

Welcome to
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL
Diocese of Melbourne - Anglican Church of Australia
Parish Church of the City since 1846



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

1 JANUARY 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass

(Traditional Language in the Handfield Chapel)

9.30am FAMILY MASS

11.00am HIGH MASS

7.00PM JANUARY 1ST NINE LESSON & CAROLS

[The carol service replaces our usual 6pm Low Mass and/or Evensong tonight.]

WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday in the Handfield Chapel.

This is also live streamed on Facebook.

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Cheryl Duff, Andrew Sinn, Joan Small. Lloyd Bunting, Michael Bundy, Sarah Dowe, Garnet Johnson, John Hall, Michael Messina, Greg Hocking, Rob Whalley, Helen Drummond, Bp John Parkes

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Mary Montague, Terrence Hanlon, Jeremy Ashton Bishop,

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

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| Jan | 1 | Frank McKinnon Bladin, James Corden, Keith Young |
| | 2 | Zoltan Ference Noel, John Randell |
| | 3 | Mary Bethell, Lois Hilda Callinan,
Constance Carleton, Arthur Dineen, Gloria Fezzoli, Bradley Harris |
| | 4 | Kevin Buck, Guy Colman COX <small>PRIEST</small> , Bill Emberson,
Elizabeth Garrett, Edith Heap |
| | 5 | Frances Edith Digby Bennie, (Rick) Dick Boerhout,
Wed Eggington, Roy Green, Florence Warde, Agnes Winifred <small>CHN</small> |
| | 6 | Marjorie Bucknell, Enid Carr, Jennifer Gibbs, Thu Kugelman,
Sarah Ann Lumsden |
| | 7 | Esther Halliday, Peter Rickards <small>PRIEST</small> ,
Alma Evelyn Seddon, Fri Grace Steinhauser |

Please contact Fr Greg at the Parish Office or email office@stpeters.org.au to have names added to the sick list. They will remain on our prayer list for one month unless requested to be extended.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.

Mass setting: Missa SS Familiae – Griesbacher (1864-1922)

Entrance Hymn at 9.30am & Processional Hymn at 11.00am.

(There will be a station at the Lady Chapel.)

At 11.00am the Deacon sings: Let us proceed in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen

NEH 21

**A great and mighty wonder,
A full and holy cure!
A Virgin bears the Infant
With virgin-honour pure.**

Refrain:

**Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men!'**

**The Word becomes incarnate
And yet remains on high!
And Cherubim sing anthems
To shepherds from the sky. [Refrain]**

**While thus they sing your Monarch,
Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
Ye oceans clap your hands. [Refrain]**

**Since all he comes to ransom,
By all be he adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em,
The Saviour and the Lord. [Refrain]**

**All idols forms shall perish,
And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield his sceptre,
Our Lord and God for ay. [Refrain]**

9.30am Family Mass begins on page 4

The celebrant censes the altar during the Introit.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels

V. I will extol you, O Lord, for you have upheld me, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

I rejoice heartily...

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 Confession is said followed by the Absolution.

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.

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all
who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyries are sung at 9.30am by the people and sung by the choir at 11.00am.

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

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

O God, who through the Blessed Virgin Mary
bestowed on the human race
the grace of eternal salvation,
grant, we pray,
that we may experience the intercession of her,
through whom we were found worthy
to receive the author of life,
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Numbers 6.22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,

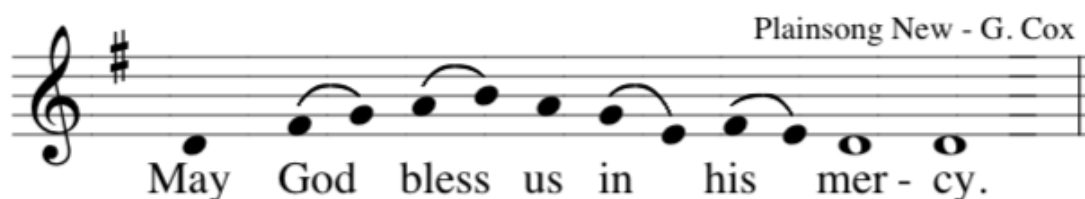
“Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.’ “So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

The Psalm is led by the cantor and the response is sung by all.



