

*Welcome to*

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'Parable of the workers in the vineyard' - Christian Dietrich (c 1750)

# ORDINARY SUNDAY 25

# 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020

Loving and righteous God, your boundless generosity exceeds all that we can desire or deserve, and you give to the last worker all you promised to the first: liberate us from all jealousy and greed, that we may be free to love and serve others, and in your service may find our true reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

# VICAR'S MUSINGS

September each year is usually Parish Giving Month at St Peter's Eastern Hill. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on our stewardship of time and resources as a faith community. The thought did cross my mind as to whether we should postpone our stewardship campaign this year, given the sensitivities of the pandemic, but after discussions with the Wardens, the Treasurer and other Parish Leaders we decided to go ahead. Stewardship is of course much more than dollars and cents, and Spring is a good time of the year to undertake, in the broader sense, an audit of our mission and wellbeing as a Christian community. This year in particular, it is important for us to reflect on how we are travelling as a community, and draw together as a parish as best we can during this time of pandemic.

But this year, our Parish Giving Month is taking a different shape from usual. We cannot gather in person, and will not be able to do so until Advent Sunday at least, so our focus as a parish continues to be on-line. I invite you to join with me in reflecting together on Parish Giving this month in three ways.

**A) Giving Through Worship, Devotions and Fellowship.** I am very aware, after numerous conversations, and my own experience, of how challenging it is to sustain our communal worshiping and devotional life online. But we must! In the Letter to the Hebrews, traditionally attributed to St Paul, we can see evidence of the self-same issues in the early church: *“since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus ... let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”* So I do encourage you to continue the discipline of spiritual communion at Mass, devotions and fellowship with one another: through Sunday Mass (and/or Children's Church) on FaceBook (<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterseasternhill>) and our YouTube channel (accessible via: <https://bit.ly/2REix68>); through “Morning Tea at the Vicarage” from 12.30pm each Sunday (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91491816647>); through our Rosary and Meditation on-line groups; and through our Telephone Tree and the informal connections we make with other St Peterites over the week; and let's not forget Zoom Cocktails!

**B) Giving Our Financial Resources.** In last week's Pew Sheet our Treasurer and Vicar's Warden wrote to us all about planned giving and stewardship of our financial resources. You can read their letter in the new Parish Giving Brochure (link below) but here is an extract: *“We ask you to continue to be an instrument of God's grace. Please*

*continue your generosity to keep the parish going, supporting each other and supporting the wider world. Your contributions help the parish budget so that we can continue our ministries - our music, our liturgy, our bookshop, our work with RMIT, our work with the homeless and up-skilling people into work, the telephone tree, and our teaching ministries. All these things cost money. All rely on your regular commitments and generous giving. There are many ways of supporting the work of the parish, please continue to do so and, in this time of additional costs and reduced revenues, please increase your commitment if you can."*

There are a number of ways that you can donate financially towards the Parish of St Peter. These are outlined in the new Parish Giving Brochure (<https://bit.ly/32EbX5W>) and on the website: <https://www.stpeters.org.au/donations>



**St Peter's Eastern Hill**  
**Parish Giving 2020/21**

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure... for the measure you give will be the measure you get back" Luke 6:38*

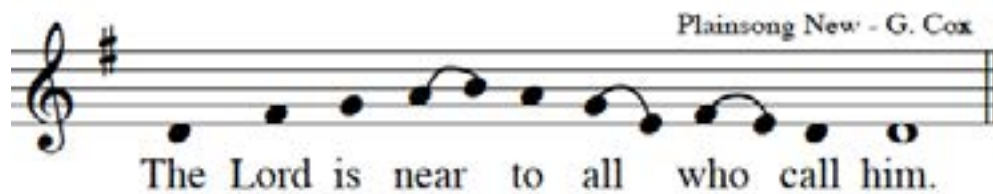
**C) Giving Through Planning for the Future.** Ever the optimists, your Parish Councilors have commenced work on our 2021-23 Mission Action Plan (MAP). I must say that I did at first wonder if now was the right time to form our three-year strategic plan; in the midst of lock-down, with our West Door still closed to the public. But as I reflected further, I realized that this is exactly the time we should be planning for the future. Many of our current on-line church practices will remain of great value after the church doors open once again, and we need to look ahead with hope, and plan for the time we can once again gather in person as a community. The Parish Council and other Parish Leaders have already undertaken a mission and ministry survey, and these reflections were yesterday fed into the first of two Parish Council planning sessions. Once drafted, the 2021-23 MAP will be presented to the Annual Meeting of the Parish (on Zoom this year) for your feedback. So please pray for your Parish Council, the Clergy and other Staff, and other Lay Leaders at St Peter's, as we undertake this important process of planning for the sustained mission and ministry of our beloved parish.

