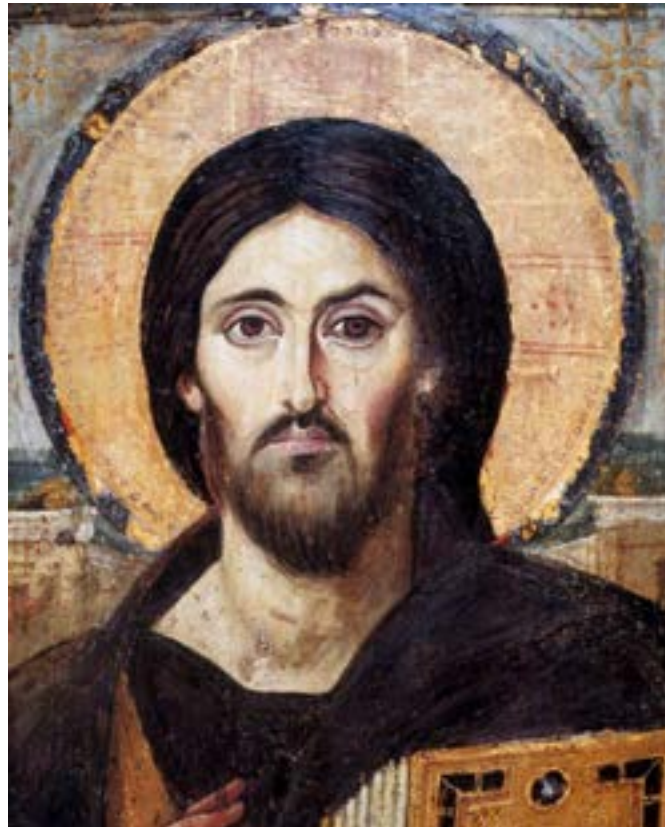


Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



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Go before us, O Lord, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A PARISHIONER'S MUSINGS

This week's Musings are written by Roland Ashby, a St Peter's parishioner, and the former editor of our Diocesan magazine "The Melbourne Anglican." This reflection is taken from his blog "Living Water" (www.thelivingwater.com.au) which is well worth a visit. You may also be interested in joining Roland's online gathering, each Wednesday at midday, for an hour of Christian meditation; if so, please e-mail Roland directly and he will send you the details (randrashby@bigpond.com).

For several months now I have been waking up in the morning feeling slightly depressed. The solitude imposed by COVID-19 has created more opportunities for negative thoughts to arise, and what seemed to be safely buried in the past - mistakes and failures and humiliations, as well as hurts (both given and received) - suddenly reappear as if they happened yesterday, with all the freshness and immediacy, and therefore pain, that that entails.

Anglican hermit Maggie Ross, who has chosen solitude and silence as a way of life, says that such thoughts can keep returning "like clouds of mosquitoes on the Arctic tundra."

Having reached a point where most of my life is behind me I seem to have entered a period of reviewing my life, and also of urgently seeking to discern how best to live the years ahead of me. Two questions in particular keep pressing in on me: How can my life be purposeful and meaningful, and at the same time, how will I cope with the diminished physical capabilities that inevitably accompany this stage of life?

It's been slowly dawning on me that "feeling slightly depressed" does not really do it justice. It's actually more a case of what the biblical tradition would call "lament."

But it is also a lament for the state of the world.

