothy, Noelle Sinclair
- Fri 10th -
- Sat 11th Wui Hin Chiunh, Mother Esther CHN, Gwendoline Sarah Hollis, William May

INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE NEWS

From the Parish representatives on the Incumbency Committee

Sunday 26th September 2021

With Fr Hugh now in his tenth and final year as Vicar of St Peter's Eastern Hill, preliminary meetings of the Incumbency Committee's three elected members, Stephen Duckett (Wardens), Carol O'Connor (People) and Craig Wilson (People) have occurred to discuss the process and start a search for possible candidates.

On 28 July, the members met with our Regional Bishop, Bishop Genieve Blackwell, to clarify the membership of the committee and the process to be followed.

The full membership of the Incumbency Committee is Bishop Genieve, Archdeacon Heather Patacca, our three elected members (above), a clerical consultant and a lay consultant to be nominated from respective panels held by the Diocese. Prior to formally convening the Incumbency Committee, Bishop Genieve asked that a Parish Profile be prepared, and this is well advanced.

The Bishop also asked that a Parish consultation meeting occur between the Archdeacon and the congregation. The purpose of the meeting is to invite the congregation to express its views in looking to the future of St Peter's.

Once the Incumbency Committee has agreed on a short list of candidates, the Bishop approaches the candidates to determine whether they wish to be considered. CVs are received and typically three or four candidates are interviewed over a short period of time. A list of questions and clear assessment criteria are prepared beforehand.

Throughout the process the names of candidates understandably must remain confidential to the Committee.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the process with one of us, please feel free to do so. Similarly, if you have names you'd like to put forward as possibilities, please let any one of us know.

The members of the Incumbency Committee look for your prayerful support throughout the process and suggest this prayer for guidance:

*God of Grace, you judge your people with wisdom and rule us with love.
Give a spirit of understanding to the members of the incumbency committee
that they may make wise decisions
that will give glory to you and be a blessing to your people.
God of all Wisdom, you are our eternal shepherd and guide.
In your mercy grant your Parish of St Peter a shepherd after your own heart
who will walk in your ways and with loving care watch over your people,
that your name may be glorified.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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.

Have you seen our website: 'Cat and Mouse Good Quality Used Books for Sale'?

During this time of Lockdown, we have decided to clear some space and advertise a number of second hand books at only \$5 each. **There is limited stock available - mostly one of each title only - so it's first come, first served.** We aim to regularly update the page. Keep your eye open on the Cat and Mouse page for hidden treasures! Don't miss out.



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 our 2022 Autumn Book Fair!

St Peter's Bookroom, 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne 3002
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Office Hours: 10am to 2pm, Tuesday – Friday

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

Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
ASLM:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Associate Clergy:	Fr Hans Christiansen	03 9662 2391
	Mthr Pirrial 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
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

Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
Cell of O.L.O.W:	Eleanor Newton	03 9662 2391
Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
COVID Safe & Child		
Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
Churchwardens:	Stephen Duckett (Vicar)	0447 837 741
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
	Daniel Ferguson (People)	03 9662 2391
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 lands of the Wurundjeri people. Our mission is: "Catholic Evangelism: Growing in God's love".

