

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'The Sermon on the Mount' Károly Ferenczy (1896)

ORDINARY SUNDAY 6

16TH FEBRUARY 2020

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives: grant that we may never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfill your law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please feel free to take this pew sheet home.

VICAR'S MUSINGS

This week I received a briefing document from the Archbishop concerning an Australian church response to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in China. Below is an extract from this letter. In summary: don't panic! There is no outbreak in Australia at this time. That being said, there are some practical things that we can do as a parish, such as: making use of hand sanitiser when in church; optional shaking of hands at the peace, some may wish to pass the peace with a bow; optional receiving of holy communion in one kind (i.e. the host only and not wine). Many will wish to continue our usual Sunday practices, given that the virus is currently contained in Australia, but for those who are concerned you may wish to take these precautions.

From our Archbishop:

... The Coronavirus began in December 2019 in the city of Wuhan. In January 2020, the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared a global emergency. A number of countries around the world have a small number of cases, including Australia. The incubation period (the time for an infected person to begin showing symptoms) is estimated by WHO to be between two and ten days. Before an infected person shows symptoms, they can transmit the virus to others. Currently officials from areas such as education and border protection, are asking that people quarantine themselves (i.e. stay at home for 14 days if they have been exposed). Additionally, travel restrictions have been imposed to restrict the opportunity for the virus to spread.

The virus is transmitted through the air by sneezing and coughing. It can also be transmitted through contact with surfaces on which the virus is present and then subsequent transmission through contact of the hands on or near the face. The WHO makes the following recommendations to reduce exposure to and transmission of the coronavirus which should be adopted as standard practise by individuals and communities:

- Avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections.
- Frequent hand-washing, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment.
- Avoiding unprotected contact with farm or wild animals.
- People with symptoms of acute respiratory infection should practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).
- Within healthcare facilities, enhance standard infection prevention and control practices in hospitals, especially in emergency departments

... Some suggestions that parishes may wish to consider:

To use the Australian bushfire analogy, Australia is now in a “watch and act” level of severity. That suggests that as a community we should be ‘alert but not alarmed’. Congregations should consider practical ways in which:

- Contact with those with acute respiratory infections can be avoided [i.e.: asking those suffering such illness to absent themselves]
- Encouraging those who may have been in contact with family and friends in Wuhan or surrounding areas, and/or has been potentially exposed through travel/airlines etc. to consider self-isolation from the worshipping community for a period of 14 days
- The more conscious use of alcohol hand-wipes/gels and the explicit communication of the same to the congregation[s].
- Considering church gatherings and practice and what steps should be implemented locally in response to the virus. This might include dialogue as to what appropriate steps might be required into the future, should the need arise.
- How to support elements of the community who may suffer from racist or misdirected fear and comment. Several instances of this have occurred in the broader community aimed at persons believe to be from a Chinese background.

... Prayer in Time of Epidemic Disease:

Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend,
come and care for all of us through
the danger and uncertainty of the coronavirus epidemic.

To people who are sick, bring healing.

To people who are displaced, isolated, or cut off from family,
friends or work, bring comfort and companionship.

Work with medical staff as they care for the sick, and protect them from harm.

Give skill and fruitful research to scientists
as they search for treatments, prevention and a cure.

To public health authorities, give wisdom to decide
the best ways to manage both this crisis and our anxieties.

When communities are fearful, give a calm spirit,
and kindness to neighbours and strangers.

Through this testing time, and through all the risks we face together,
teach us once again how we can love one another
as you have loved us. Amen.

8:00am Mass

Celebrant: Fr Hugh Kempster

Preacher: Fr Philip Gill

9:30 am Family Mass

Celebrant: Fr Roger Prowd

Preacher: Fr Philip Gill

Deacon: Fr Hugh Kempster

Children's Talk: Fr Hugh Kempster

Reader: Jan Gordon-Clarke

Intercessor: Anne Scott Pendlebury

Hymns: Entrance 420 Offertory : 302 Post-Communion : 372

Communion Voluntary: Mathias *Chorale*

Postlude: Leighton *Fanfare*

11:00am High Mass

Celebrant: Fr Hugh Kempster

Preacher: Fr Philip Gill

Deacon: Fr Greg Davies

Reader: Nevin Climenhaga

Intercessor: Diane Clarke

Hymns: Entrance : 420 Gradual : 481 Offertory : 302 Post-Communion : 372

Mass: Morales: *Missa Quaeramus cum pastoribus*

Motet: Howells: *Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks*

Postlude: Leighton *Fanfare*

6:00pm Mass

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Don Edgar

Next Sunday 23rd February: Ordinary Sunday 7

Mass Readings: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18, 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23 &
Matthew 5: 38-48,

