

*Welcome to*

# ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



Altar frontal from La Seu d'Urgell or of the Apostles - Anonymous (c. 1125-50)

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY

# ORDINARY TIME

18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation and in the beauty of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; 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*

# WEEKLY MUSINGS

When I was very young, on Sunday evenings my mum used to make beef sandwiches from the remnants of our roast lunch. Sometimes, when she had fabric left over from making a dress, she would sew the remnants together into a half apron. Discarded wool became handy for knitting a scarf. The left overs, the remainders were never thrown out but used to make something new.

The readings this morning are about restoration after breakage and separation - gathering in of the remnants. Christ, Love-bearer, is the shepherd who gathers all into the fold. Those who feel dislocated or in exile are shown to be a new beginning for the whole. The prophet Jeremiah, in his most acerbic voice, accuses the spiritual shepherds of his day for scattering and neglecting the people of Israel. But at the same time assures the flock that even in this state God will not forsake them. He will gather the 'remnant of my flock.' In Psalm 23, the Lord is the true Shepherd, who leads, who heals, who accompanies in 'deaths dark vale.' In Mark's Gospel, Jesus shows great compassion for the crowd who are 'like a sheep without a shepherd.' These are passages about people who are lost, disconnected from the social and cultural centre, who can't find a way. Readings very pertinent for our times.

Today, 18th July, the Jewish Calendar marks Tisha B'Av. It's a day of Observance which commemorates many disasters in Jewish history, including the destruction of the First and Second Temple. Jewish peoples have suffered much persecution and tragedy over the millennia. The Hebrew word for remnant is 'sheerith', a word used in this morning's reading of Jeremiah, and many times by the prophets Ezekial and Isaiah in terms of the exile of Jewish people. Sh'erit ha-Pletah is Hebrew for 'surviving remnant' a phrase occurring in the Book of Ezra and Chronicles. In the late 1940s over 250 000 Jewish Holocaust survivors lived in Displaced Persons camps. A group calling themselves the Sh'erit ha-Pletah was formed and for nearly 6 years this diverse group of Jews coming from almost every corner of Europe sought to improve the conditions of the camps and find a new unity amongst themselves. Individuals who had lost everything began to make a new life and sought immigration in particular to Israel.

Around us today are many who know how it feels to be looked over, discarded. Thousands of people seek asylum to live in Australian community. 1 in 5 young people are struggling with mental health. At the height of the Covid-19 crisis in Australia, March - June last year, nationally about 6 000 people each month sought out services for homelessness, an increase in Victoria by 27%.

Christ moved most often not amongst those at the centre but at the edges. Socially and economically people can be relegated the status of remnant. But in these readings, we are reminded that in Christ no person is a leftover. Each of us holds a seed for a new beginning. Each of us is asked to work for restoration and wholeness.

*Carol O'Connor*

# DAILY INTERCESSIONS

## FOR THE SICK:

Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, Kate Castle, Wendy Hancock, Russell Kennedy, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, John Small, Margaret Sutherland, Paul Wheelton & Peter.

## AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, David Bornstein, David Curtis, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Siew-Hung, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Alice McCraith, Mary Montague, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Robin Page, Liz Prideaux, Graham & Judy Ryles, Jenny Sasse, John Stewart BISHOP, Clive Tadgell, Ian Thornton, Barbara Ure-Smith & Jan.

## FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

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

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> -

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> John Joseph Banks, Helen Blakston, Walter Bull, John Gordon, Alex Keamy, Muriel Lord, Hubert Neville

Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Gertrude Dahle, Doris Draper, Georgina Gibbard, Edmund (Ted) Gielis, Sr Maree CHN, Cora Willat, Melva Wyatt

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Margaret Blackwell, James Richmond, Esther Elizabeth Taylor

Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Constance Camilatos, Don Chessels, Grace Colgrave, Elsie Cousens, Dorothy Isabel Fearon, Graeme Hesketh, Clare Mary Kempster, Stanley Harold Moule, Harry Reynolds Smythe PRIEST

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> John Adams, Ernest Reglar

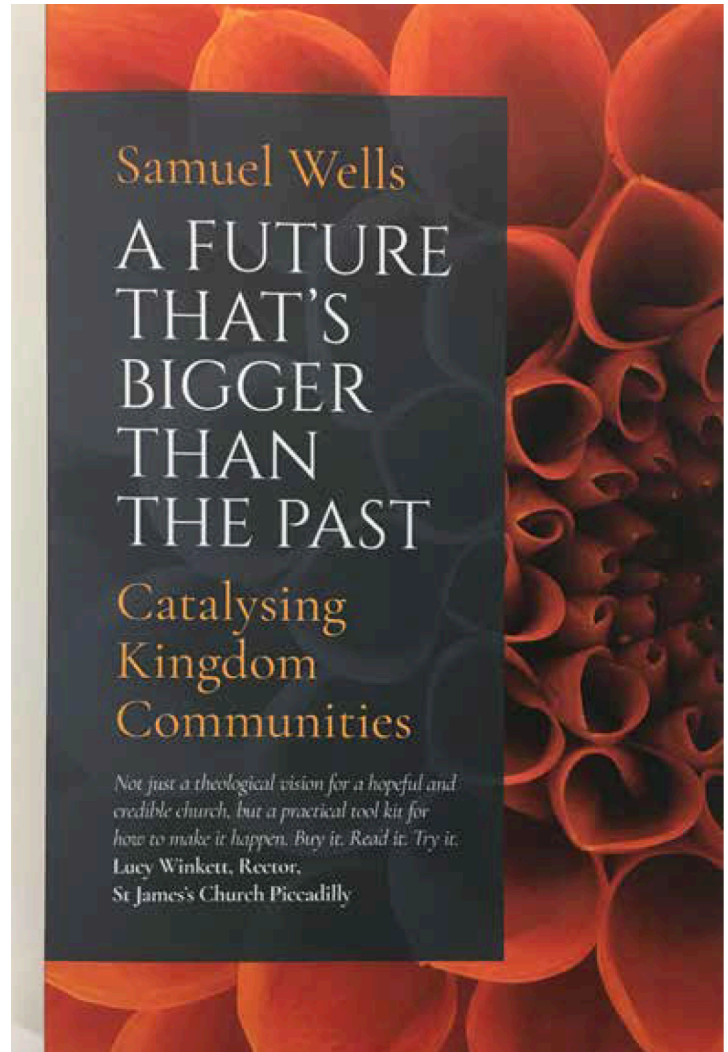
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Donald McCall, Ronald Francis Norman

