

*Welcome to*

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'The Crucifixion', Diego Velázquez (1632)

# ORDINARY SUNDAY 22

# 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020

O God, whose Son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life: transform and renew our minds that we may not be conformed to this world but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

# VICAR'S MUSINGS

*Last Wednesday was the monthly Parish Council meeting. As usual, therefore, my Musings this week are a summary of some of the key issues and decisions that your Parish Council are considering and making, so as to keep you informed.*

## **Online Ministry Development**

In this time of lock-downs and restrictions we have had to radically rethink how we “do” church. At the end of March we were forced very quickly into this new way of being, but now we are seeking to refine and develop our online ministry. The Online Survey Report (see [bit.ly/2EBfd8W](https://bit.ly/2EBfd8W)) has been invaluable in this task, and we are carefully working through the recommendations, which fall into three areas:

- a) Sustaining Community – such things as the YouTube and FaceBook Masses and Choral pieces; the Zoom Rosary and Jitzi Christian Meditation sessions.
- b) Teaching – over the past month we have seen two new online initiatives in this area. The Winter Webinar series has got off to a great start, with 122 people attending the talk given by the Rev'd Canon Prof. Dorothy Lee, and 161 people who tuned in to the Archbishop of York's webinar last Tuesday. We also launched Children's Church online this month. You can view all these teaching videos on the St Peter's YouTube channel ([bit.ly/31xOkeY](https://bit.ly/31xOkeY)).
- c) Pastoral Care – in this time of lock-down, the St Peter's Telephone Tree has become an important way in which we can keep in touch with each other as a parish. There are 22 Callers, and more than 160 parishioners whom we aim to keep in touch with. If you have any questions or concerns about the Tree, do call Kosta in the Parish Office on (03) 9662 2391.

## **Social Enterprise**

Since March, the Social Enterprise has become a cornerstone of ministry here at St Peter's, distributing nearly 40,000 meals to international students and others impacted by the pandemic; Melbourne's new poor. We now have 30 student volunteers on the roster, who package and hand out 250 meals each day. The St Peter's Foundation has purchased a coffee machine for a barista training program that was launched this week, providing employment pathways for the participants.

## **Klingner Scholarship and Ministry Training**

Xeverie Swee is our 2020 Klingner Scholar. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, she is rising to the challenge, and has been actively engaging in our Online Ministry Program. The Klingner Scholarship Fund was blessed this month with a most generous donation of \$100,000 that will strengthen the corpus of the Fund and ensure the longevity of the scholarship program for generations to come; deo gratias.

## **On-site Maintenance and Renovations**

During the lock-downs we have been continuing with on-site maintenance and renovations. Work has been undertaken on the sash windows, skirting boards, and further painting at the Vicarage. Plant beds that were causing rising-damp at Keble House have been removed. And the Hughes Room is being given a face-lift. Most of the labour for these jobs has been contributed, free of charge, by the Social Enterprise staff and volunteers.

## **Possible Alternative Usage of the Vacant Keble House Flat**

Since our Organist, Rhys, moved out, the Keble House flat has been sitting vacant. According to our Land Agent, the market is almost non-existent at present, and we can therefore expect to have a vacant property for quite some time. This raises the question of how could we make better use of this space during these challenging times? One idea the Parish Council considered was for a theological student to be given free rental, and in exchange be encouraged to contribute towards the building up of an emerging multi-cultural student ministry. Such a person might be asked to work alongside our RMIT Chaplain, the social enterprise Meals Program, and build pathways into our worshipping community.

## **Mission Action Planning 2021-2023**

We postponed our planning process in May, for obvious reasons, but Parish Council is committed to resurrecting this in September. Former parishioner and CEO of Infoexchange, David Spriggs, will be directing our Mission Action Planning, and a report will be delivered by Parish Council to the November Annual Meeting (which will almost certainly be on-line rather than face-to-face).



**Victorian**  
Council of Churches

# Standing Together

30<sup>th</sup> August 2pm Sunday

Gather with Christians from across the State as we uphold our Nation, our State and its citizens during this pandemic.

Christian leaders from across the breadth of the Church have felt a need to stand together to uphold our State, our government, our front line health workers, our communities and one another as we work our way through this time of restrictions and uncertainty.

The gathering is virtual and will be screened on Our Facebook Page

[facebook.com/viccouncilchurches](https://www.facebook.com/viccouncilchurches)



# SUNDAY MASS READINGS

## First Reading: Jeremiah 20.7-9

Jeremiah cried out to the Lord: “O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, ‘Violence and destruction!’ For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, ‘I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,’ then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.”

## Psalm : 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8



O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. R.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you. R.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. R.  
For you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me. R.