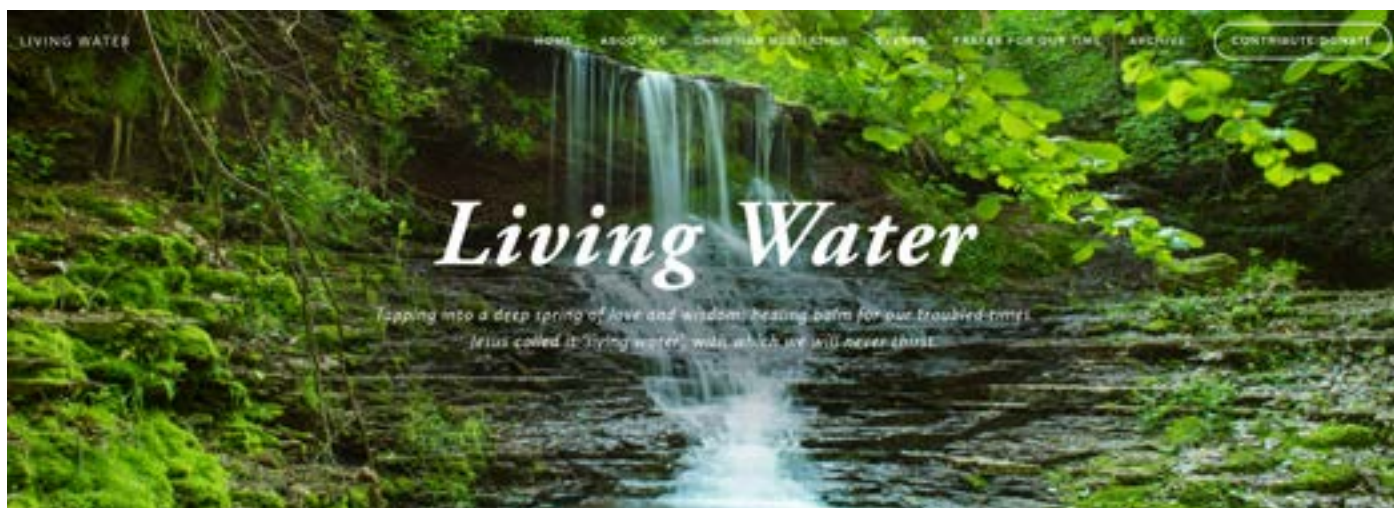
It's a lament for the looming environmental catastrophe, the beginnings of which we are already witnessing, and which will not be averted unless there is decisive action over the next few years; it's a lament for the corruption of our democracies by powerful lobby groups, particularly the fossil fuel industries; it's a lament for the cynicism of callous, narcissistic and mendacious political leaders intoxicated with power; it's a lament for violence and oppression wherever it exists; and it's a lament for the 40-year-long undermining of the post-WWII public commitment to the common good, and for out-of-control capitalism resulting in obscene disparities in wealth.

But, despite all this, I cling to hope. Because I know that within me, and within each one of us, there is a deep spring of love, joy and peace; of compassion and justice; of goodness, beauty and truth. Maggie Ross calls it “Deep Mind.” It’s an encounter with ultimate reality, pure being at the ground of our being, which is an encounter with pure love. Thomas Aquinas believed that this infinite fullness of being, this infinite fount of love, is what we call God. And as the Psalmist says, it’s a love “that endures forever,” even through the hardest of trials.

One way to enter this Deep Mind, this fullness of being, is through one-pointed meditation. In my case this means using a prayer word or mantra. It’s at such times I bathe again in what Jesus called “Living Water,” renew my strength, and find the courage to go on, hoping and working for a world in which all can flourish, justice will prevail, and the vision that Jesus embodied and died for will not perish.

One of the great spiritual writers of the 20th century, Henri Nouwen, once spent seven months in a Trappist monastery, the Abbey of the Genesee in New York. He wrote in a diary that he kept during his time there, that in times of solitude and silence his mind would wander “in all directions, but started to brood on negative feelings.” He learned there the importance of “Nepsis” or “watchfulness in keeping bad thoughts away” and instead directing his attention to God.

In one beautiful and moving diary entry, he writes: “God’s grace ... is like a gentle morning dew and a soft rain that gives new life to barren soil ... My call is indeed to become more and more sensitive to the morning dew and open my soul to the rain so that my innermost self can bring forth the Saviour.”



Dear Parishioners of St Peter's Eastern Hill, the September edition of TMA is now available online: <https://bit.ly/357OR9x>



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Anglicans meet need in lockdown



The Revd John Carrick issues his video invitation to Deakin students.

Churches offer international students bags of help and hope

by Mark Broily

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS have been among the main groups to fall through the cracks of government support offered to Australians during the COVID-19 pandemic. But churches in Melbourne's eastern suburbs have stepped up to lend a hand and provide hope to them.

