

WELCOME TO
ST. PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



James Tissot "*The Communion of the Apostles*" (c.1886-94)

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
22ND AUGUST 2021- PEW SHEET

Ever living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people, that in the ministry to which you have called them each may serve you in holiness and truth; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

WEEKLY MUSINGS

The gospel reading brings to conclusion a journey through John chapter 6. It began with the feeding of the 5,000 with the loaves and fish and concludes with Jesus' followers turning away because of the shocking claim that he gives his body to eat and his blood to drink. This journey from food for the body to sustenance for the spirit highlights the challenges of the pandemic when we can't meet either to worship or to share a meal.

The chapter began so positively and hopefully with people having their fill of bread and fish. It ends with the scenario of the crowds leaving Jesus because of the difficulty of his teaching - the low point coming with Jesus' questioning of the disciples, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Peter chooses to stay, and he gives two clear reasons. The first is that Jesus has the words of eternal life, and the second is their experience of him as 'the Holy one of God'. This is one of those occasions when Peter gets it right, but many people could not take what Jesus said and turned away. Perhaps they thought that in following Jesus, God would continually bless them by fulfilling all their desires! If that is what they thought following Jesus meant, they would have been disappointed indeed.

As we read through the New Testament, we gain an understanding of what this spiritual food is that Jesus offers us. He offers us healing, comfort and peace amid the trials of life not as an escape from them. In the 19th century the priest and author, Charles Kingsley wrote this about Jesus in his *Daily Thoughts*:

What was Christ's life? Not one of deep speculations, quiet thoughts, and bright visions, but a life of fighting against evil; earnest, awful prayers and struggles within, continued labour of body and mind without; insult, and danger, and confusion, and violent exertion, and bitter sorrow. This was Christ's life. This was St Peter's, and St James's, and St John's life afterwards.

Jesus appeared to the disciples on the evening of his resurrection (John 20.19-29) and in the midst of their fear and confusion he offered them peace. It would not be peace as the world gives, but as God gives. It is a peace that comes from facing trouble and hardship not in our own strength but in the strength of Christ who gave himself for us and who offers us his spiritual sustenance today.

Fr. Phillip Gill

DAILY INTERCESSIONS

FOR THE SICK:

Helen Barnard, Margaret Bishop, Kate Castle, Craig D'Alton PRIEST, David Curtis, Rhonda Graham, Wendy Hancock, Siew Hung, Tara Kendon, Russell Kennedy, Roman Kerr, Tim McKew, Martin Moran, Lyn Nicholas, Noleen Nicholls, Liz Prideaux, Gary Robertson, Alex Robins, Judy Ryles, John Small, Ronald Stroud, Michael Upson, Paul Wheelton & Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, David Bornstein, Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Grace James, Lynn James, Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Alice McCraith, Mary Montague, William Lees, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Robin Page, Jenny Sasse, John Stewart BISHOP, Margaret Sutherland, Ian Thornton, Barbara Ure-Smith & Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED: Gary Bouma PRIEST

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

- Sun 22nd Mary Beatrice Fleet, Brian Gill PRIEST, Athol James Kennedy, Jane Lamb, Catherine Anne Purcell, Lucy Shepherd, James Touzeau
- Mon 23rd Clara Baker, Gladys Ruth Hammond, James Lovett
- Tue 24th Amy Crellin, Albert William George, Francis Bannantyne Lewis, Douglas Owen Loveday, Elsie Mitchell
- Wed 25th William David Gibbs, Charles Hollis
- Thu 26th Elizabeth Agar, Adelaide Burrell, Ivey Maie Cayley, Henry Williams
- Fri 27th Harriet Gooley, Arthur Howell, Selina Lucas, Muriel St Clare McCall, Alice Mirchin, Daniel Newham PRIEST, David Roberts
- Sa 28th Ken Engelsmann, Elsie May Fielding, Graham Tibbitt

FAITH FORUM

“Listen, the river is singing”

