

Welcome to

ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

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



'Saint Peter', Peter Paul Rubens (c. 1616)

ST PETER'S DAY

(Transferred from the 29th June)

28TH JUNE 2020

Almighty God, whose apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their deaths as in their lives: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

VICAR'S MUSINGS

Happy St Peter's Day! As we celebrate our Patronal Festival this year, in such a different and dispersed manner, I have been reflecting on what it means to be "church" in this time of pandemic, or at any time for that matter. Ecclesiastes 4:12 evokes the metaphor of a "threefold cord" that is not quickly broken. As a parish over recent months I have seen a threefold cord that has given us remarkable resilience through the tough times: connection with God, connection with one another, connection across time.

Connection with God. At our Pastoral Care team meeting this week, coordinator Di Clark shared a beautiful reflection from Franciscan author and contemplative, Richard Rohr: *In Sunday School, I learned to think of God as a very old white-bearded man on a throne, who stood above creation and occasionally stirred it with a stick. When I am dreaming quantum dreams, what I see is an infinite web of relationship, flung across the vastness of space like a luminous net. It is made of energy, not thread. As I look, I can see light moving through it as a pulse moves through veins.* The post-communion prayer, from the 1928 B.C.P. puts it like this: *we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people.* In our daily Mass there is a constant reminder, at the passing of The Peace, that *we are Body of Christ.* Like Rohr's "infinite web" we are connected in Christ, energised and nurtured in and through the vitality of the Spirit, infused by the mystery of the love of God. This is true when we gather for Mass, but equally true, by God's grace, in our necessary pandemic dispersion.

Connection with one another. This has been one of the great challenges of being church during the COVID-19 lockdown and restrictions. As the Parish Council met by Zoom on Wednesday, however, I felt deeply proud of our church and the creative ways our staff, volunteer leaders, and various ministry teams have sustained and fostered connections against the odds. The St Peter's Social Enterprise meals program distributed its 28,000th meal this week, caring for those we are calling Melbourne's new poor: international students and others who lost their casual jobs overnight and have little or no other means of support. Our Lay Minister, Alae Taule'alo, presented a report on the recent Online Ministry parish survey. The Report details a variety of ways that we have connected virtually during the crisis, with recommendations for developing this fledgling ministry further (you can view the report on the "Parish Groups" page of our website or click [here](#)). The St Peter's Telephone Tree has been another way that we have kept in

touch as a parish, with the aim of our 22 Callers touching base with all 161 people on the parish roll every couple of weeks (if you've not received a call and would like to, please drop me a line and I will make sure you are added to the Tree). Di Clark and the Pastoral Care team have continued to connect with the sick of the parish, and those in particular need during the crisis, and you can see elsewhere in this week's Pew Sheet a new initiative that Fr Roger is launching this week: St Peter's Prayer Link. The St Peter's Bookroom, led by Carol O'Connor, is another ministry of the parish that continues to foster connections among parishioners as well as across the Diocese.

Connection across time. We are a church deeply conscious of our tradition and heritage. This is another of the great strengths of St Peter's. When the pandemic forced us to close the West Door to the public on 22nd March 2020, I imagined that this was the first such occasion in the history of St Peter's. But then a parishioner recalled the polio pandemic of the 1950s, and just this week Fr Philip pointed me to a photograph that I had forgotten in Fr Colin Holden's history of St Peter's. It records a Mass celebrated a century ago from the steps of our church during the 1919 influenza epidemic. Canon Hughes and the Sacred Ministers are kneeling before an Altar placed at the West Door. The Choir and congregation are all kneeling or seated at pews placed outside, in the church grounds, to help prevent the spread of the virus. We can and do draw strength from those who have gone before us; the giants (and humble souls) on whose shoulders we stand.



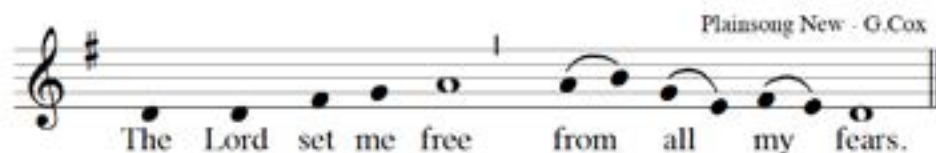
Worship at St Peter's during the influenza epidemic in 1919
(Colin Holden, From *Tories at Prayer to Socialists at Mass*, p.207)

SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Acts 12.1-11

In those days, King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased some of the people, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread. When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the people were expecting."

Psalm : 34.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8



I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

R.

