

WELCOME TO  
ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



"Elijah Visited by an Angel" Alessandro Bonvicino Moretto (c. 1534)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY

ORDINARY TIME

8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021 – PEW SHEET

Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread that you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# WEEKLY MUSINGS

Since starting my Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) placement at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre eleven weeks ago, I have learned that a people-centred approach to pastoral care, based on compassion, understanding and presence is the essence of being in a pastoral role. Working in the landscape of death and dying frequently immerses me in existential issues; the psychological and emotional upheavals associated with end-of-life care.

It has helped me understand that it is okay to not have all the answers to existential questions. They are not mine to answer and it is okay to say, “I don’t have those answers,” but I am willing to walk with patients while they seek those answers and contemplate the evanescent cycle of life.

A question I heard often is, “Where is God when I am suffering?” People can be tempted to respond either that there is no God, or that there is a God but He just doesn’t care. The Bible, however, offers a profound explanation. We hear it in one of the most quoted passages in the Bible, from the mouth of Jesus before he dies. Theologians call it “the cry of dereliction,” where Jesus cries out: “My God! My God! Why have you forsaken me?”

This is God’s answer to our question: He is not “up there” distant and far away, He is down here, on the Cross suffering with us. God is Jesus Christ, suffering with us and reconciling the world to Himself. The Cross is the most amazing proof that God cares about our pain. Crucifixion is one of the most horrific ways to die. The word “excruciating” is derived from the Latin word for crucifixion. In his death, Jesus, the Son of God, fully identifies with our suffering. He chooses suffering out of love for humankind.

CPE has taught me to become a love-finder rather than a fault-finder. Death is a part of the cycle of life. Most of all, at all stages of life, we can choose and direct ourselves to be peaceful and loving inside, regardless of what is happening outside.

So where is God in our suffering? I reckon He is with us, and when our hearts are with him, 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. All we need is to rest in the *Agape* Love of God and know that He is with us in every segment of our life cycle.

*Xeverie Swee, Klinger Scholar*

# INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE NEWS

**From the Parish representatives on the Incumbency Committee**

*SAVE THE DATE 15 AUGUST 12:30  
AFTER HIGH MASS (lock-down permitting – otherwise rescheduled)*

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. This has now been scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> August at 12:30PM.** 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 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.*



Alissa Duke, “St Peter’s Eastern Hill – Cityscape” (2019)





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The Most Revd Dr Philip Freier  
Archbishop of Melbourne

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

**THE ANNUAL  
ARCHBISHOP'S  
DINNER 2021**

IN SUPPORT OF THE  
BUILDING OUR FUTURE APPEAL

Unfortunately due to this most current lockdown and the anticipated sloweasing of restrictions that will follow, we have decided to postpone the Archbishop's Dinner. The new date of this event will be **Thursday 7 October 2021**. We will automatically transfer any bookings to this new date, however, if you are now unable to attend, please contact us by calling Matilda Sholly on (03) 9348 7527 and we will issue a refund. If you are yet to buy a ticket and would like to make a booking for the new date, type the link below into your browser:

**<https://bit.ly/3Co3YKi>**

*~ You will find there also a link to purchasing raffle tickets at \$5 each ~*

Date: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
 Time: 6.30–10.30pm (optional Evensong in Trinity Chapel at 5.45pm)  
 Location: Dining Hall, Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052  
 Dress: Lounge suit  
 Cost: \$110 per person  
 RSVP: By Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Enquiries: Matilda Sholly | (03) 9348 7527 | [events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au)

# DAILY INTERCESSIONS

## FOR THE SICK:

Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, Kate Castle, Wendy Hancock, Siew Hung, Russell Kennedy, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, John Small, Paul Wheelton & Peter.

## AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, David Bornstein, David Curtis, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Alice McCraith, Mary Montague, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Robin Page, Liz Prideaux, Graham & Judy Ryles, 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	8 <sup>th</sup>	Henry Bryce, Henry Handfield PRIEST, Joseph Newell, Sarah Anne Rich, Isabel Macbeth Stuckey
Mon	9 <sup>th</sup>	Reginald Halse BISHOP, Lewis Henry Myers, Esther Maria Prentice, Peter Swingler, Mary Watts
Tue	10 <sup>th</sup>	Josephine Banks, Ida Gray, Hazel Frances Hill, Robert Lawrence McPhee, Hugh Nicholls
Wed	11 <sup>h</sup>	Nancy Yessibel Cole, Harold Edgar Klingner, Alfred Hope Patten PRIEST
Thu	12 <sup>th</sup>	Willoughby James Bailey AO, Lydia Gertrude Hannaford, James (Jim) Hughes, Barry Marshall PRIEST, Henry Peaceful, Catherine Riddell, Lucy Ann Slatterie
Fri	13 <sup>th</sup>	Jessie Rosman, Frederick Phillips, Jean Keary, Michael Clarke PRIEST, Emily Hope, Vladimir Michaels, Leonard Alfred Smith
Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	Ida May Bryce, Muriel Hayward, Richard Lethbridge

# ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

A reminder to all Bookroom customers, friends and parishioners: despite lockdown #6, we are still OPEN ☺ behind our closed doors on Gisborne Street. Please email or phone through orders: [bookroom@stpeters.org.au](mailto:bookroom@stpeters.org.au) or (03) 9663 7487

Now is a time to catch up on our reading; and also to discover New Releases.

## Recommended: New Work!

*Stranger Care: A Memoir of Loving What Isn't Ours*

by Sarah Sentilles

Courageous writing. Stunning in its craft. Painful but honest story concerning how government systems can fail vulnerable children. However, hope and compassion in the human spirit never fails.

After deciding not to have a biological child, Sarah Sentilles and her husband Eric, try to adopt a baby through foster care. This story shares Sarah's discovery about what it means to be a mother. And what this means for the birth mother too.

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**This title is available now in the Book Room for \$35.00**

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Office Hours. 10.00 am – 2.00pm Tuesday - Friday

## 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
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

## 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".*