Mary Oliver and the gift of learning to pay attention



Sunday August 22nd, 12.30-1.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://sewanee-edu.zoom.us/j/84019602519>

Meeting ID: 840 1960 2519

This month Carol O'Connor will facilitate a session on contemporary poet Mary Oliver. Mary Oliver's poetry is full of questions: about life, the natural world, the way we inhabit our environment. This session is a brief introduction to her poetry, discovering together some of her insights and sharing their meaning for us today. These sessions are open to all. No Cost. This is part of the Faith Forum series at St Peter's Anglican Church. Faith Forum is an opportunity to explore and discuss matters and issues of faith and spirituality.

Please contact Fr Greg to express your interest, and with any ideas for future forums: ph. 0417 992 976 or e-mail gregdavies121@icloud.com

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM ROSARY GROUP

The Cell of Our Lady Walsingham went online last year, and our rosary group has now been meeting via Zoom for eighteen months!



We meet five days a week at 5pm (on weekends too during lockdown) to pray for

the community and the world and of course to offer devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham.

Ours is a diverse group, and via the magic of Zoom we're pleased to welcome members from interstate and overseas, with one of our regular rosary leaders dialling in from Singapore.

If you're interested, join us via the Zoom link:
<https://rmit.zoom.us/j/91989236310>

You don't need to be a rosary expert to join us, nor are you expected to lead any of the sessions, unless you want to!

If you're interested in joining our prayer sessions feel free to follow the Zoom link or email alaetaulealo@gmail.com; we can even send a set of rosary beads and an instruction booklet to you. You can also email through any intentions you'd like the group to pray for.



HEAVEN AT THE HILL
MEALS PROGRAM

Food Donation Drive

**Donate goods for our vulnerable
students & refugee families**

Drop off your non-perishable items at 15 Gisborne
Street East Melbourne - Mon-Fri 9-11.30



TRINITY COLLEGE
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The Most Revd Dr Philip Freier
Archbishop of Melbourne

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

**THE ANNUAL
ARCHBISHOP'S
DINNER 2021**

IN SUPPORT OF THE
BUILDING OUR FUTURE APPEAL

Unfortunately, due to this most current lockdown and the anticipated slow easing of restrictions that will follow, we have decided to postpone the Archbishop's Dinner. The new date of this event will be **Thursday 7 October 2021**. We will automatically transfer any bookings to this new date, however, if you are now unable to attend, please contact us by calling Matilda Sholly on (03) 9348 7527 and we will issue a refund. If you are yet to buy a ticket and would like to make a booking for the new date, type the link below into your browser:

<https://bit.ly/3Co3YKi>

~ You will find there also a link to purchasing raffle tickets at \$5 each ~

Date: Thursday 7th October 2021
 Time: 6.30–10.30pm (optional Evensong in Trinity Chapel at 5.45pm)
 Location: Dining Hall, Trinity College, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052
 Dress: Lounge suit
 Cost: \$110 per person
 RSVP: By Friday 1st October 2021

Enquiries: Matilda Sholly | (03) 9348 7527 | events@trinity.unimelb.edu.au

INCUMBENCY COMMITTEE NEWS

From the Parish representatives on the Incumbency Committee

UPCOMING PARISH MEETING – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

With Fr Hugh now in his tenth and final year as Vicar of St Peter's Eastern Hill, preliminary meetings of the Incumbency Committee's three elected members, Stephen Duckett (Wardens), Carol O'Connor (People) and Craig Wilson (People) have occurred to discuss the process and start a search for possible candidates.

On 28 July, the members met with our Regional Bishop, Bishop Genieve Blackwell, to clarify the membership of the committee and the process to be followed.

The full membership of the Incumbency Committee is Bishop Genieve, Archdeacon Heather Patacca, our three elected members (above), a clerical consultant and a lay consultant to be nominated from respective panels held by the Diocese. Prior to formally convening the Incumbency Committee, Bishop Genieve asked that a Parish Profile be prepared, and this is well advanced.