Celebrants: Fr Hugh Kempster, Fr Philip Gill & Fr David Peake

CONGRATULATIONS REV'D COLLEEN CLAYTON - TUE 28TH APRIL

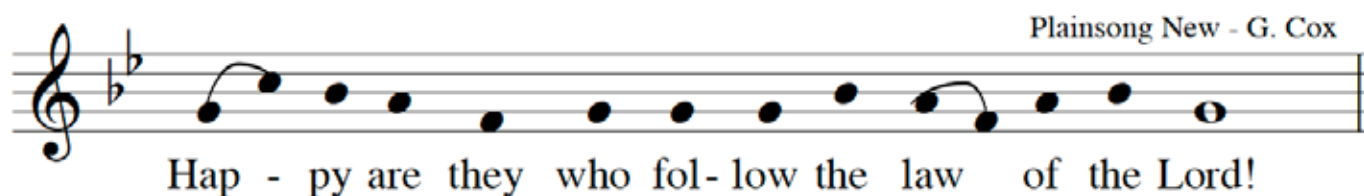
Our former Klingner Scholar, Rev'd Colleen Clayton, has been appointed as Priest in Charge of St Matthew's Cheltenham, to be inducted on April 28th. Please pray for Colleen and for the people of St Matthew's.

MASS READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 15.15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice. The Lord has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for whichever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever we choose will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows every human action. He has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Psalm : 119.1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34



Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart.

R.

You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

R.

Deal bountifully with your servant,
so that I may live and observe your word.

Open my eyes, so that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.

R.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

R.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10

My brothers and sisters, among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. As it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37

On the mountain, Jesus gathered his disciples around him and he taught them, saying: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, Let your word be 'Yes,' if 'Yes' or 'No,' if 'No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."



PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Brown, Tania Burdick, Don Edgar PRIEST, Alice McCraith,
Lyn Nicholas, Allan Rei, Evelina Thornton, Sandy Todd, Paul Wheelton

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Marja Barouh, Chris Bennie, John Crocker, Gail Edwards,
Sr Gloria CHN, Cliff Gornall, 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, Bob Weigl,
Annette Wood, Anne Wuttke; Andrew, Cecilia, Chad, Jan, and Peter.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Ellis Jones PRIEST, William (Bill) Heath

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun 16 Sydney Walter Glover, Alan Newton,
Arthur Ernest Howard Nickson

Mon 17 Thomas Haggart, Janice Mary Hughes, Pauline Karen Oakley

Tue 18 Dorothy Mavis McKenzie, Maurice Waugh PRIEST

Wed 19 -

Thu 20 Frank Brooks, Ian Donald Garth, Margaret June Tucker

Fri 21 William Aime Gray,

PARISH DIARY

<i>Sunday 23rd February</i>	We recommence our monthly service of Evensong and Benediction, led by the Choir, in the church at 6:00pm.
<i>Tuesday 25th February</i>	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party in the Hall at 6:00pm. Come and help empty those pantries as we prepare for the Lenten fast. We will burn last year's palm crosses, to create the ash for imposition. Then there will be lots of pancakes to enjoy; fun for all.
<i>Wednesday 26th February</i>	Ash Wednesday: 7.15am Mass and Imposition of Ashes, followed by "Ashes to Go" at Parliament Station; 1.15pm Mass and Imposition of Ashes; 6.15pm High Mass and Imposition of Ashes.
<i>Saturday 29th February</i>	Children's Confirmation and First Communion classes begin at 10:00am in the Vicarage.
<i>Sunday 1st March</i>	Adult Confirmation and Reception classes commence at 1:15pm in the Vicarage.
<i>Sunday 22nd March & 29th March</i>	EfM Lenten Study. This year's topic is 'Living Faithfully in a Multi-cultural World'. Commencing 1:00pm in the Hughes Room.

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM AND RECEPTION CLASSES

At the Easter Vigil service on Saturday 11th April at 8:00pm, Bishop Graeme Rutherford will be Presiding and Preaching. Fr Hugh warmly invites any adults or children who would like to be Confirmed, Baptised or Received into the Anglican Communion to contact him. Classes commence for children on Saturday 29th February and for Adults on Sunday 1st March.