St Thomas' Burwood runs an annual Food Drive to provide help to the needy "in Burwood and Beyond", but the pan-

demie put paid to that, too, this year. So the church turned its attention to those hit hardest by the impacts of the global virus and international students - often unable to return home as Australia's borders were shut, losing the jobs that helped them pay for food and rent and being denied benefits such as JobSeeker - stood out.

The Lead Minister of St Thomas', the Revd John Carrick, said the bags for this

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Refugees in detention at the Mantra Bell City Hotel in Preston. Photo: Joan Ker Walsh.

Leading local Anglican joins campaign to house detained refugees

by Mark Broily

A PROMINENT Melbourne Anglican is one of many Australians prepared to open their homes to refugees being kept in indefinite immigration detention.

Ms Leigh Mackay, a Canon Emerita of St Paul's Cathedral and a former Registrar of the Melbourne diocese, told TMA that the #HomeSafeWithUs campaign reflected community anxiety about asylum seekers being kept in detention in Australia.

"I think the risk of COVID infection in detention settings is an added pressure on the Government," Ms Mackay said.

"When this proposal came up for offering a place to people who would not be dependent on the Government ... I thought I would volunteer.

"I have been a supporter of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre for a very long time and also the Brigade.

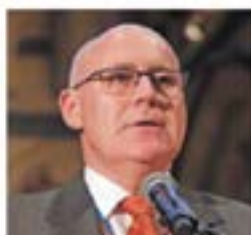
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Ken Spackman resigns after 12 years

by Mark Broily

MR KEN SPACKMAN HAS resigned after 12 years in some of the most senior roles in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.

Archbishop Philip Foster made the 19 August announcement of Mr Spackman's resignation as Chief Executive Officer of the Melbourne Anglican Diocesan



human resources and payroll, as well as for redress to survivors of abuse. Mr Spackman, in his Business Services role, has had a close involvement with Anglican Funds and the Anglican Development Fund.

He completed 12 years as Registrar in March last year but has continued in the role of CEO of MADC until now.

"Ken has been involved in some

to Ken's careful presentations and explanation of the financial dealings of the diocese and owe him a great debt of appreciation for his commitment to clarity and transparency in these matters. There are many other achievements that could properly be recognised at this time. Amongst these, the establishment of a Records and Archives Centre for the diocese in North Fitzroy and the refurbishment of the 209 Flinders

Long road back for diocese as COVID peak passes

by Stephen Cauchi

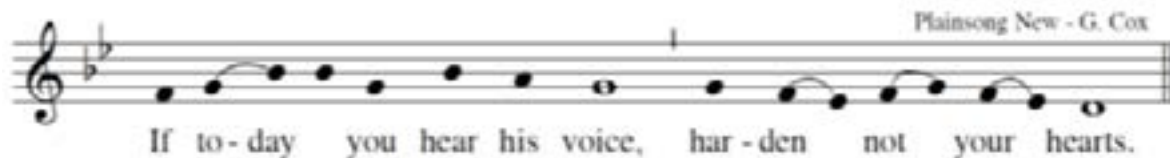
THE ANGLICAN Diocese of Melbourne faces a long and difficult road back to normal-

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 33.7-9

The word of the Lord came to me: “So you, O mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.”

Psalm : 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9



O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! R.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. R.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my work. R.

Second Reading: Romans 13.8-10

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbour as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel: Matthew 18.15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the brother or sister listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the brother or sister refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

ON-LINE MINISTRIES AT ST PETER’S

Over the past few months the St Peter’s Ministry Team has developed a number of on-line ministries to help our Parish keep connected in this time of pandemic:

- Weekday Mass on Facebook, Mon-Fri, 7:15am live-stream - bit.ly/3lE1YVM
- Praying the Rosary, Mon, Wed, Fri at 5:00pm - contact alaetaulealo@gmail.com
- Christian Meditation, Wed at 12:00pm - contact randrashby@bigpond.com
- Sunday Mass at 10:30am live-stream on Facebook - bit.ly/3lE1YVM and YouTube - bit.ly/31R5VhW
- Morning Tea at the Vicarage on Zoom - <https://bit.ly/2Z3sUVj>
- Children’s Church, pre-recorded and posted on our website - www.stpeters.org.au/childrens-church

I hope that some or all of these on-line ministries will be helpful for you during this time of lockdowns and pandemic restrictions. There is also a Telephone Tree that is administered through the St Peter’s Pastoral Care Team, with 20 Callers who have kindly agreed to touch base with some 160 parishioners and friends of St Peter’s on our Parish Roll. If you are not receiving a phone call from the team and would like to, or have any feedback for us, please call the Parish Office on (03) 9662 2391.

