

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



The Parable of the Hidden Treasure, Attributed to Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (1606-1669) and Gerrit Dou (1613-1675),

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field Matthew 13:44-46

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

30TH JULY 2023

WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language)

9.30am FAMILY MASS

11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2nd & 4th Sundays).

6.00pm Low Mass (1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

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

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK: Michael Messina, Judith Ryles, Charles Hardy, Sarah Dowe, Allie, Roger Boey, Rob Berryman, Susanne Marsden, Sue Tan, Christie and Shirley O'Connor, Terry Maher, Robert Saliba, Shirley Sinclair, Nelson Rufatt, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Fr Rob Whalley, Bp John Parkes.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED Pamela Vial, James King, Lallie Smith, Bruno Lezzi, Frances Joan Wellam, John Capp, Wendy Hudson Pr.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK

- July 30 James Hall, Thelma Paxton
31 Ethel Rust
1 Harriet Crowle, Leonard Harwood
2 Elizabeth Hannah Fisher, Barbara Ann Lewis, Sybil Heather Peters
3 Eunice Marion Edwards, Stanley Griffiths, Edith Handfield, Alan Hugo Hughes, Eunice Liddiard, Gertrude Martin
4 Ethel Jean Noisette, Margaret Olive Overheu
5 Amy Grace Dexter, Graham Joyson, Arthur John Payne

Please contact Eugene Chin 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: M. Grancini (1605-69) *Messa I à Quattro voci*

Introit Hymn: NEH 377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

At 11.00am the sanctuary party enters the chancel to prepare for the Asperges.

Cantor

All

Pu - ri - fy me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean:

wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow. Fine

Cantor

Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness:

All

ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces.

Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness:

Cantor

and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God:

All

Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now,

Repeat antiphon

and for e - ver. A - men.

The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant intones the responsory.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Please kneel

The Deacon 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.

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 and sung by the choir at 11.00am

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

Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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 prays the Collect.

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

1 Kings 3.5-12

A reading from the book of Kings.

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of

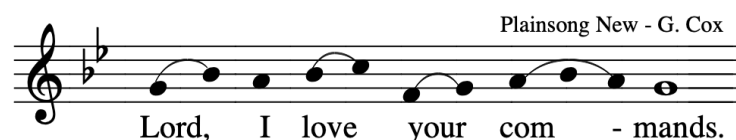
heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119



The Lord is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
The law of your mouth is better to me
than thousands of gold and silver pieces. **R.**

Let your steadfast love become my comfort
according to your promise to your servant.
Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;
for your law is my delight. **R.**

Truly I love your commandments more than gold,
more than fine gold.

Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts;
I hate every false way. **R.**

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple. **R.**

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8.26-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes* with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God,* who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit* intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.*

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good* for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.* ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

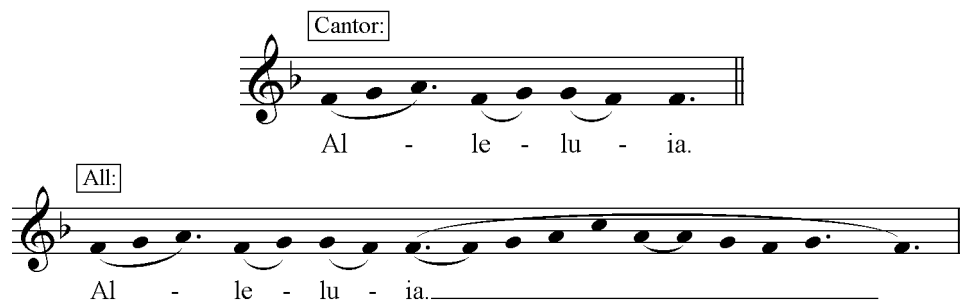
³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.* ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor:
Al - le - lu - ia.

All:
Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52**

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the disciples] another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

³³ He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with* three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’

⁴⁴ ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ ‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ ⁵²And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Michael Bowie

Please stand for the Creed.

[A copy of the music for the 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*]

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

Offertory hymn NEH 272 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!

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 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.

