

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes' Lambert Lombard (1506)

ORDINARY SUNDAY 18

(Dedication Sunday)

2ND AUGUST 2020

O God, giver of life and health, whose Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst for justice: refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing, for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

VICAR'S MUSINGS

Today we celebrate our Dedication Festival, the anniversary of the “first service” conducted at St Peter’s Eastern Hill on Sunday 6th August 1848, presided over by the newly installed Bishop of Melbourne, the Rt Rev’d Charles Perry. Was this early congregation able to look 172 years into the future, the church building might be largely recognisable, but the television-recording-studio nature of lock-down worship, with a physically present congregation of just 5 people, would be thoroughly bemusing. Even more so, perhaps, the fact that well over 100 people were joining the service of worship remotely from all over Melbourne, inter-state, and indeed as far away as Cambridge, Massachusetts, in the USA. I must say that even I am still having trouble getting used to that reality of Eucharistic worship in 2020.

I mentioned in last week’s sermon an excellent paper, written by Bishop Bradley Billings, entitled “Spiritual Communion” (bit.ly/339roDN). He writes: “The celebration of, and participation in, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is an important part of Anglican worship, being described by the Articles of Religion (28) as ‘a Sacrament of our Redemption by Christ’s death.’ Many Anglicans are feeling acutely the present inability for us to meet in places of worship and to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.” Bishop Brad then reflects on the long-held Anglican doctrine of “Spiritual Communion” outlined in the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* service for The Communion of the Sick: “if a person is unable to physically receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, and if that person ‘truly repents’ and ‘steadfastly believes’ that Jesus shed his blood for their redemption, that person ‘doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably,’ even though not physically receiving the Sacrament. As well as providing solace for those who are ill, there is provision for Spiritual Communion in other circumstances, such as ‘want of warning in due time to the Curate; for lack of company to receive with him; or by any other just impediment.’” Scattered across Melbourne, and further afield, due to the pandemic, if ever there was such just impediment, it is now.

The receiving of Spiritual Communion is of course very different from going to church, but it is well worth persevering with in these times. You may wish to create a small chapel space at home; with candles, an icon, a Bible and of course these days the obligatory computer, phone, smart TV, and/or i-pad.

You may like to print off the order of service from the St Peter's web site www.stpeters.org.au or if you have enough devices just follow it online while watching the Mass. Holy Communion at St Peter's is live-streamed each Sunday at 10.30am, on FaceBook and YouTube, or you may wish to watch it later at your leisure. When it comes to the time in the Mass to receive the Sacrament, you may find it helpful to pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Holy Communion is a profound experience, connecting us as Christians to one another and to God. This week I have received three beautiful letters from parishioners expressing so lucidly their lived reality of Spiritual Communion in our current dispersion. I thought you might find it encouraging to read these uplifting and faith-filled "letters in exile" from New South Wales to Hawthorn Victoria, and even as far as Cambridge Massachusetts in the USA.

Firstly a message from a new parishioner, living in Sydney, who has joined our weekday Mass congregation since the start of the pandemic:

My name is Vicky, and I was made redundant back in March; feeling a little lost I stumbled upon the Daily Mass. I fell in love with this church when I visited Melbourne a couple of winters ago. I donated a jacket and met the wonderful ladies in the book store. I cannot explain how much joy I receive whilst enjoying the service. Fr Hugh is a wonderful soul and his kind words are very soothing and he checks up on me from time to time to see how I am. I really feel that I am part of St Peter's Eastern Hill Church and I am so glad it is online to enjoy anytime during the day or whenever I feel down and need some uplifting words of wisdom. I hope it continues after the Covid-19 virus is gone and I cannot wait to come and participate in a morning service. Thankyou to Fr Hugh and everyone who is involved, the difference you have made in my life is priceless.

An e-mail from familiar friends and parishioners nearer to home:

In March we had to bow out of the comfort and consolation we were glad to receive weekly at St Peter's. The imposition of the 'Lockdown' compelled us to stay at home and prepare for a sense of loss. Imagine our delight therefore when our Vicar and his leadership team decided to conduct our weekly Mass by broadcast means: the wonders of the modern means of communication by IT meant that we were able to be present at Mass at a distance and be attuned to its message while being at home. We could switch on to "YouTube" at the appointed time and respond to our screen as the repository of all that we missed and needed from our church. The sight of the Sanctuary – its flowers, candles, hangings and reredos – awakened in us a sense of expectation each week, an expectation

that was enhanced by hearing the bell and seeing the entry of the Clergy – celebrant and acolytes – in their beautiful vestments, appropriate to the season. We became willing participants in the beauty of the liturgy, music and communion, taking a part in all elements of the Mass. Our response to the communions you have conducted since that time has been a source of uplift and inspiration to us throughout these difficult times ... They make our access to worship an important part of our lives. We have been very grateful to our friend and fellow parishioner Dr Kelly Shang, who set up our access to YouTube and gave us the on-line skills that enabled us to access the services at St Peter's. We have also recommended the services at St Peter's to our friends, who have accessed them through YouTube, whether it be in country Victoria, New South Wales, or the UK. They have been deeply touched by the beauty of holiness that characterizes services at St Peter's. We look forward to the time when we can all be together in person but in the meantime we give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us by you and all the members of the Sanctuary team and choir who have made this experience of worship so meaningful to us during this time of isolation and shutdown. With love, praise and blessings, David and Judith.

