

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'Christ in front of Pilate', Mihály Munkácsy (1881)

PALM SUNDAY

5TH APRIL 2020

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Please feel free to take this pew sheet home.

VICAR'S MUSINGS

**STOP PRESS: don't forget, daylight saving ends at 3am
on Sunday 5th April. An extra hour in bed!**

It is easy to sink into despair in these worrying times. There is no escaping the reality that contagion, and the death toll from the COVID-19 virus is growing rapidly across the world; and our response to this as individuals and as a church is vitally important. But life does go on, and concern about the pandemic should not fill our every waking moment. Indeed, unchecked fear and anxiety can do great damage itself to our body, mind and soul.

Although not one of our readings for Palm Sunday, I have found it helpful this week to meditate on the life-giving words in St Paul's letter to his fledgling church in Philippi: "Beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" Philippians 4:8.

At the start of this week I realised that I was becoming addicted to the news. Rather than turning off the TV after I had caught up with the latest headlines, ABC News 24 was running continuously for more than half the day at home. Over breakfast, morning tea, lunch, and in the evening, I was checking on the latest bulletin. And then, when I had a moment, I would dig deeper through Auntie Google or Uncle Facebook. This week I have intentionally stopped doing this. I can really get all the news I need, across the various platforms, in half an hour, once or twice a day.

The news I've spent much more time on this week, has been what is going on for St Peter's parishioners, as you face self-isolation, work from home, and respond to the crisis professionally and personally. My favourite news story this week, is from one of our 8am congregation members. In an e-mail I said that I was missing his stories over breakfast after Mass. He replied: "Today's CDM tale: I felt very pleased with myself last Saturday in the Coles checkout queue, armed with a big toilet roll packet. A little old lady behind me asked, 'Are they for your grandchildren?' I had to quickly return the packet of nappies to the shelves."

Other news that you might be interested in, is how St Peter's Eastern Hill is adapting to this new COVID-19 era. Our congregations are shut out of the church building, and spread across Melbourne, but there are lots of different ways that we are remaining connected, and reinventing what it means to be "church."

Live Streaming Worship: Sundays, 11am, on St Peter's YouTube Channel

With gatherings of only two people now allowed, the Palm Sunday Mass liturgy this year will be led by the celebrant and organist alone. No servers, no choir, no readers and intercessors, no sidespeople, no welcomers or hospitality volunteers. That being said, last week there were 152 people who tuned in to our live-streamed service on the St Peter's You Tube channel: <https://bit.ly/3aEZVuB> And more watched later on the St Peter's Facebook page and the Parish Website.

Morning Tea at the Vicarage – After Mass, from 12.30pm

This Sunday, for the first time, I am warmly inviting you all to “morning tea at the Vicarage” ... on “zoom” I might add. To join us, click the link: <https://bit.ly/2UEvqzJ> and enter the meeting ID: 335 950 365 and password: 033097

Pastoral Care

Our St Peter's telephone tree is taking shape. I now have a good team of clergy and other parish leaders who have agreed to phone a handful of people each week to see how parishioners are going in these uncertain times. Warden Helen Drummond, and Pastoral Care Coordinator Di Clark, are helping me match up all our congregation members, so that, all going well, each of you will receive a call or a personal e-mail every week or so, to check-in and see how you are going.

Holy Week and Easter

Our church doors may be locked, but without a doubt the Triduum is going to be very different from usual this year. But Organist Rhys Arvidson and I are going to do our best to provide a meditative way for you to connect with the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. Again, do tune in to the St Peter's You Tube channel, and join us for worship at this most Holy of times:

- 9th April - Maundy Thursday, 6pm
- 10th April – Good Friday, 9am
- 11th April – Easter Vigil, 11.30pm
- 12th April – Easter Day, 11am

Other On-line Offerings

The St Peter's clergy and staff have been working hard over the past fortnight, since the church doors closed. We now have a variety of on-line offerings, from Fr Roger's “Thought for the Day” reflection, to Alae's “Praying the Rosary” zoom sessions, Carol's video book reviews, and Fr Greg's film study group. You can find links to most of these on the St Peter's Facebook page, or give them (or me) a phone call to find out more.