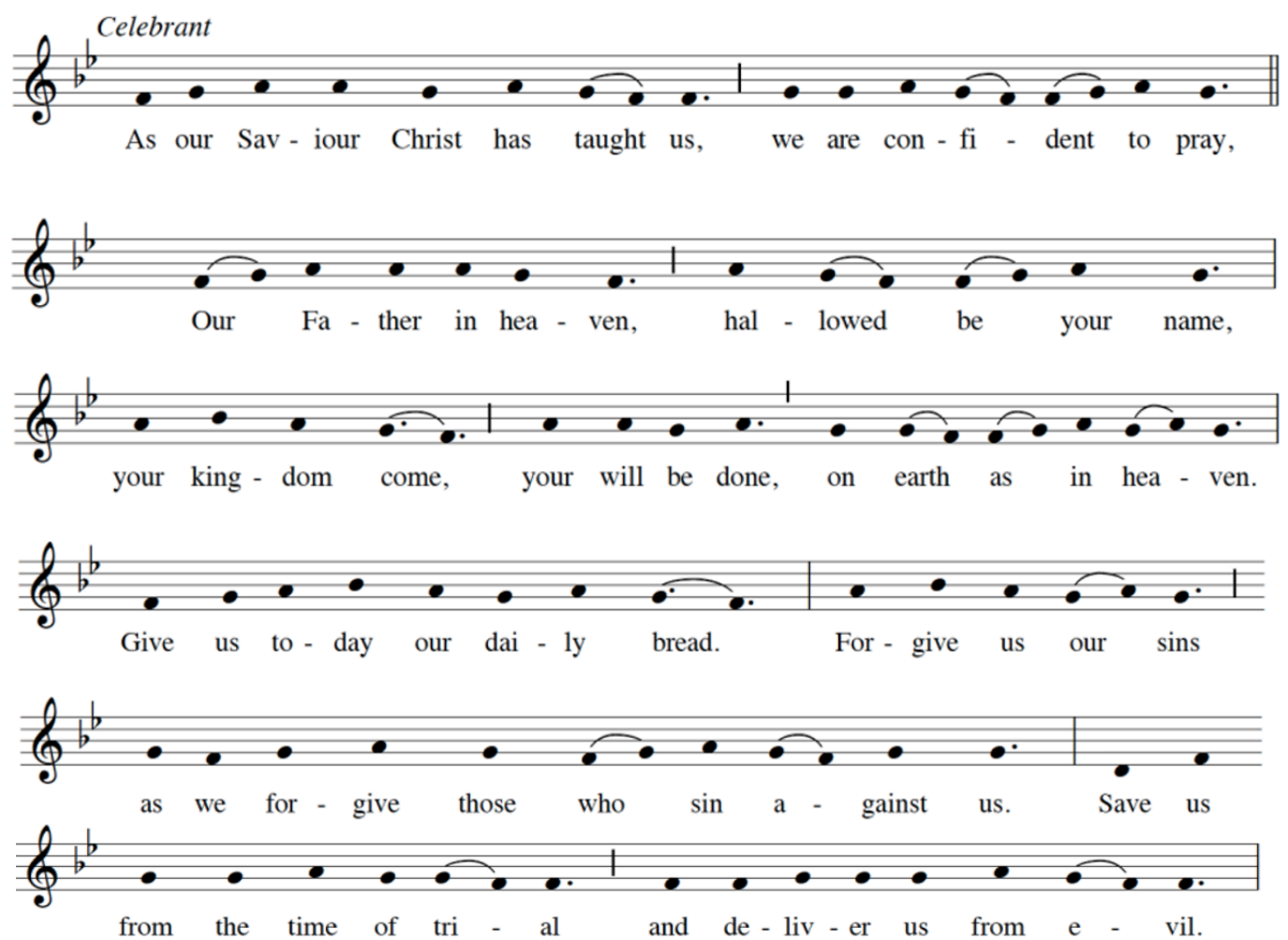
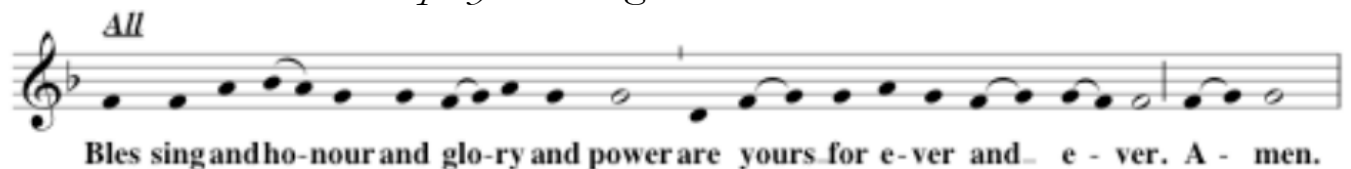
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+ Blessed is he that comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