The Bishop also asked that a Parish consultation meeting occur between the Archdeacon and the congregation. The purpose of the meeting is to invite the congregation to express its views in looking to the future of St Peter's.

Once the Incumbency Committee has agreed on a short list of candidates, the Bishop approaches the candidates to determine whether they wish to be considered. CVs are received and typically three or four candidates are interviewed over a short period of time. A list of questions and clear assessment criteria are prepared beforehand.

Throughout the process the names of candidates understandably must remain confidential to the Committee.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the process with one of us, please feel free to do so. Similarly, if you have names you'd like to put forward as possibilities, please let any one of us know.

The members of the Incumbency Committee look for your prayerful support throughout the process and suggest this prayer for guidance:

*God of Grace, you judge your people with wisdom and rule us with love.
Give a spirit of understanding to the members of the incumbency committee
that they may make wise decisions
that will give glory to you and be a blessing to your people.
God of all Wisdom, you are our eternal shepherd and guide.
In your mercy grant your Parish of St Peter a shepherd after your own heart
who will walk in your ways and with loving care watch over your people,
that your name may be glorified.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



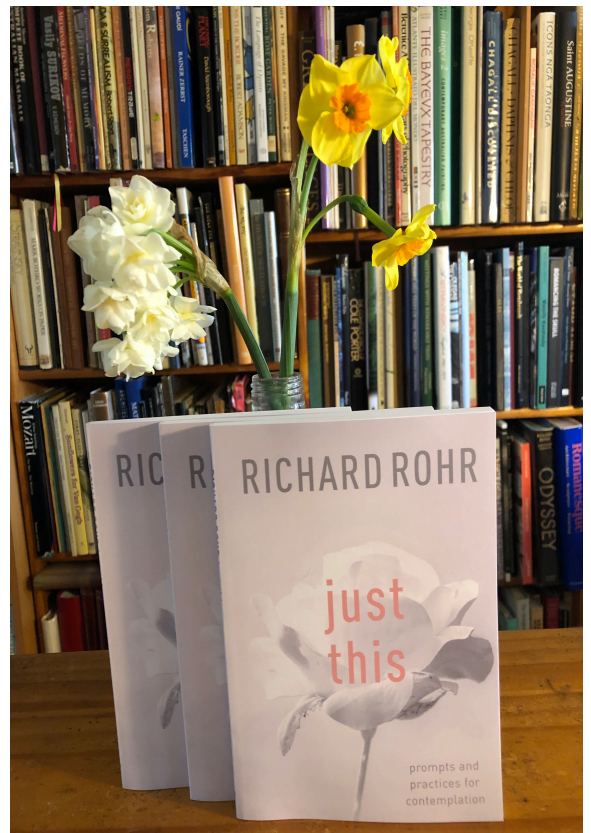
Alissa Duke, “St Peter’s Eastern Hill – Cityscape” (2019)

St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplies

Just This by Richard Rohr \$32.95

A collection of brief and evocative meditations and practices. **Just This** invites us to cultivate the gift of waking up to the beauty of reality in all its glorious ordinariness. With his signature blend of contemplation, theology and pastoral sensitivity, Fr Richard Rohr creates a spaciousness for the soul to grow into a kind of seeing – one that goes far beyond merely looking, to recognizing and thus appreciating.