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Marja Barouh, Margaret Brown, Joe Butscher PRIEST, Hanne Christiansen, Alice McCraith, Grace James, Lyn Nicholas, Tania Burdick, Allan Rei, Evelina Thornton, Paul Wheelton, Rosemary Wilcox, and George.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Chris Bennie, Tania Burdick, John Crocker, Don Edgar PRIEST, 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, Annette Wood, Anne Wuttke; Andrew, Cecilia, Chad, Jan, and Peter.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Victims of the COVID-19 virus,

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun	5	Isabella Bates, Christopher Peter John Berry, Agnes Briggs, Patricia Amelia Gravette
Mon	6	James Brown <small>PRIEST</small> , William James Churchman, Mary Lee, Frank Nicholls, Joan Williams
Tue	7	Thomas Bird, Claude Milton Kennedy <small>PRIEST</small> , Ernest John Withycombe <small>PRIEST</small>
Wed	8	Alfred Edward Bates, Kathleen Davies
Thu	9	John Barker, Cyril Brougham, Ellen Eliza Gordon, Donald Leggett, James Moorhouse <small>BISHOP</small>
Fri	10	Jack Macmichael Armour, Vera Le Poidevin, Ian Patrick Roe, Marjorie Edna Sutton
Sat	11	William Henry Gray, Doris Smith

NOTICES

LIVE STREAMING WORSHIP: SUNDAYS, 11AM, ON ST PETER'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Sunday Mass, being no longer a public service, will from now on be live-streamed on the St Peter's You Tube channel at 11am each week (<https://bit.ly/2WHuRXc>) It will then be shared on Facebook and the Parish Website for you to watch at your leisure.

ZOOM ROSARY AT ST PETER'S

The Rosary will be held thrice weekly: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5pm via Zoom.

Invites for the week's sessions with accompanying links will be sent out Sunday night to people on the Zoom Rosary mailing list. They'll be posted on Facebook the day of the session.

To join an online session just follow the relevant meeting link. To download the Zoom app or join the meeting online visit the Zoom website: <https://zoom.us/>

If you're interested in being on the Zoom Rosary mailing list please email: alaetaulealo@gmail.com

DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

As we are no longer able to gather as a Parish for worship, our personal devotions will become increasingly important for nurturing our faith and our sense of God's presence in this crisis.

Our Lay Minister, Alae Taule'alo, has put together a number of devotional resources that may be helpful to you over the coming weeks and months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Link: <https://www.stpeters.org.au/devotional-resources>

LENT STUDY ON THE FILM - THE GOOD LIE!

This film takes on new significance perhaps for us all in our current context with the corona virus. We can identify a little more with what it feels like when your world turns upside down for no fault of your own, when the future is uncertain and fearful – where we are forced to travel into unknown territory.

The Lent study will involve:

Watch the film at home!

To view the film on your computer or smart TV: Register by emailing Fr Greg - gregdavies121@icloud.com.

You will receive by email instructions on how to login and access the film via EnhanceTv. Please note that access to the film via the login details will expire on April 3rd.

Reflection on the Film - two options:

1. Accept the invitation to join an on-line discussion group of the film. This will take place on Tuesday evening April 7th at 7.30pm.

Or

2. Participate in a group email discussion of the film.

Please indicate your preference for the reflection format when you register to see the film. Of course you can just view the film if you like and do your own personal reflection.

Attached are some notes / questions etc in our EfM model that you may find helpful.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fr Greg Davies

ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Peter's Bookroom,

Throughout this time of Government restrictions we will continue to be open behind closed doors, so please keep phoning us or sending in orders via email or the website. Follow us on Facebook too! There have been improvements that we have been wanting to make on our St Peter's Bookroom website for some time, and now (thanks to volunteer Sue Deutscher) we have been working on



this. Just google St Peter's Bookroom and you'll find us. Listening to the Words is a space on the Bookroom website where I read words from a variety of poets and spiritual writers. Careful with copyright regulations and terms of fair use, most of these pieces are no longer in print and all are being offered as tools of enrichment and comfort to help you through this period of time. Last year local writer and poet Julie Perrin released her book Tender which we sell in the shop. She has now joined our friendship circle on the Bookroom website. Please open and enjoy perusing her thoughts and reflections. Carol's Corner on the Bookroom website is alive and well. More developments will come in time. If you, like myself, are struggling with prayer life at this time, go to Books - Meditation or Books - Lent on the Bookroom website. There are good suggestions here which may be of assistance to you during Holy Week and Easter. God Bless You, Carol

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)

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 Don Edgar	0418 967 829
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr David Peake	0412 299 839
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
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

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
David Spriggs
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".*