O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,

and delivered me from all my fears. R.

Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble. R.

The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him. R.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever.

Gospel: Matthew 16.13-19

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

David Bornstein, Margaret Brown, Terry Cutler, Alice McCraith,
Don Edgar PRIEST, Bradley James, Grace James, Margaret Lugg, Lyn Nicholas,
John Small, Margaret Sutherland, John Taaff, Evelina Thornton,
Joan Waldren-Small, Paul Wheelton, and George.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Chris Bennie, Tania Burdick, Joe Butscher PRIEST, John Crocker,
Cheryl Duff, Gail Edwards, Sr Gloria CHN, Sr Hilary CHN, Lynn James,
Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, 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:

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Sun 28 Robert Bates PRIEST

Mon 29 Grace Hook, Elizabeth Hoyle, Gladys Hudson, Ron Thompson

Tue 30 Mary Croker, Grace Beatrice Lamble, Francis Lewin PRIEST,
Albert Edward Lloyd, Paul Hosking, Oscar Ormsby,
Frederick George Pitts

Wed 1 Jean Mary Henderson, William Arthur Holtman,
Margaretta Irvine, Constance Lloyd, Sophie Rose,
Thomas Stewart Watson

Thu 2 William Henry Bailey, Frank Hortin Callaway,
Lorraine Clare Elliot, Margaret Robbins, Dennis John Varigos,
Moreton Walhouse

Fri 3 Jeanie Adams, Mary Margaret Blackman,
Walter Stedman Southwell, Phillip Wheeler

Sat 4 Peter Bethell, Peter Callinan, Stanley Crouch,
Diana 'Dee' Hodgetts, Julie Hogg, Craig Maxwell, Jack Taaff

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

Peter and Paul, Apostles and Martyrs

Monday	Ps 71 Ezekiel 2.1-7 Acts 9.32-43	Ps 116 Zechariah 4.1-6a, 10b-14 Revelations 11.1-4, 15-18
Tuesday	Pss 148 & 149 2 Chron 17.1-13; 18.1-8 Acts 14.8-18	Pss 144 & 150 Ezekiel 8.1-15 Titus 2
Wednesday	Pss 1 & 2 2 Chronicles 18.9-27 Acts 14.19-28	Ps 3 & 4 Ezekiel 8.16-9.11 Titus 3
Thursday	Pss 5 & 6 2 Chronicles 18.28-19.11 Acts 15.1-11	Pss 7 & 8 Ezekiel 10 Galatians 1.1-10
Friday	Ps 9 2 Chronicles 20.1-19 Acts 15.12-21	Ps 10 Ezekiel 11.1-4(5-12) 13-25 Galatians 1.11-24
Saturday	Pss 11& 12 2 Chronicles 20.20-37 Acts 15.22-35	Pss 13 & 14 Ezekiel 12.1-20 Galatians 2.1-10

ST PETER'S PRAYER LINK

AN INITIATIVE OF THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM

This week our Pastoral Care Team is launching a new initiative: the St Peter's Prayer Link.

We are inviting parishioners and others to submit prayer requests, which will trigger focused prayer support from a small group of pray-ers, for one month from the date of the request being made. Further prayer requests may be made, but the prayer focus does not automatically continue beyond a month. The St Peter's Prayer Link does not replace the weekly Prayer List that is published in the Pew Sheet, and used at Mass each day of the week. Rather, this is intended as a prayer boost, additional private prayer support for those who request it.

Prayers for the month may be requested for those who are sick, but also for particular situations or concerns that are weighing heavily on you. They say that a problem shared is a problem halved. Similarly, a prayer shared is a prayer multiplied.

Fr Roger Prowd is the St Peter's Prayer Link coordinator. The others in the Prayer Link at this inaugural stage are: Fr Hugh, Di Clark, Xeverie Swee, and Peter Yewers. We anticipate bringing one or two other members of the Pastoral Care team onto the Prayer Link in the coming weeks. Who these new members are will be communicated clearly in the weekly Pew Sheet.

Confidentiality is of course paramount to this model of prayer support, so be assured that prayer requests will be kept strictly private amongst the Prayer Link group. Prayer requests will not be made public at Mass, nor shown in the Pew Sheet.

To ensure effective, confidential and accurate communication, all prayer requests should be made to the coordinator, Fr Roger, only. Fr Roger will then pass the request to the others in the Prayer Link. If you would like additional confidentiality for your prayer request, just mention this to Fr Roger, and your petition will be circulated to the Prayer Link group anonymously.

