

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



William Blake, "The Lord Answering Job Out of the Whirlwind" (c. 1810)

ORDINARY SUNDAY 12

20TH JUNE 2021 - PEW SHEET

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid: rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

WEEKLY MUSINGS

R. S. Thomas was a Welsh Anglican priest and poet. A complicated and enigmatic man, his later religious poetry is amongst the best in the 20th century. It often expresses that human longing for something more, to have that glimpse, occasional tantalising flash, of something bigger we call God. He doesn't address any poems to Christ, but they are all about Christ.

The readings this morning move around a sense of the unfathomable mystery of God; a God never fully knowable. Though close beside and in relationship with each one of us, God is also eternally Other. Another Welshman, Rowan Williams, in his book on Christian belief, *Tokens of Trust*, writes of God as a 'sort of white heat at the centre of everything.' God's action and will holds all things together and God is not 'exhausted' by that. He describes God's almighty power as 'more of a steady swell of loving presence, always at work...' not always visible to the human eye but one in which prayer can have some chance of opening doors on a situation so God can come more directly in. We are in relationship with God before we even know it ourselves. And that each one of us is in this particular relationship with God before any other kind of relationship with us, is enough, says Williams to 'have us approach the world and other people with reverence and amazement.' This resonates with St Paul in Corinthians this morning: being in Christ we regard each other from a point of view different from what we take to be the human norm, we live in 'a new creation.'

The poetry of R. S. Thomas often shows great struggle in his relationship with God who seems to play hide and seek; paradoxically knowable yet teasingly absent. Alone in the Welsh hills, bird watching on Bardsey Island or spending solitary time in country churches he learned patience in waiting for some sense of the divine to flicker a presence in his imagination. He too was very aware that prayer has some chance of opening doors so that God can more directly come into the world. Towards the end of his life he lived in a small 17th century whitewashed stone cottage which sat on a steep slope high up overlooking the ocean on the furthest Western most tip of Wales. Lying alone awake at night, listening to the ocean swell and the solitary call of an owl, he wrote in his poem, "The Other":

And the thought comes
of that other being who is awake, too,
letting our prayers break on him,
not like this for a few hours,
but for days, years, for eternity.

Our prayer life opens doors, maybe not those doors we expect or long for, but always ready to let God's steady swell of loving presence in.

Carol O'Connor

FROM WARDENS & TREASURER

Supporting the Parish Financially

In this 175th Anniversary Year, please continue to think about how you can contribute to the Parish for our ongoing ministries. There are a number of ways you can support the mission and ministry of the Parish.

General Contributions

A regular deposit via bank transfer helps us meet the ordinary bills of the parish. Please put your name in the relevant field so we can acknowledge your contribution. Direct payment to the Parish account, held by Anglican Development Fund:
BSB: 703-122 Account number: 05005124

Regular Giving Envelopes

We maintain a system of regular giving through envelopes put in the collection plate. For those of you who already give in this way, thank you! If you would like a set of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office: sphoffice@stpeters.org.au

Tax deductible donations:

There are two tax-deductible ways that you can give directly to the Parish:

- A donation to the **Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation**. This is a way to help keep our fantastic music program going. Please specify “St Peter’s Eastern Hill” and your name when prompted to do so, which means that we can acknowledge your donation. You can donate through this website:
<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/>
- A donation to the **National Trust**. These donations are used for Parish maintenance and building works. Again, please specify “St Peter’s Eastern Hill” and your name so that we can acknowledge the donation. These can be made by EFT:
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Bequests:

Please also remember St Peter’s in your will. Bequests can be made for a specific purpose (such as maintenance) or you may prefer to specify that the bequest be placed in the St Peter’s Eastern Hill “endowment fund” so that only the interest or dividends are used for the work of the parish, but the initial amount you donated remains intact.