May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you. **R.**

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Galations 4.4-7. *chanted by the Sub-Deacon at 11.00am*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galations.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now God speaks to us through the Son.

Deacon:

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [2.16-21]

✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Greg Davies

Please stand for the Creed.

[A copy of the music for 11am Sung Creed is available at the back of the church.]

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel. 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. Celebrant:

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 ANTIPHON [*Sung by the choir at 11 am*]

Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Please join in the offertory hymn.

Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 Holy Church.

The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

At 9.30am the Sanctus is sung by the people. At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**


**+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

The following responses and prayers are sung.


All



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.


The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:

All

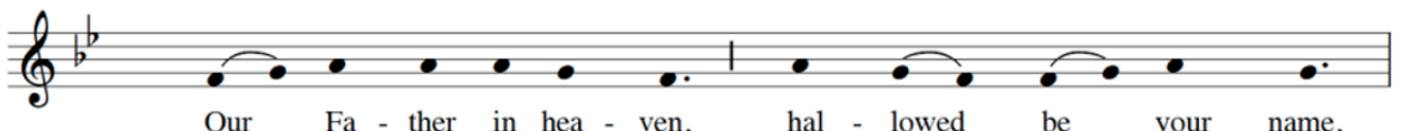


Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

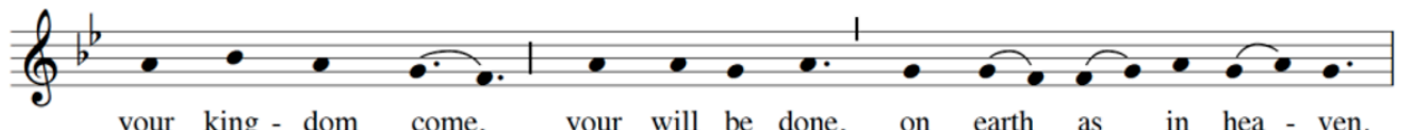
Celebrant




As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,



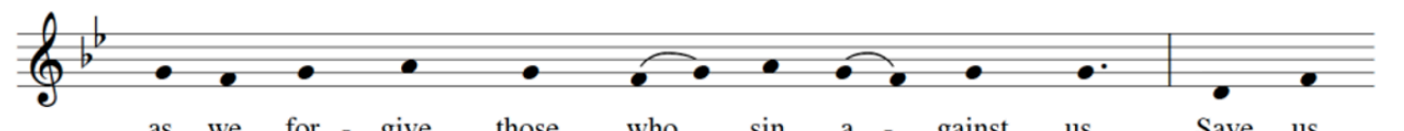
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,



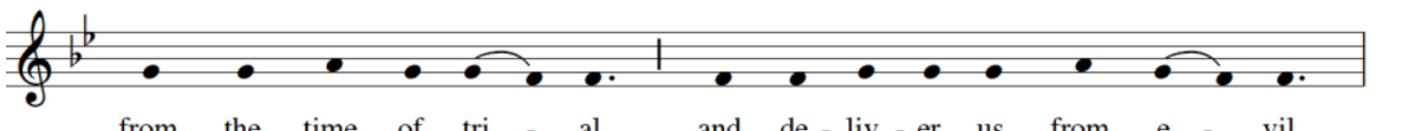
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.



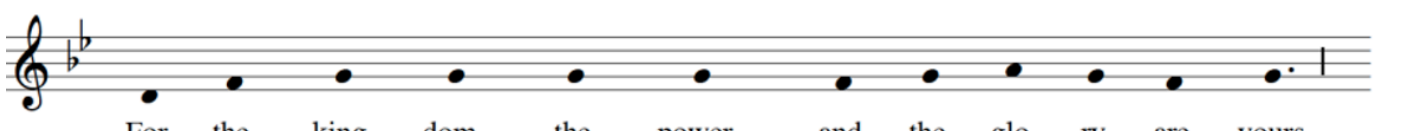
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins



as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us



from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.