For further information on the St Peter's Prayer Link, and to request prayer support in this way, please contact Fr Roger Prowd on: 0417 323 112 or rwprowd@bigpond.com

Annual Appeal

The St Peter's Eastern Hill Charitable Foundation is a key way in which our church supports the Lazarus Centre, which has been serving breakfast and providing support to Melbourne's homeless every day of the year for the past 28 years.

In the past 12 months, we have provided breakfast and support for more than 1,000 individuals. This has included more than 1,000 items of clothing, hundreds of swags and blankets and more than 2,500 shower vouchers.

In September 2019 the St Peter's Eastern Hill Social Enterprise was born, with the launch of "Heaven at The Hill" coffee caravan. Already they have employed two job seekers and provided volunteering opportunities for numerous others. Over the pandemic period the social enterprise has also built up a meals program in partnership with State Parliament and RMIT University.

Right now, we are holding our Annual Appeal and we urgently need your help to continue to do our work helping those in need.

All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible.

Visit spehcf.com.au/donations or call 9662 2391 for further options and information.



St Peter's Eastern Hill Melbourne
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



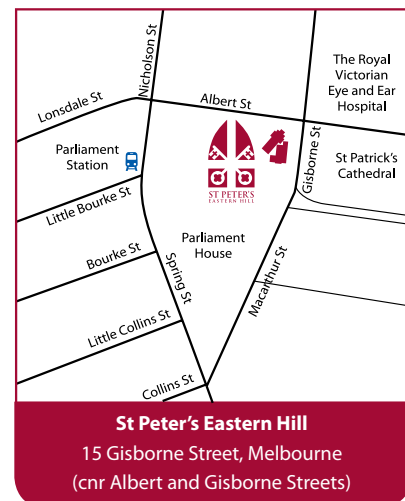


Meditation @ the Hill

*Tap into a deep spring of love, joy and peace within;
a 'living water', Jesus said, with which we will never thirst*

6pm Tuesdays

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ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

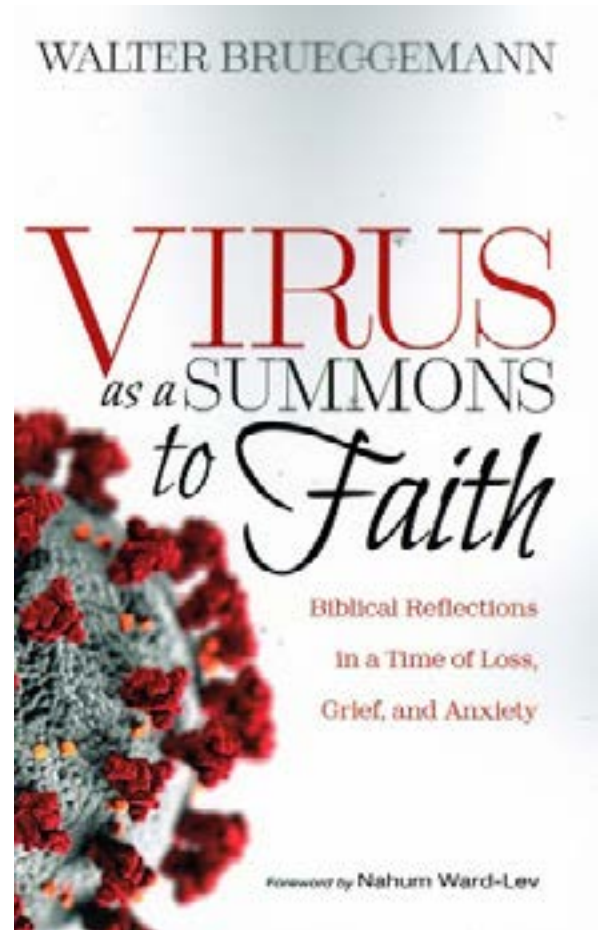
NEW RELEASE

Virus as a Summons to Faith: Biblical Reflections in a Time of Loss, Grief and Anxiety by Walter Brueggemann

Why bother with interpretations of biblical faith when in fact our energy and interest are focused on more immediate matters? The answer is simple and obvious. We linger because, in the midst of our immediate preoccupation and anxiety our imagination ranges beyond the immediate to larger, deeper wonderments.

Imagination is not only contained in the immediacy of our stress, anxiety, and jeopardy. Beyond these demanding immediacies, we have a deep sense that there is more than this and other than this to our life in God's world!

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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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	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

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	Helen Drummond (People)	0419 897 973
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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
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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

*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".*