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Kingsley Armstrong, David Bornstein, Michael Boyle PRIEST, Mary Grima, Bradley James, Grace James, 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, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Joyce Newton, Jack Neville Mulready, 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:

Sun	6	Sarah Bradshaw, Kathleen Deasey, Jacquelyn Farrer, Mary Stringer, Emily Stodart, Reginald Harold Wray
Mon	7	Isabella Corlass, Louis Crooks, William Lee, Florence Eileen O'Hanlon, Alice Wheeler
Tue	8	Frank Anderson, Emma Balderson, Margaret Béchervaise, Albert Carne, Desmond Deasey, Margaret Jennings, Edward Bouverie Pusey <small>PRIEST</small>
Wed	9	David Andrew Hooper, Maud Saunders, Jean Dorothy Noelle Sinclair
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Fri	11	Wui Hin Chiunh, Mother Esther <small>CHN</small> , Gwendoline Sarah Hollis, William May
Sat	12	Mary Nankervis, Caroline Rees

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 19 Zephaniah 3.11-20 Acts 26.19-32	Ps 119.1-6 Judith 10.14-11.6, 20-23 1 John 4.1-12
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Birth of Mary, Mother of the Lord

Tuesday	Pss 20 & 21.1-17 (8-13) Obadiah 1-14 Acts 27.1-12	Pss 24 & 26 Judith 12.16-13.16 1 John 4.13-21
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Wednesday	Ps 22.1-22 Obadiah 15-21 Acts 27.13-32	Pss 22.23-32 & 23 Judith 14 1 John 5.1-12
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Thursday	Ps 25 2 Chronicles 36.1-14 Acts 27 & 33-44	Ps 27 Judith 15 1 John 5.13-21
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Mother Esther CHN, founder of the Community of the Holy Name (Melbourne) (d. 1931)

Friday	Pss 28 & 29 2 Chronicles 36.15-23 Acts 28.1-16	Pss 30 & 32 Judith 16.1-12 2 John
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Saturday	Ps 33 Isaiah 34 Acts 28.27-31	Ps 31 Judith 16.13-25 3 John
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ST PETER'S PRAYER LINK

AN INITIATIVE OF THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Our Pastoral Care Team last month launched 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 are: Fr Hugh, Di Clark, Elizabeth Pemberton, Xeverie Swee, and Peter Yewers.

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



BREAKING NEW GROUND: GROWING THE CHURCH

Saturday 31 October 2020 | 1.30–4.00pm

By Zoom conference

\$25 | \$20 concession

Fresh expressions of church and pioneer ministry have been commended to the church as crucial for handing on Christian faith in contemporary culture, and for securing an intergenerational future for Anglicanism. This discussion session welcomes the minister of Merri Creek Anglican, the Rev'd Dr Peter Carolane, to share the story of its growth, introduce the convictions that have formed it, and identify the challenges of pioneer ministry in Melbourne. Joining him in discussion is Bishop Lindsay Urwin, the Vicar of Christ Church Brunswick. The discussion will be moderated by Bishop Kate Prowd, the bishop of the Oodthenong area of episcopal care in the Diocese of Melbourne.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)

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Two perfect gift books for inspiration and at this time. These make perfect books to carry around in your pocket or to give to a friend struggling during this period.

God's Little Book of Calm by Richard Daly

A small book to restore peace to our minds and bring spiritual refreshment to our hearts. Timeless truths and promises enable us to face life challenges.

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Sunday Services

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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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	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr David Peake	0412 299 839
	Fr Roger Prowd	03 9662 2391
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Guild of St Benedict	Daniel Ferguson	0419 572 033
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built on the lands of the
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We are committed to
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is: "Catholic Evangelism:
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