For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours



now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant:

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

All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is said at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am.

**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,
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

The Celebrant recites silently the Communion Antiphon.

*Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament.
All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

COMMUNION MOTET *Sung by the choir at 11.00am*

The Shepherds' Farewell – Berlioz (1803-1869)

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 184

**Shall we not love thee, Mother dear,
Whom Jesus loves so well,
And to his glory year by year
Thy praise and honour tell?**

Thee did he choose from whom to take
True flesh, his flesh to be;
In it to suffer for our sake,
And by it make us free.

O wondrous depth of love divine,
That he should bend so low;
And, Mary, O what joy was thine
The Saviour's love to know.

Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
Yet thine the truer bliss,
In every thought and deed and word
To be for ever his.

Now in the realm of life above
Close to thy Son thou art,
While on thy soul glad streams of love
Flow from his sacred heart.

Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son,
Praise we thy Mother blest;
Grant when our earthly course is run,
Life with the saints at rest.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Celebrant sings 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.

Notices are given here.

The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

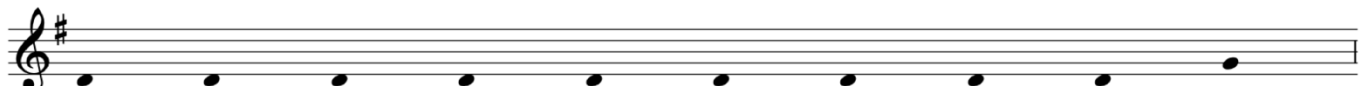
THE ANGELUS

At 11.00am only The Angelus is led and sung by the Celebrant.


The church bell rings three times during the recitation of the Hail Mary, and nine times during the final Collect.



The Angel of the Lord brought ti - dings to Mary: **And she conceived by the Ho - ly Ghost.**



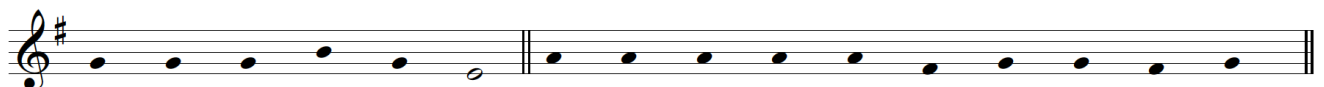
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,




Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



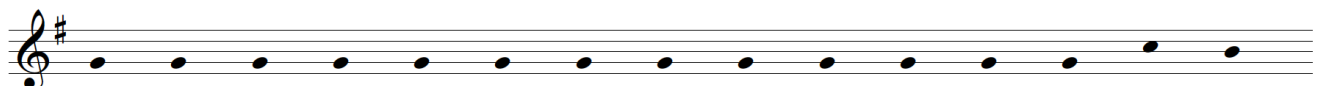
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



Behold the handmaid of the Lord: **Be it unto me ac - cord - ing to thy word.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,



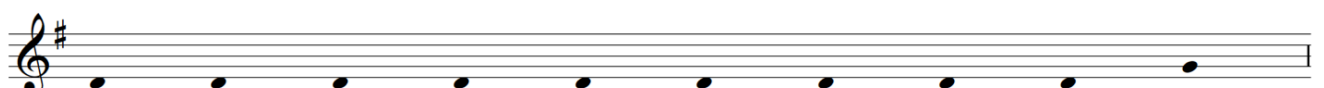
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:



Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.



And the Word was made flesh: **And dwelt a - mong us.**



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

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Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. We beseech thee O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.

Postlude: Ross Edwards (b. 1943) *Dawn Canticle*

If you are a new parishioner, or a visitor to St Peter's, please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door as you leave the church. All are welcome for refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

Readings for The Baptism of Our Lord [Jan 8th] are:
Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17

NOTICES

[See page 19 for Weekly Reflections]

Friday January 6th – Feast of the Epiphany
High Mass at 7.00pm

Please note: Over the next two weeks Musica Viva will be using the hall for rehearsals. The Parish Office will be closed from January 3rd to 10th. Emails will be attended to as soon as possible. For anything urgent please contact Fr Michael.

