

*Welcome to*  
**ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL**

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



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**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023**



# WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S

## SUNDAY

8.00am Low Mass (Traditional Language)

9.30am FAMILY MASS

11.00am HIGH MASS

6.00pm Evensong & Benediction (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays).

**6.00pm Low Mass (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)**

## WEEKDAYS

Daily Low Mass – 8.00am Monday to Friday (Live streamed on Facebook and YouTube)

Wednesday – 1.15pm & Saturday 12noon Low Mass in the Handfield Chapel.

## DAILY INTERCESSIONS

**FOR THE SICK:** Roger Boey, Geoffrey Gronow, Nelson Rufatt, Peter-Barnabas Wild, Geoffrey Wratten, Janet Young, Rita Seach, Michael Upson, Eleanor Greenham, Michael Messina, Charles Hardy, Sue Tan, Robert Saliba, Janine Stewart, Bp John Stewart, Bp John Parkes.

**FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED** Cliff Wheatley, Fr Rob Whalley, Adrienne Alexander, Pamela Vial.

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

- August 20 Dorothy Willis, Doris Emily Austin Wood  
21 Roger Martin Clarke, Margaret Gardner, Margaret Olivia Nelson,  
Thomas Holyoak Rust PRIEST  
22 Mary Beatrice Fleet, Brian Gill PRIEST, Athol James Kennedy, Jane  
Lamb, Catherine Anne Purcell, Lucy Shepherd, James Touzeau  
23 Clara Baker, Gladys Ruth Hammond, James Lovett  
24 Amy Crellin, Albert William George, Francis Bannantyne Lewis,  
Douglas Owen Loveday, Elsie Mitchell  
25 William David Gibbs, Charles Hollis  
26 Elizabeth Agar, Adelaide Burrell, Ivey Maie Cayley, Henry Williams

*Please contact Eugene Chin at the Parish Office or email [office@stpeters.org.au](mailto:office@stpeters.org.au) to have names added to the sick list. They will remain on our prayer list for one month unless requested to be extended.*

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*Please stand for the beginning of the Mass. The people's responses are printed in bold.*

Mass setting: J. Haydn (1732-1809) Missa Brevis St Joannis de Deo  
"Little Organ Mass"

*Introit Hymn:* NEH 239 Lord of all hopefulness

*At 11.00am the sanctuary party enters the chancel to prepare for the Asperges.*

Cantor

All

Pu - ri - fy me, O Lord, with hys - sop and I shall be clean:

Fine

wash me, O Lord, and I shall be whi - ter than snow.

Cantor

Have mer - cy on me, O God, in your en - du - ring good - ness:

All

ac - cor - ding to the fulness of your compassion blot out my of - fen - ces.

Wash me tho - rough - ly from my wick - ed - ness:

Cantor

and cleanse me from my sin. Glo - ry to God:

All

Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit: as in the be - gin - ning so now,

Repeat antiphon

and for e - ver. A - men.

*The sanctuary party re-enters the chancel. The celebrant intones the responsory.*



The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

*Please kneel*

*The Deacon introduces the Confession:*

Merciful God: **Our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The celebrant pronounces the Absolution.*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Kyries are sung at 9.30am and sung by the choir at 11.00am*

Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>
Christe eleison	<i>Christ have mercy</i>
Kyrie eleison	<i>Lord have mercy</i>

*Please then stand for the Gloria which is sung by the choir.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Celebrant prays the Collect.*

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit for the readings.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Isaiah 56.1, 6-8**

A reading from book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>56</sup>Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord God,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.\*

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 67



May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,  
that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity



and guide the nations upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you. **R.**

The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.  
May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

## **THE EPISTLE: Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

<sup>11</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? <sup>29</sup>for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now\* receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Hear the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Chant mode VIII, adapt. G. Cox



Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

*Deacon:*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 15.21-28**

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.  
<sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.'  
<sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'  
<sup>24</sup> He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'  
<sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.'  
<sup>26</sup> He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'  
<sup>27</sup> She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.'  
<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please sit for the Homily by Fr Michael Bowie*

*Please stand for the Creed.*

*[A copy of the music for the Sung Creed is available at the back of the church.]*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,**

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please kneel. After each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.  
**And let light ✠ perpetual shine upon them.**

*Celebrant:*

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.  
**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace  
receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand for the Greeting of Peace. Celebrant:*

We are the body of Christ.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON** [*Sung by the choir*]

The angel of the Lord shall encamp around those who fear him to rescue them, and shall deliver them. O taste and see that the Lord is sweet.

*Offertory hymn* NEH 294 Just as I am, without one plea

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Celebrant:*

Blessed are you, Lord God... **Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church.**

*The Celebrant prays the Prayer over the Offerings. People respond with Amen.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Please kneel. The celebrant continues the prayer.*

*At 11.00am the choir sings the Sanctus.*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
 God of power and might,  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 + Blessed is he that comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The celebrant continues the prayer, leading to:*  
 Let us proclaim the mystery of faith