# A WINTER STUDY GROUP THURSDAYS ON ZOOM, 6.30PM UNTIL AUGUST 26TH

Imagine this, 7 days a week, day and night: an internationally renowned concert program, a busy and profitable social enterprise café and restaurant, a long-standing homelessness ministry and advocacy, a thriving book shop ... all vital ministry programs of a vibrant worshipping faith community.

The seeds of such a vision have long been growing in so many of our churches, through our Op Shops, our Christmas Carols in the Park, and the other community-facing ministries we engage in; but we should not rest on our laurels.

For decades Melbourne churches have been looking to our “big sister” in London, St Martins in the Fields for inspiration and ideas.



St Peter's Eastern Hill is hosting a seven-week on-line study group, reading together *A Future that's Bigger than the Past: Catalysing Kingdom Communities* by the Rev'd Dr Sam Wells, current Vicar of St Martin's in the Fields, London. All are welcome!

**When?** Thursdays 15th July to 26th August, 6.30 to 7.30pm

**Who?** Led by Fr Hugh Kempster, with guest speakers

**Zoom link?** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81398091138>

To register your interest, and/or get hold of a copy of the book, e-mail Fr Hugh Kempster: [vicar@stpeters.org.au](mailto:vicar@stpeters.org.au)



# THE ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER 2021

**DATE:** 6.30pm Wednesday 18 August 2021  
(Optional Evensong at 5.45pm)

**WHERE:** Trinity College Dining Hall  
100 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052

**COST:** \$110  
Book or donate online  
at [trybooking.com/774569](https://trybooking.com/774569)

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# ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIER

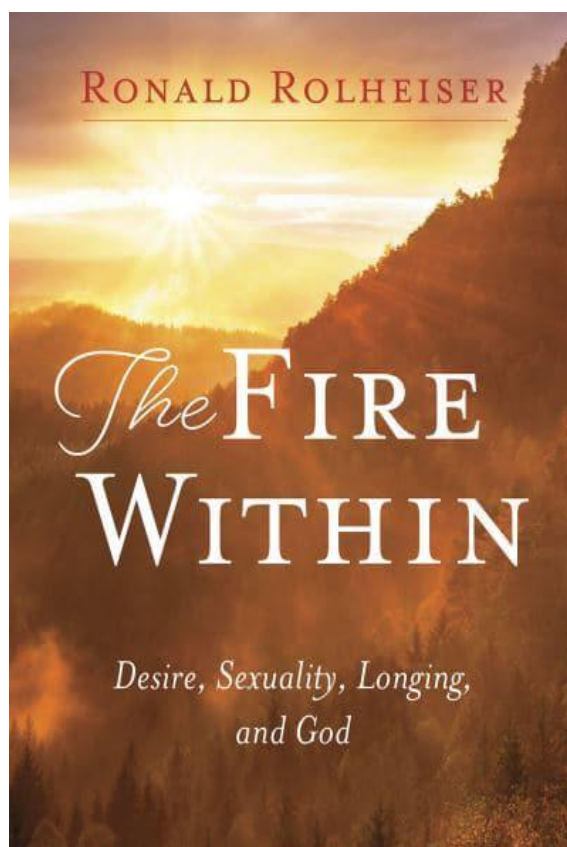
Great News! This coming week the Bookroom will be representing St Peter's and attending the Dandenong Clergy Conference at the Foothills Retreat Centre in Mooroolbark. These conferences are always enjoyable occasions for the Bookroom to connect with old friends, make new ones and mostly sell lots of our high-quality spiritual books.

## NEW RELEASE!

### *The Fire Within: Desire, Sexuality, Longing and God* by Ronald Rolheiser

This is a book on desire, its experience, its origins, its meaning, and how it might be generatively channelled. Sexuality is inside us to help lure us back to God, but dealing with this fire inside us is a lifelong struggle. Ron Rolheiser sheds light on this mystery and the journey it takes us on in these tantalizing fragments that help give us permission to feel what we feel and know that God is still smiling on us.

**\$25.95**



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

## Sunday Services

	9:00 am	Mass (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.30 am	High Mass with Children's Church
6:00 pm		Mass (Evensong replaces the Mass every 4th Sunday of the month)

## Weekday Services

Mon – Fri:	Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays)
	Wednesday Mass at 1:15 pm
	Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm

## Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
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	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
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	Xeverie Swee	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  
Peter Wild

## Other Parish Ministries and Programs

Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	03 9663 7487
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COVID Safe & Child		
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	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
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Director of Music:	Andrew Raiskums	0439 556 627
Flowers:	Michael Upson	0492 964 984
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:	Shanti Michael	03 9662 2391
Pastoral Care:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
Prayer Link & Pastoral	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
RMIT Chaplaincy:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
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*We are an inclusive and welcoming Church, built on the lands of the Wurundjeri people.*

*Our mission is: "Catholic Evangelism: Growing in God's love".*