And finally, from our friends and St Peterites in the USA:

Dear Father Hugh, it's so good to hear from you in these strange times. We've heard about Melbourne's recent return to lockdown and are thinking of you and missing everyone at the Hill. We're in Cambridge, just outside of Boston, and busily preparing for a new academic year at Harvard that will start in a few weeks with only a small percentage of students on campus. We wanted to share the following thoughts about St Peter's — feel free to share whatever from this you like. When our family moved back to the U.S. in mid-2019, we left a piece of our heart at St Peter's. It was very meaningful for Meg, who returned to Melbourne for a short work trip this past January, to sing with the choir for two Sundays and to bring a few dear colleagues along to Mass. We had also hoped to return for a family trip this year, which of course won't happen. It's difficult not to know when we might be able to be at the Hill again. That's what has made staying in touch with St Peter's online so special for us. We remember watching one of the first virtual Masses, in the early days of our stay-at-home order in Massachusetts, on a Saturday night, our time. We were so thrilled to hear Rachel Ellyard's voice, since she was cantor that day, and to chat along on the choir Facebook group with other choristers. Our son Charlie must have sensed something important was going on, and he came out of his bedroom to listen with us before cuddling down to fall back asleep. Every Sunday morning, we wish we were at St Peter's, and Meg often texts Sue Wuttke at that time to check in. We also love the choir Facebook group. We all look forward to the Virtual Chant Choir offerings that Katie Richardson posts. We particularly loved the Easter sing that Eliza Kelly posted; that was a day we really missed St Peter's. Most special of all was the virtual choir rendition of Orlando Gibbons's Drop, Drop, Slow Tears that the Virtual Chant Choir sent us on April 16, the anniversary of our daughter Dorothy Sarah's birth and death. With friends like you all, it's impossible to feel alone. It means so much for us to be able to continue to share in the St Peter's community. While we long for the day when we can be together in person, we are grateful for all the ways we can stay connected, even when half a world apart. Warmly, Chip and Meg.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-3

The Lord says this: “Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.”

Psalm : 145.8-9, 15-16, 17-18



The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made. R.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing. R.
The Lord is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth. R.

Second Reading: Romans 8.35, 37-39

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor 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.

Gospel: Matthew 14.13-21

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, Jesus saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then Jesus ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



St Peter's, Eastern Hill, by Charles Laing, 1846, photo before 1876
James Album, no 66

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Kingsley Armstrong, David Bornstein, Sandrine Ficet, Mary Grima, Bradley James, Grace James, Christine Jounet, Margaret Lugg, Adain McCann, Alice McCraith, Jack Neville Mulready, Lyn Nicholas, John Small, John Stewart BISHOP, Margaret Sutherland, Evelina Thornton, Joan Waldren-Small, Paul Wheelton, and George.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Chris Bennie, Tania Burdick, Joe Butscher PRIEST, John Crocker, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Sr Gloria CHN, Sr Hilary CHN, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Sr Lyn CHN, Joyce Newton, Tim Peake, Liz Prideaux, Judith Ryles, Barbara Ure-Smith, Annette Wood, Anne Wuttke; Andrew, Cecilia, Chad, Jan, and Peter.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Gerald Anderson, Maxim Skilbeck Porter

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	2	Elizabeth Hannah Fisher, Barbara Ann Lewis, Sybil Heather Peters
Mon	3	Eunice Marion Edwards, Stanley Griffiths, Edith Handfield, Alan Hugo Hughes, Eunice Liddiard, Gertrude Martin
Tue	4	Ethel Jean Noisette, Margaret Olive Overheu
Wed	5	Amy Grace Dexter, Graham Joyson, Arthur John Payne
Thu	6	Marjorie Blamire, Nicholaos Camilatos, Edward Collins, Mary Holloway, Brian Stuart Roberts, George Watson
Fri	7	Frances Carden, Douglas Clarke, Robert Mordant
Sat	8	Henry Bryce, Henry Handfield PRIEST, Joseph Newell, Sarah Anne Rich, Isabel Macbeth Stuckey

THE DAILY OFFICE AT HOME

In these days of pandemic we are no longer able to gather as a worshipping community as we used to. Many parishioners, however, are finding it a comfort to worship and pray 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, call Carol in the Bookroom, or online at : <http://www.bookroom.stpeters.org.au/>