# SUNDAY MASS READINGS

## **First Reading:** Isaiah 55.6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## **Psalm** 145.2-3, 8-9, 17-18



Every day I will bless you,  
and praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable. R.  
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 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.

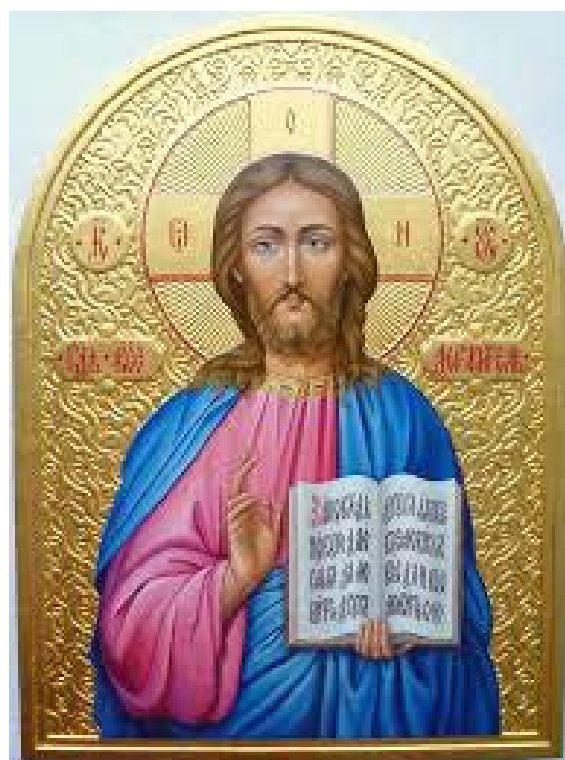
## **Second Reading:** Philippians 1.20-24, 27

My brothers and sisters: It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I

come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

**Gospel:** Matthew 20.1-16

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples. “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”



# PRAYERS

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## FOR THE SICK:

Walter Billeter, Michael Boyle PRIEST, Helen Drummond, Sr Gloria CHN, Mary Grima, Bradley James, Adain McCann, Alice McCraith, Jack Mulready, Lyn Nicholas, John Small, John Stewart BISHOP, Paul Wheelton, George and Charles.

## AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Chris Bennie, David Bornstein, Tania Burdick, Joe Butscher PRIEST, John Crocker, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Sr Hilary CHN, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Joyce Newton, Tim Peake, Liz Prideaux, Judith Ryles, Barbara Ure-Smith, Margaret Sutherland, Evelina Thornton, Joan Waldren-Small, Annette Wood, Anne Wuttke; Andrew, Cecilia, Chad, Jan, and Peter.

**FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Georgina Rankin, Bruce Smith

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

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| Sun | 20 | Ethel Lydia May Arnold, May Arnold, David Aymes, Louise Blencoe, Charles George Bright-Parker <small>PRIEST</small> , Marjorie Sarah Carter Cameron, Lorraine Marks, Blanche McEntee |
| Mon | 21 | John Bull, Herbert Henry Hammond <small>PRIEST</small> , Lily O'Connor, Henry George Kenneth Putt, John Francis Rosenthal  |
| Tue | 22 | Freda Rae Mahnig   |
| Wed | 23 | Marion Wood  |
| Thu | 24 | Helen Laura Nicolette Hooper, William Keartland, Peter George Courtney McWhinney, Jessie Harriet Welsh   |
| Fri | 25 | Violet Cresswell, Donald Hamley <small>PRIEST</small> , Margaret Malcolm   |
| Sat | 26 | Margaret Joyce Bornstein, Rita Mandeville Carr, John Liversidge, George Merchin  |

# 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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*Matthem, Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr*