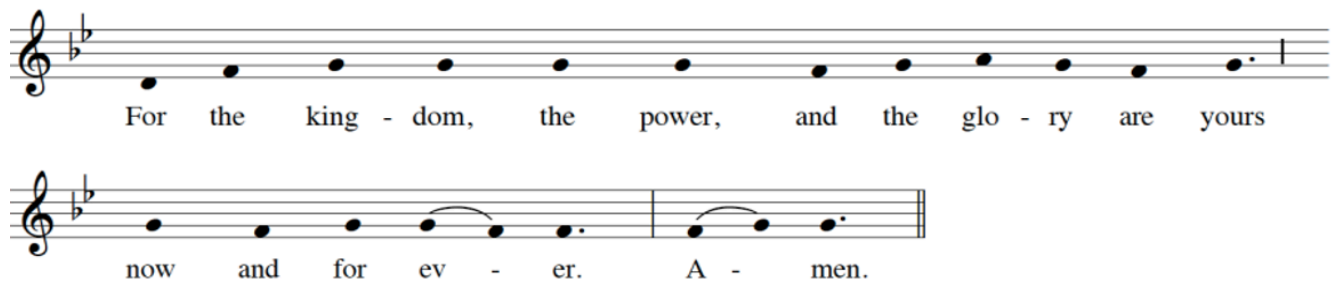
The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:





Celebrant:

We who are many are one body.

For we all share in the one bread.

All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

**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.

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.*

M. Dupre (1886-1971) *Ave Verum Corpus*

Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.

NEH 339 Be thou my vision

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.

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

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE ANGELUS

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,

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: J. S. Bach (1685-1750) *Prelude in G (BWV 550)*

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

August 6th The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Daniel 7.9–10, 13–14; Psalm 97; 2 Peter 1.16–19; Luke 9.28–36

NOTICES

For your Diary

Ethics of Health Care Funding – A Conversation and Book Launch (Wednesday 1 November 2023 4.00pm)

Our own Stephen Duckett will be having his book launch on this date, please go to Trybooking for more details and to book.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJGIE>



Wednesday August 9 from 6.30pm

Australian Welsh Male Choir Open Rehearsal

at The Crafty Squire, 127 Russell Street, Melbourne

Come along and join in the fun. No need to read music or speak Welsh! No previous singing experience needed. Remember, singing is good for your health. Call Larry on 0408 332 972, awmc.org.au

175th Anniversary Dinner

This year marks an important milestone in the history of the parish.

St Peter's Eastern Hill is celebrating its 175th birthday!

It is 175 years since the completion of the church and its dedication in 1848. This is a remarkable achievement and a cause for celebration.

On 25 August, we are holding an important dinner at the Melbourne Club to mark the occasion. All are invited.

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne Sally Capp is our guest of honour and numerous other dignitaries will be in attendance. Sally is very aware of the significance of the parish and this milestone and will briefly address us on the evening.

The invitation details can be found through <https://mailchi.mp/stpeters/st-peters-charitable-foundation-dinner-2023>

Bookings can be made via TryBooking through <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1091161>

Or contact Eugene in the parish office.

Aug 15th (Tuesday 7.00pm) - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 9th (10am – 4pm) – St Peter’s Bookroom Book Fair
September 10th (10am – 2pm) – St Peter’s Bookroom Book Fair
Nov 1st (Wednesday 7.00pm) - All Saints Day
Nov 2nd (Thursday 7pm) - All Souls
Nov 26th - Christ The King

Weekly Reflections

Reflections 30 July

Stephen Duckett

We’re reminded again in today’s gospel that the people who initially heard Jesus outline the key elements of the Way were from peasant and agrarian backgrounds. This week and in previous weeks we hear of mustard trees and making bread, of fields and fishing.