## Second Reading: Romans 12.1-2

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,



so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Gospel:** Matthew 16.21-27

Jesus sternly warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.”

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## **THE CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM**

The St Peter’s Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham usually meets on the third Saturday of each month. This month, due to the lockdown, the on-line Mass is posted on YouTube ([bit.ly/3iFD8Cy](https://bit.ly/3iFD8Cy)). Prayers for the sick this month include: Betty, Mark, Mary, Win, Claire, Simon, and J’s mother. For the recently deceased: Prisca, Thom For recent Year’s mind: Fr Alfred Hope Patten.

## **A MESSAGE FROM ROLAND ASHBY**

Dear fellow parishioner, For some time I have felt a strong call to do whatever I can to promote contemplative wisdom and consciousness, and a wider knowledge of the riches of the Christian contemplative tradition. Our dark and anxious times of pandemic, climate emergency and ecological destruction, inequality and injustice have given this task even greater urgency. Part of my response is the creation of a new blog: *Living Water - Tapping into a deep spring of love and wisdom; healing balm for our troubled times. Jesus called it ‘living water’ with which we will never thirst.* I would be delighted if you would consider joining with me in this new venture by signing up for a free subscription and sharing the blog with your networks: [thelivingwater.com.au](https://thelivingwater.com.au) My new email for any matters concerning the blog: [editor@thelivingwater.com.au](mailto:editor@thelivingwater.com.au)

# PRAYERS

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## FOR THE SICK:

Kingsley Armstrong, David Bornstein, Michael Boyle PRIEST, Mary Grima, Bradley James, Grace James, William Lees, Adain McCann, Alice McCraith, Jack Neville Mulready, Lyn Nicholas, John Small, Bruce Smith, John Stewart BISHOP, Margaret Sutherland, Evelina Thornton, Joan Waldren-Small, Paul Wheelton, George and Charles.

## 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, Margaret Lugg, 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:

## FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

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Sun 30 Alfred Leslie Bennett, Gerald Sharpe BISHOP

Mon 31 Elizabeth Hargreaves, Helga Johanna Westwood

Tue 1 Nellie Champion, Sister Elizabeth CHN, May Grant, Eileen Scott, Eric Llewellyn Williams

Wed 2 Peter Huxley, Ivan James, Molly Low, Mary Perry, Liz Tanner

Thu 3 Elsie Braggs, Gerald Goodenough, Ivy Hannaford, Florence Madigan

Fri 4 Arthur Court, Edna Freeman

Sat 5 Stanley Shenton Gordon, Pamela Newman, Paul Trood

# 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

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*John Banyan, preacher & spiritual writer (d.1688), Aidan of Lindsfarne, Bishop (d. 651)*

Monday	Ps 83.1-8 (9-18) 2 Chronicles 34.29-35.8a Acts 23.12-24	Ps 109.1-5 (6-14) 15-16 Tobit 11 1 John 1
Tuesday	Pss 1&2 2 Chronicles 35.10-27 Acts 23.25-24.9	Pss 3 & 4 Tobit 12 1 John 2.1-11

*Martyrs of New Guinea (d.1942)*

Wednesday	Ps 126 Wisdom 3.1-9 Revelations 6.9-11	Ps 116 Jeremiah 15.15-21 2 Corinthians 6.1-10
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*Gregory of Rome, Bishop and Teacher (d. 604) Eliza Darling, Pioneer (d. 1868)*

Thursday	Ps 9 Zephaniah 1.14 - 2.3 Acts 25.1-12	Ps 10 Judith 8.4-27 1 John 2.18-29
Friday	Pss 11 & 12 Zephaniah 2.4-15 Acts 25.13-27	Pss 13 & 14 Judith 8.28.-9.14 1 John 3.1-10
Saturday	Pss 15 & 16 Zephaniah 3.1-10 Acts 26.1-18	Ps 17.1-13 (14) 15-16 Judith 10.1-13 1 John 3.11-24



# **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 prayers, 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, Elizabeth Pemberton, 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](mailto:rwprowd@bigpond.com)

# COVID-19 VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE to the FIVE CATHEDRALS of the ANGLICAN PROVINCE of VICTORIA

**The Reverend Shane Hubner, Vicar of the Anglican Parish of Box Hill**

From 20 August (just before St Bartholomew's Day) to 22 November (Christ the King), I will endeavour to walk a pilgrimage from my parish of St Peter's in Box Hill to each of the five Cathedrals of the Province. Obviously while in lockdown I can't do this for real so it will be a **VIRTUAL pilgrimage**. I will walk 10 km a day around my home and will plot my progress on a map as if I were walking around the Province.