Monday Ps 25  
Ecclesiastes 5.4-12  
Matthew 19.16-30

Ps 49  
1 Chronicles 29.9-18  
1 Timothy 6.6-19

Tuesday Ps 50  
Nahum 1.15-2.9  
Matthew 6.16-24

Ps 119.41-64  
2 Maccabees 7.1-19  
Ephesians 4.17-28

Wednesday Pss 54 & 55.1-12  
Nahum 3.8-19  
Matthew 7.6-23

Ps 55.13-15 (16-17) 18-28  
1 Maccabees 2.1-28  
Ephesians 5.6-20

Thursday Pss 56 & 57  
Joel 1.1-14  
Matthew 7.24-8.4

Pss 60 & 61  
1 Maccabees 2.29-48  
Ephesians 5.21-33

*Sergius of Moscon, Abbott and teacher (d. 1392)*

Friday Pss 62 & 63  
Joel 1.15-2.11  
Matthew 8.5-22

Pss 64 & 67  
1 Maccabees 2.49-70  
Ephesians 6.1-9

*Lancelot Andrews, Bishop of Winchester (d. 1626)*

Saturday Pss 65 & 70  
Joel 2.12-24  
Matthew 8.23-34

Ps 66  
1 Maccabees 3.1-26  
Ephesians 6.10-24

## **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](https://bit.ly/3lE1YVM)
- Praying the Rosary, Mon, Wed, Fri at 5:00pm - contact [alaetaulealo@gmail.com](mailto:alaetaulealo@gmail.com)
- Christian Meditation, Wed at 12:00pm - contact [randrashby@bigpond.com](mailto:randrashby@bigpond.com)
- Sunday Mass at 10:30am live-stream on Facebook - [bit.ly/3lE1YVM](https://bit.ly/3lE1YVM) and YouTube - [bit.ly/31R5VhW](https://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](http://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.

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS RECOMMENCES**

This is a reminder to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour for the start of the 2020/2021 daylight saving period on Sunday 4 October 2020.



# SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AS FAITH IN ACTION

IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 AND BEYOND

Thursday 8 October  
12.30pm-2.30pm

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## FEATURING

- **Heaven at the Hill** | St Peter's Eastern Hill
- **Given the Chance** | Benetas with Brotherhood of St Laurence
- **Good Business Project** | Richard Wilson with Mission to Seafarers
- **Sudanese Saturday School** | St Peter's Box Hill with Anglicare Vic (Home Work Club)
- **Stepping Stones to Small Business** | Brotherhood of St Laurence

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# 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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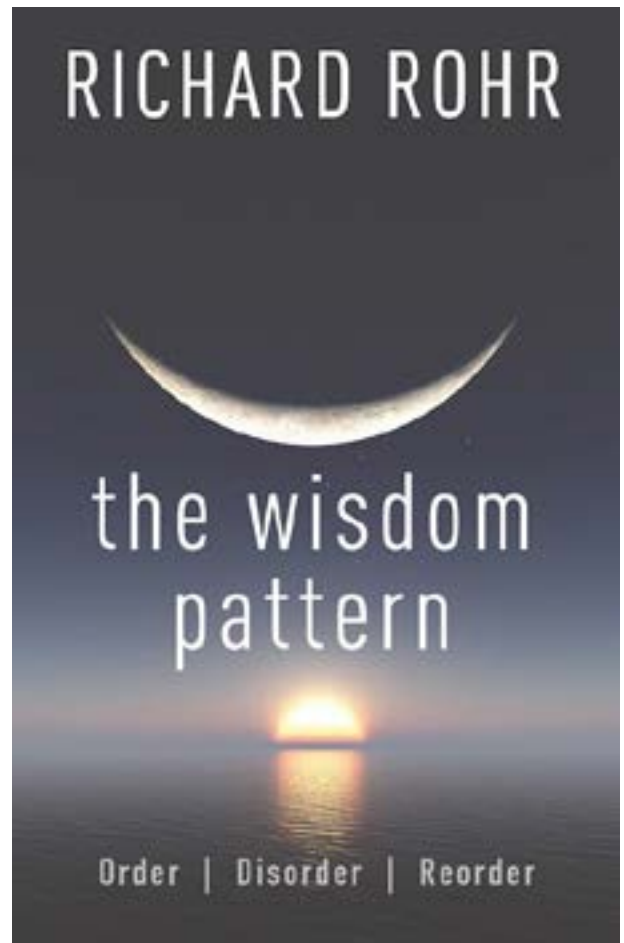
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Office Hours. 9.30am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday

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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  
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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

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
Children:	Katherine Barnett	03 9387 4089
COVID Safe & Child Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
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	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
Prayer Link	Fr Roger Prowd	03 9662 2391
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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  
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We are committed to  
social justice, equality and  
diversity. Our mission  
is: "Catholic Evangelism:  
Growing in God's love".*