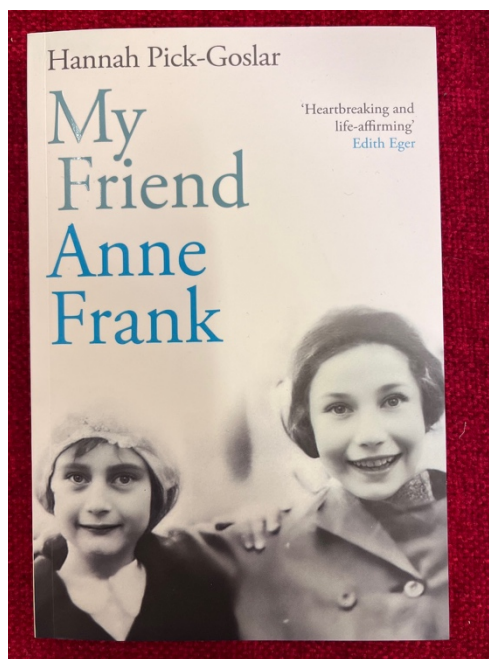
As I reflected on this, two things came to mind. Firstly, what is it that enabled a religion developed in that context to continue to have meaning in today’s very different environment? Secondly, what analogies may Jesus have used if speaking today: the kingdom of heaven is like a Wordle puzzle which can give great joy and can create a community? Not quite the same resonance I’m afraid.

But returning to the ongoing relevance. The Bible is a book that is in some senses obscure and needs interpretation. Paul’s letters – the source of much controversy – were acknowledged by the writer of 2 Peter to be ‘hard to understand’ (2 Peter 3:16). If only more people understood nuances, and that simplistic and literal is not good, and not the end of what God has to say to us today.

So the simplicity and clarity of expression we see allows our minds to wander, to think about what did it mean then? What does it mean now? What was the context when it was written, what is the context now when it is read? And it is this interpretive lens that means that it is possible for the Bible to be still like a pearl of great value, giving us insight and providing food for thought with the same passage discussed by Preacher 1 a few years ago yielding different contemporary insights when discussed by Preacher 2 this year. And so I thank God for the quality of the preaching here at St Peter’s which challenges us and helps us grow.

St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

NEW RELEASE!



My Friend Anne Frank The Inspiring and Heartbreaking True Story of Best Friends

by Hannah Pick-Goslar

In this groundbreaking memoir, Hannah Pick-Goslar shares an intimate portrait of Anne Frank, the young Jewish diarist who has captured the hearts of millions of readers around the world.

Bergen-Belsen survivor Hannah Pick-Goslar shares an inspiring and heartbreaking true story of two best friends torn apart and reunited against all odds.

When Hannah Pick-Goslar's family fled Nazi Germany for Amsterdam, she struck up a close friendship with her next-door neighbour; precocious, outspoken and fun-loving Anne Frank. Hannah instantly warmed to happy-go-lucky Anne and for seven blissful years, the inseparable pair navigated school, boys and coming of age in Amsterdam's Rivierenbuurt neighbourhood.

But in 1942, life quickly changed for the thirteen-year-old girls. The Nazi occupation of Amsterdam meant the friends were separated without warning. Hannah called on Anne, but there was no trace of her friend or her precious diary. Hannah was tormented over the fate of Anne, wondering if, by some stroke of fortune she had escaped danger and was alive and well elsewhere.

It wasn't until Hannah reached her darkest point, imprisoned with her family in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, that she had an astonishing chance reunion with Anne. Desperate to save her friend who was weak and struggling to survive, Hannah risked everything to toss packages filled with food and clothes over a barbed-wire fence.

Hannah only learned of Anne's death after her liberation, when Otto Frank came to visit her in hospital. From that day, Otto became a second father to Hannah, making sure that she was always looked after.

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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".