MORNING PRAYER

EVENING PRAYER

Monday Ps 78.16-38
Hosea 6.4-7.7
John 10.40-11.16

Ps 78.39-70
Lamentations 1.1-11a
Romans 7.1-12

John Baptist Vianney, priest of Ars, France (d. 1895)

Tuesday Ps 80
Hosea 7.8-16
John 11.17-37

Ps 81
Lamentations 1.11b-22
Romans 7.13-25

Oswald, king and martyr (d. 642)

Wednesday Pss 82 & 84
Hosea 8
John 11.38-54

Pss 85 & 87
Lamentations 2.1-10
Romans 8.1-8

The Transfiguration of our Lord

Thursday Ps 99
Habakkuk 3.3-19
2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Ps 89.5-18
1 Kings 19.1-16
John 12.20-33

Friday Ps 90
Hosea 10.1-12 (13-15)
John 12.12-36a

Ps 119.89-104
Lamentations 3.1-33
Romans 8.18-27

Saturday Ps 89.1-18
Hosea 11.1-11
John 12.36b-20

Ps 89.19-38
Lamentations 3.34-66
Romans 8.28-39

ST PETER'S PRAYER LINK

AN INITIATIVE OF THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Our Pastoral Care Team has launched a new initiative this month: the St Peter's Prayer Link. We are inviting parishioners and others to submit prayer requests, which will trigger focused prayer support from a small group of pray-ers, for one month from the date of the request being made. Further prayer requests may be made, but the prayer focus does not automatically continue beyond a month. The St Peter's Prayer Link does not replace the weekly Prayer List that is published in the Pew Sheet, and used at Mass each day of the week. Rather, this is intended as a prayer boost, additional private prayer support for those who request it.

Prayers for the month may be requested for those who are sick, but also for particular situations or concerns that are weighing heavily on you. They say that a problem shared is a problem halved. Similarly, a prayer shared is a prayer multiplied.

Fr Roger Prowd is the St Peter's Prayer Link coordinator. The others in the Prayer Link at this inaugural stage are: Fr Hugh, Di Clark, Xeverie Swee, and Peter Yewers. We anticipate bringing one or two other members of the Pastoral Care team onto the Prayer Link in the coming weeks. Who these new members are will be communicated clearly in the weekly Pew Sheet.

Confidentiality is of course paramount to this model of prayer support, so be assured that prayer requests will be kept strictly private amongst the Prayer Link group. Prayer requests will not be made public at Mass, nor shown in the Pew Sheet.

To ensure effective, confidential and accurate communication, all prayer requests should be made to the coordinator, Fr Roger, only. Fr Roger will then pass the request to the others in the Prayer Link. If you would like additional confidentiality for your prayer request, just mention this to Fr Roger, and your petition will be circulated to the Prayer Link group anonymously.

For further information on the St Peter's Prayer Link, and to request prayer support in this way, please contact Fr Roger Prowd on: 0417 323 112 or rwprowd@bigpond.com

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Dear Parishioners of St Peter's Eastern Hill, the August edition of TMA is now available online: <https://bit.ly/30cNjs1>

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Anglicans supporting the most vulnerable

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Artificial Intelligence must 'reflect something of God'

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The Brotherhood of St Laurence team at the Flemington flats during the hard lockdown.

Photo: BSL

Anglicans join wider support for locked-down residents

Clergy commended for 'initiative' in responding to lockdown challenges

by Stephen Cauchi

THE DIOCESE of Melbourne is adapting to ministry amid the compulsory wearing of facemasks and bracing for more COVID-19 cases as the effects of the pandemic and lockdown restrictions continue to be felt in Victoria.

Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will be on stage three restrictions until at least 19 August and possibly longer as the number

"Stage Four may preclude home pastoral visits and home communion."

Archbishop Philip Freier

of new daily cases of COVID-19 continues to sit in the hundreds.

Most churches in the diocese, whose boundaries broadly overlap with the stage three restriction area, are affected by the new requirement to wear masks.

According to the Diocesan COVID-19 Updates, clergy, church and congregational members in the

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appreciate the world that I live in': Gratitude 'We stand still and silent. I hear birds. I hear the lawnmower. I can smell grass': Mindfulness 'My mum taught me that everyone has an invisible kindness bucket': Kind 'I felt shy about dancing in front of dancing in front of other people. But I did it. It was fun. I was brave': Brave

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YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill
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Weekday Services

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays)
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm
Also online only, due to the pandemic restrictions
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	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
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Rwth Stuckey
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and welcoming Church,
built on the lands of the
Wurundjeri people.
We are committed to
social justice, equality and
diversity. Our mission
is: "Catholic Evangelism:
Growing in God's love".*