INTRODUCING... TERRENCE (TERRY) RICHARD PORTER

I grew up in Glenferrie and moved to East St Kilda in my early teens and was a server at All Saints in the same suburb. I have two other siblings older than me. For my secondary education I attended Swinburn Technical college. I was trained as an Intellectual Disability Nurse at Kew Cottages and progressed on to complete Psychiatric Nursing. Before I retired, I worked for the Brotherhood of St Laurence, managing their Independent Living Service at Carrum Downs. I currently live in Northcote with my partner Anthony and we have been together for 25 years. I have spent most of this time attending St Peter's as a parishioner and altar server. My hobbies include going to gym every day, ballroom and Latin dancing, socialising and walking with Blaze our beautiful Boston Terrier. I am pleased to be representing the people of St Peter's as one of their Parish Councillors.



EfM LENTEN STUDY 2020

The theme for the 2020 Exploring Faith Matters [*formerly known as Education for Ministry*] is Living Faithfully in a Multi-cultural World.

Synopsis:

They were known simply as “The Lost Boys”.

Orphaned by the civil war in Sudan, which began in 1983, these young victims of civil war travelled as many as a thousand miles on foot in search of safety. Many years later a humanitarian effort would bring 3,600 lost boys, as well as girls, (all now young adults) to America.

The Good Lie tells the journey of a group of these children, their long and difficult trek from their village in southern Sudan, which had been destroyed in an attack by Northern militia, to Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, and their resettlement 13 years later in America where they must learn how to live in a culture that is alien to them. It is a story of heartbreak and hope, a struggle for survival and ultimate triumph.

This movie challenges the centrality of the white Anglo Saxon cultural point of view. Although resettlement of this group of refugees is set in America, the experiences they face are a mirror of what their country men and women faced when offered refuge in Australia.

Everyone is invited to join us to see this film and to reflect upon it theologically and discern what implications it may have for our own faith journey and ministry this Lent and Easter.

Session One:

Sunday March 22nd - 1.00pm in the Hughes Room to view the film

Sunday March 29th - 1.00pm in the Hughes for discussion and reflection upon the film

Please register on the sheet on the welcome table or email Kosta at the Parish Office on spoffice@stpeters.org.au

Those who are unable to attend the screening of the film on Sunday 22nd can access the film from Amazon Prime. See Fr Greg for more information or details.

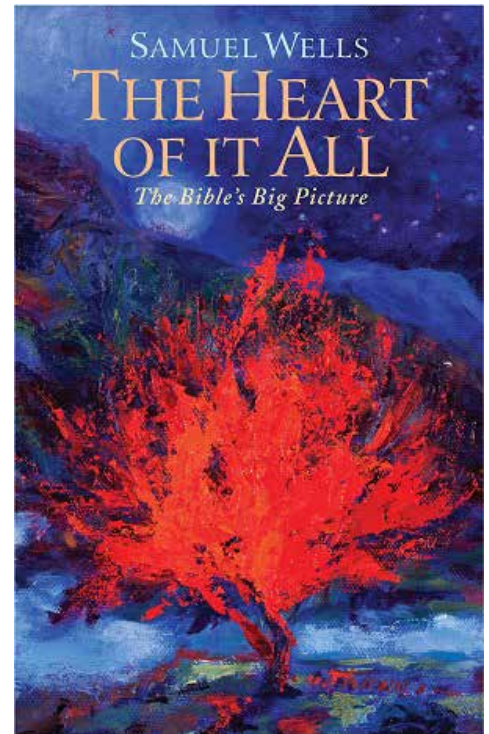
ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

Lent starts in less than two weeks!

We have a great range of new Lenten titles. You can see our range in the shop or online.

Samuel Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields London, is an inspiring theologian and thinker who visited Melbourne last year.

He has just released a very fine Lent book: *The Heart of it All*, an ideal introduction to those new to the Bible or wanting to explore a fresh way into our sacred scriptures. There is a short Study Guide offering suggestion for how readers can ponder the depth of the bible's story, alone or together.



\$29.95

Opening Hours

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

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Sunday Services

8.00 am	Low Mass (BCP)
9.30 am	Family Mass
11.00 am	High Mass
6.00 pm	Low Mass (Evensong & Benediction on 4 th Sunday)

Refreshments are available in the Parish Hall after each of the Sunday morning Masses

Weekday Services

Mon – Fri:	Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays) Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm
Wed:	Mass at 1.15pm
Sat:	Mass at 9.00am (Cell of our Lady of Walsingham, 3 rd Saturday of the month)

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*We are an inclusive
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".*