I will virtually visit each Cathedral along the way, receive a virtual welcome from the Dean and community of each Cathedral and build the relationship between Box Hill and these Cathedrals. I will blog about the pilgrimage weekly at:

**<http://fathershane.org>**

I will also use this pilgrimage as a fundraiser for the Whitehorse Community Centre, who assists the homeless in my local parish. In this lockdown period it is the homeless and rough sleepers who are doing it hard and any money raised will go far. People may like to sponsor me 1 cent a kilometre. Details of where donations can be made and further information can be found by emailing me:

**[vicar@anglicansboxhill.org.au](mailto:vicar@anglicansboxhill.org.au)**

The pilgrimage route is:

- St Peter's Parish, Box Hill to St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne: 14 km
- St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne to Christ Church Cathedral, Ballarat: 114 km
- Christ Church Cathedral, Ballarat to St Paul's Cathedral, Bendigo: 113 km
- St Paul's Cathedral, Bendigo to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta: 205 km
- Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta to St Paul's Cathedral, Sale: 272 km
- St Paul's Cathedral, Sale to St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne: 213 km
- St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne to St Peter's Parish, Box Hill: 14 km

**Total = 945 km or about 95 days**



# ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

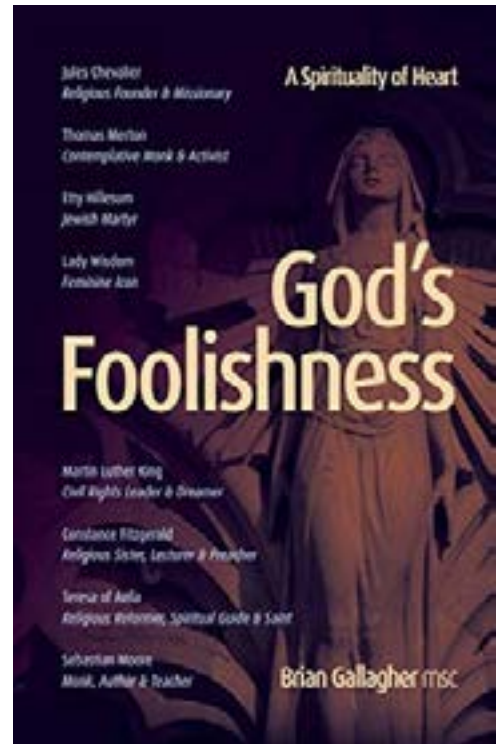
Stephen Cottrell spoke about his pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela on St Peter's Winter Webinar this week. He drew our attention to his book *Striking Out: Poems and Stories from the Camino*. This work comprises reflections, prayer poems and evocative images from the road. All pilgrimages involve the journey of the heart. Stephen showed us how *Striking Out* can speak to us profoundly in this year of Coronavirus. Coming Soon! Enquire with us via online, email or telephone.

This week's Winter Wonder from St Peter's Bookroom:

## **God's Foolishness: A Spirituality of the Heart** by Brian Gallagher MSC.

Reflecting on his own life and on the lives and teachings of a range of spiritual writers, including Etty Hillesum, Thomas Merton and Teresa of Avila, Brian Gallagher discovers God's foolishness, 'wiser than human wisdom'. This is a very readable, clear and illuminating reflection on women and men whose lived spirituality of the heart can enlarge our own spiritual journey today.

\$18.95



### Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9.30am to 4.30 pm      Sunday - after 9.30am & 11am Mass

15 Gisborne St Melbourne 3002

Situated in the Parish Hall building on the street side, facing St Patrick's Cathedral

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## Sunday Services

10.30 am Parish Mass - online only, due to the pandemic restrictions  
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/](http://www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill/)

## 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  
YouTube: [www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill](http://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEasternHill)  
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## Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
ASLM:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Clergy:	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr David Peake	0412 299 839
	Fr Roger Prowd	03 9662 2391
Klingner Scholar:	Xeverie Swee	03 9662 2391

## Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Acting Sacristan	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391
Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
Cell of O.L.O.W:	Liz Prideaux	03 9662 2391
Charitable Foundation:	Krystyna Campbell-Pretty	03 9662 2391
Children:	Katherine Barnett	03 9387 4089
Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	03 9662 2391
Churchwardens:	Stephen Duckett (Vicar)	0447 837 741
	Helen Drummond (People)	0419 897 973
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
Director of Music:	Andrew Raiskums	0439 556 627
Flowers:	Helen Drummond	0419 897 973
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:	Konstantine Soteriou	03 9662 2391
Pastoral Care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
RMIT Chaplaincy:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Weekday Mass	Christy Thiagarajah	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  
Rwth Stuckey  
Peter Wild  
Sue Wuttke

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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".*