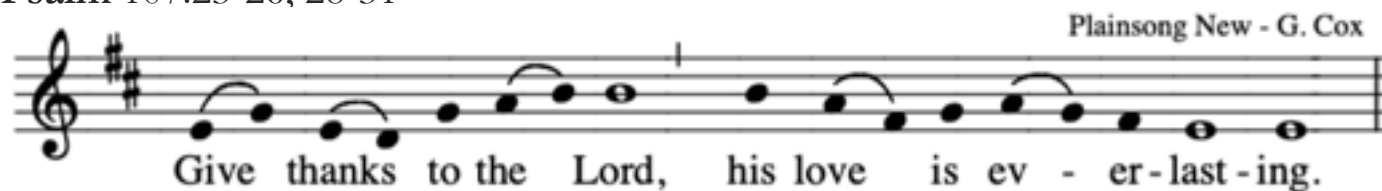
Stephen Duckett, Vicar’s Warden and Chair of Parish Council

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Job 34.1-4, 8-11

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me if you have understanding. Who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? -- when I made the clouds its garment, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

Psalm 107.23-26, 28-31



Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;
they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep. **R.**

For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to heaven and they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity. **R.**

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he brought them out from their distress;
he made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed. **R.**

Then they were glad when it grew calm,
and he brought them to their desired haven.

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to human beings. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.14-17

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view. Even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone

is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel: Mark 4.35-41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took Jesus with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. Jesus said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

“EXPLORING FAITH MATTERS” - TODAY, AFTER HIGH MASS

After High Mass today, from about 12.15pm, there is an EfM information gathering session for those who may be interested. Fr Greg will be there to answer all your questions, in the Henderson-Newton Room (the new glass room off the Hall).

Each year we begin a new EfM series in July. Come and find out what EfM can offer you. Be challenged and inspired by this program of faith exploration and formation. All are welcome!

For more information see: www.efmaustralia.org

“FAITH FORUM” - NEXT SUNDAY 27TH JUNE, 12.15 TO 1.15PM

Next Sunday, Fr Greg will be starting up a new study group: “Faith Forum”. The first meeting will be after High Mass on Sunday 27th June, in the Henderson-Newton Room (the new glass room off the Hall). The Forum is an opportunity to explore and discuss matters and issues of faith and spirituality. It is open to all, not just parishioners, so do feel free to invite others you know who may be interested. Participants are invited to suggest topics, questions or issues for discussion.

Please contact Fr Greg to express your interest, and with your ideas:

ph. 0417 992 976 or e-mail - gregdavies121@icloud.com

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, Kate Castle, Isla Hodgkinson, Gwen Joyce, Russell Kennedy, Mary Montagu, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, Jenny Sasse, John Small, Evelina Thornton, Paul Wheelton, and Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, David Bornstein, Michael Boyle PRIEST, Joe Butscher PRIEST, David Curtis, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Siew-Hung, Wendy Hancock, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Alice McCraith, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Robin Page, Liz Prideaux, Graham & Judy Ryles, John Stewart BISHOP, Clive Tadgell, Barbara Ure-Smith, and Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Anne Bayton, Patricia Byrne PRIEST,
Victor Haste PRIEST, Joseph Lau

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

- Sun 20 George Barnsley PRIEST, Sr Eudora CSC, Frank Larkins, Mary Morris
- Mon 21 Eveline Barker, Mabel Butement, John Hope PRIEST, David Sharr
- Tue 22 Don Cave PRIEST, Marjorie Beatrice Clarkson, Stanley Harold Mouls,
Iain Donald Muecke
- Wed 23 Derek Stewart
- Thu 24 William Braithwaite Eggington, Annie Marion Howell, Edward Southey
- Fri 25 Catherine Garton, Keith David McKay
- Sat 26 Frances Edward Michaelson, Florence May Miller, Lawrence Oldfield
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OUR PRAYERS FOR THE BAYTON FAMILY

Anne Bayton, wife of former Vicar +John Bayton, died peacefully on Wednesday 17th June in Brisbane. Our prayers for +John and the family at this sad time.