St Peter's Bookroom

Visit us in our shop or on website to find that extra special book, gift or card for Christmas this year!

Beautiful Icon Calendars 2023 now still available!

<https://www.bookroom.stpeters.org.au>



*Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born Lord of all.
Charles Wesley*

St Peter's Bookroom
wishes all parishioners and friends
a very peaceful and joy filled
Christmas and New Year.

We are closed from midday Friday 23rd December and will reopen Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

THE ST PETER'S CHARITABLE FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2022

"St. Peter's Cares"

Dear Friends,

For over 30 years, St Peter's Eastern Hill has helped those in need.

Christmas is nearly here, and we need your help to:



1. continue our important work, feeding over 500 a week, every day of the year
2. provide some Christmas cheer and dignity to those who have nothing - Christmas hampers and a good Christmas lunch
3. offer training, employment and assistance whenever possible to our clients
4. employ a social worker to provide critical support services to those in need.

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

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Please give as generously as you can

online: <https://www.spehcf.com.au/support-the-foundation>

Or contact the Parish Administrator to organise a donation over the phone: 03 9662 2391

Krystyna Campbell-Pretty, Foundation Chair & Fr Michael Bowie Vicar

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

From Carol O'Connor

John Rutter's choral setting for the blessing from the book of Numbers, *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*, hold harmonies that echo emotions of sadness as well as joy. The music enhances the task inherent in all blessings, which is to bear witness to the holiness of God; seek to make people more who they are meant to be.

The Eastern Orthodox Church uses the title *Theotokos* as its chosen name for Mary. It means God Bearer, the one who gave birth to God, Mother of God. When prayed with in the Christian icon tradition, the *Theotokos* is more than a visual aid. It is a window into the sacred.

When we bless, or name something as holy, we are acknowledging a liminal space: here is a window opening, inviting us to go deeper, to move closer towards, or to wait and receive from God. Blessings, like Christian icons, are vehicles of remembering, of thanksgiving; we honour and we also acknowledge. They are also reminders of the homeliness, as well as the strangeness of God.

The Nativity Play for the Children's Service we held here at St Peter's on Christmas Eve opened with the narrator's invitation for everyone present to 'imagine the stars in the sky, the countless constellations of the Milky Way, the grandeur of the sprawling universe. And in the corner of it, a little planet called Earth.' The first character who entered the stage space in front of the altar was a young woman in her home – Mary. So the nativity story is set: the amazing transcendent God of aeons of ages and infinite constellations, and this one woman, 'nothing particularly remarkable about', but whom 'to God was very important.' One woman, who in seeing herself to be a servant of God, becomes the very way God chose to enter a new way of being in the world through His Son.

We stand at the beginning of a new year. May our pilgrimage over the coming months be one where we are kept close to the knowledge of a God who yearns to draw near us. And may we each become more who we are meant to be because of this great blessing. May we be vehicles of healing, of challenge and bearers of peace in our world. And when we feel lost or the road gets terribly bumpy, may we turn and remember Mary, *Theotokos*, God Bearer, ever faithful to Jesus.

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Sunday Services

8.00am Low Mass [BCP]; 9:30am Family Mass; 11.00am High Mass
6pm Low Mass [1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays] 6pm Evensong & Benediction [2nd & 4th Sundays]

Weekday Services

Mon-Fri Mass at 8.00am (9.00am on Public Holidays); Wednesday 1:15pm Mass; Saturday 12noon Mass
Special Devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham on the 4th Saturday of the month
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6:15pm

Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Michael Bowie	0432 072 213
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	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
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Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
Cell of O.L.O.W:		
Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
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	Michael Gronow	0411 289 318
	(People's Wardens)	
	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033

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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:	Fr Greg Davies	03 9662 2391
Pastoral care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
Prayer Link & Pastoral:	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
Sacristan:	Naomi Johnson	03 9662 2391

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Peter Wild
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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".