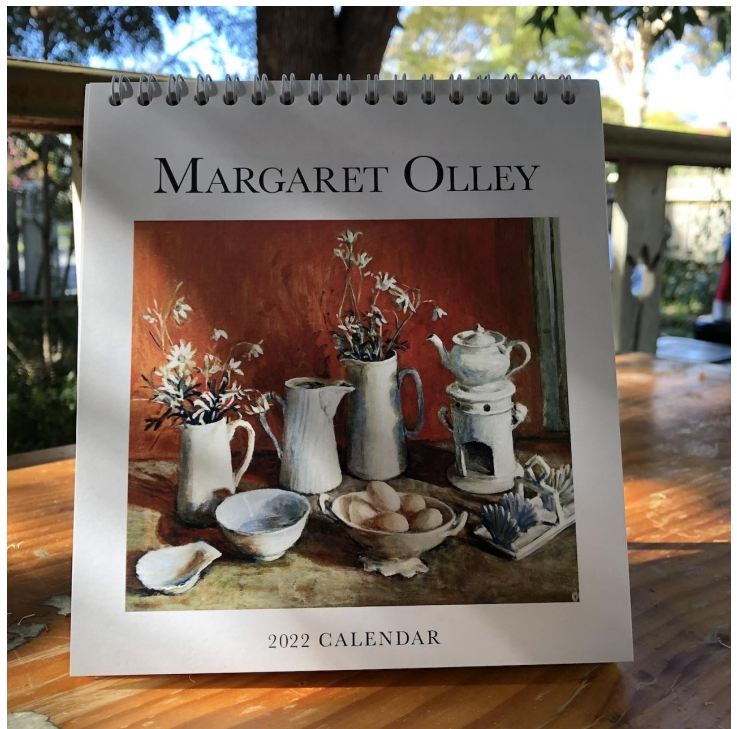
This is the heart of contemplation, the centerpiece of any inner dialogue that frees us from the traps of our perceptions and preoccupations. The contemplative mind does not tell us what to see; it teaches us how to see what we behold.



Though our doors on Gisborne St are closed, we are still open for Mail Orders and Click and Collect! Look on website for lots of interesting and stimulating books, gorgeous cards and gift items. You can stay within your 5km radius and still find that special, beautiful gift for someone you hold dear in your life.

This beautiful range of mainly Australian Art Wall and Desk Calendars is printed on Archival Art Paper. Each page has a frameable image. There are also large boxes for each day to record your diary dates. Spiral bound the Wall Calendars measure 23cm x 33cm.

Artists include Margaret Olley, Criss Canning, Delvine Cockatoo-Collins, Jo Hollier, Clarice Beckett, Doris Black, Rebecca Cool Banksy.



BOOK FAIR

Due to the continuing serious nature of the Covid19 pandemic and the unpredictable timing of Lockdowns, we have decided it is in all our best interests to postpone the Book Fair until March next year.

The Book Fair will now be on **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th March 2022.**

If any parishioner has storage facilities for our ever-growing numbers of books, please contact Carol in the Bookroom at bookroom@stpeters.org.au

Looking very much forward our 2022 Autumn Book Fair!

St Peter's Bookroom, 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne 3002
Situated in the St Peter's Parish Hall, on the street side, facing St Patrick's Cathedral.
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Office Hours: 10am to 2pm, Tuesday – Friday

Sunday Service (during lock-down)

10.30 am Mass – live-streamed on FaceBook and YouTube

Weekday Services (during lock-down)

Mon – Fri: Mass at 7.15am (9am on Public Holidays) – live-streamed on FaceBook
Saturday Mass with Devotions to Our Lady of Walsingham (3rd Sat. of the month) – live-streamed on FaceBook
Feast Day High Mass, as advertised: 6.15pm – live-streamed on FaceBook

Clergy and Lay Ministers

Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
ASLM:	Alae Taule'alo	0409 802 892
Associate Clergy:	Fr Hans Christiansen	03 9662 2391
	Mthr Pirrial Clift	0407 453 306
	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Philip Gill	0480 101 711
	Fr Ken Letts	03 9662 2391
	Fr Roger Prowd	0417 323 112
Klingner Scholars:	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391
	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
Sue Wuttke

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
COVID Safe & Child		
Safety Officer:	Rachel Ellyard	0419 335 793
Churchwardens:	Stephen Duckett (Vicar)	0447 837 741
	Rachel Ellyard (People)	0419 335 793
	Daniel Ferguson (People)	03 9662 2391
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
Sacristan	Eugene Chin	03 9662 2391

*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".*