THE DAILY OFFICE AT HOME

In these times of pandemic, many parishioners find comfort in praying at home. It is a long-held tradition for Christians, Lay and Ordained, to pray the Daily Office. All you need is a Bible and a Prayer Book. If you only have one or neither of these at home, contact Carol in the Bookroom: <http://www.bookroom.stpeters.org.au/>

MORNING PRAYER

EVENING PRAYER

Mon. 21 st	Pss 121; 122; 123 1 Sam. 17.55 - 18.16 Acts 12.1-11	Pss 119.129-152 Sirach 18.1-14 James 1.1-18
<i>Alban, first British martyr (d. c. 209)</i>		
Tues. 22 nd	Ps 118.1-18 1 Sam. 18.17-30 Acts 12.12-25	Ps 118.19-29; 120 Sirach 22.6-18 James 1.19 - 2.7
Wed. 23 rd	Pss 124; 125; 126 1 Sam. 19.1-17 Acts 13.1-12	Pss 127; 128; 129 Sirach 22.27 - 23.11 James 2.8-26
<i>Birth of John the Baptist</i>		
Thurs. 24 th	Pss 130; 131; 133 1 Samuel 19.18 - 20.11 Acts 13.13-25	Pss 132; 134 Sirach 24.1-17 James 3
Fri. 25 th	Ps 135 1 Samuel 20.12-34 Acts 11.32-41	Ps 136 Sirach 24.18-34 James 4
Sat. 26 th	Pss 137.1-9; 138 1 Samuel 20.35 - 21.7 Acts 13.42-52	Ps 139 Sirach 27.25 - 28.9 James 5



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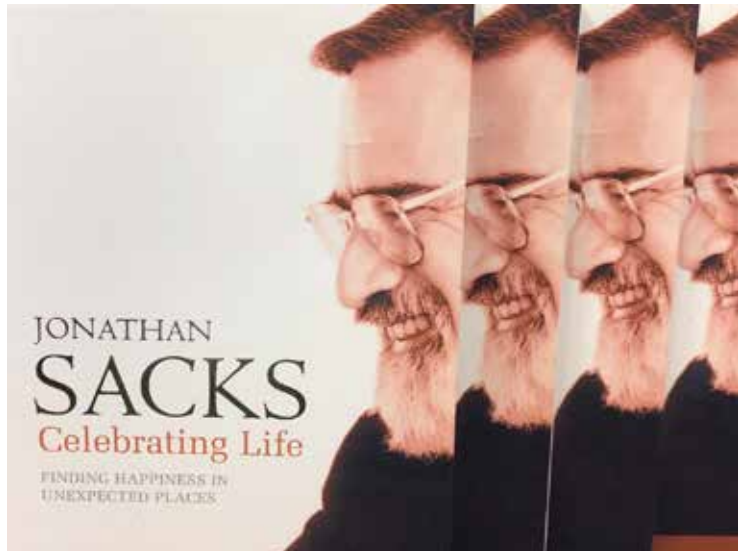
Amidst all the challenges in the world today, are you looking for that special spiritual read that is both honest about suffering but also God's unending goodness?

Why not curl up by the winter fire this week with a book that comprises short reflections about community, friendship, family and responsibilities. Wonderfully readable and uplifting.

Celebrating Life: Finding Happiness in Unexpected Places

by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Following the painful loss of his father Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks began to learn how to celebrate life in a new way. He found happiness in unexpected places and in this a renewed relationship with God who speaks into our deepest needs. Drawn in part, from his columns in *The Times*, this book is for people of all faiths and who do not feel they have one. It shows us how to be more human, and in doing so, how we can touch the divine.



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Office Hours. 9.30am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday

Sunday Services

9:00 am	Mass (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30 am	High Mass with Children's Church
6:00 pm	Mass (Evensong replaces the Mass every 4th Sunday of the month)

Weekday Services

Mon – Fri:	Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays)
	Wednesday Mass at 1:15 pm
	Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm

Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
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Rachel Ellyard
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Fr Hugh Kempster (President)
Daniel Mitterdorfer (Secretary)
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Sue Wuttke

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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
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Pastoral Care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
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RMIT Chaplaincy:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
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Our mission is: "Catholic
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