*All*



Christ has\_ died. Christ is\_ ri - sen. Christ will\_ come\_ a - gain.\_

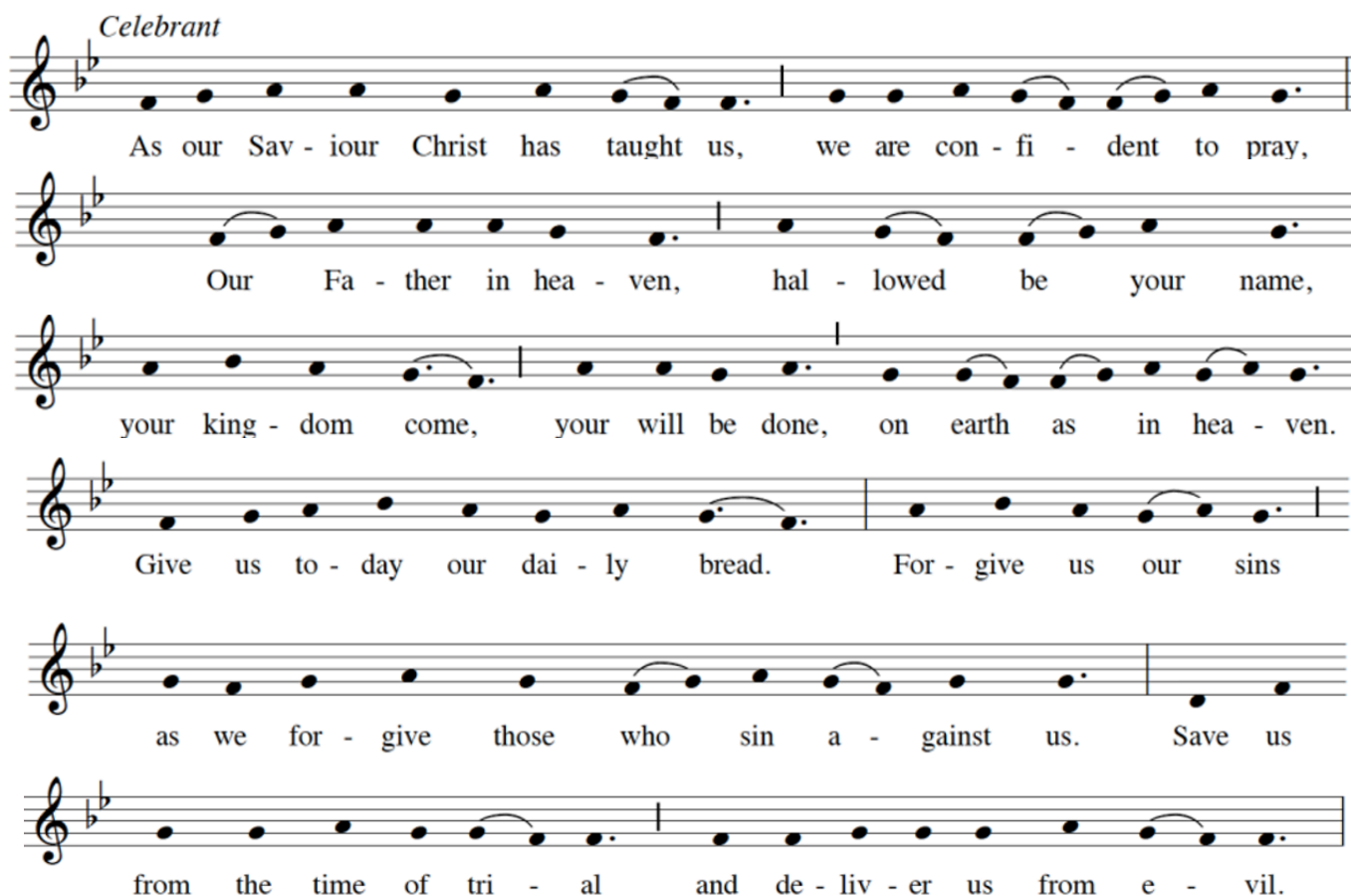
*The celebrant continues the prayer, ending with:*

*All*

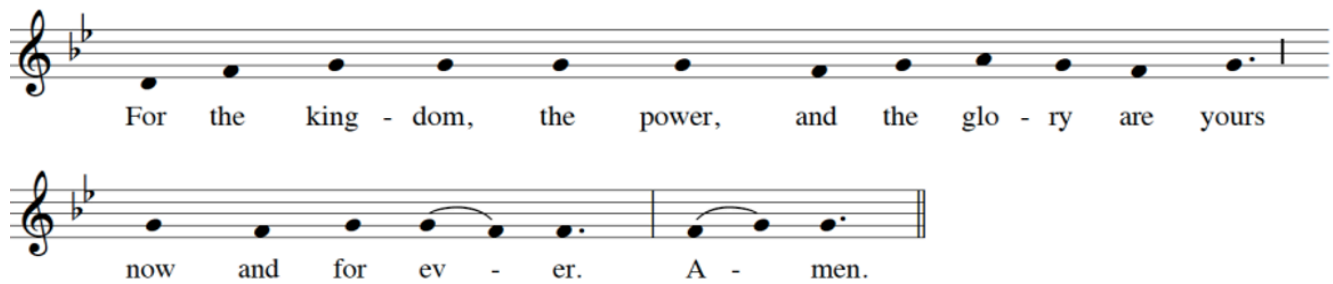


Bles sing and ho-nour and glo-ry and power are yours for e-ver and\_ e - ver. A - men.

*Celebrant*



As our Sav - iour Christ has taught us, we are con - fi - dent to pray,  
 Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name,  
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.  
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins  
 as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us  
 from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



*Celebrant:*

We who are many are one body.

**For we all share in the one bread.**

*All remaining kneeling as the Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.**

*Celebrant:*

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Communicant members of any Christian church are invited to receive the sacrament.*

*All others are very welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**COMMUNION MOTET** *Sung by the choir.*

A. Batten (1591-1637) *O praise the Lord*

*Please stand for the Post-Communion hymn.*

NEH 349 Come, let us join our cheerful songs

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

*The Celebrant sings the final prayer, leading to:*

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

*The Celebrant offers the blessing and the Deacon dismisses the congregation:*

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE ANGELUS

And the Word was made flesh: And dwelt a - mong us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.

Pray for us O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Je - sus:

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. A - men.

Let us pray. We beseech thee O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the

message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Sanctuary party processes to the West door for the final prayers and dismissal.*

Postlude: N. Jackson (b. 1934) *Toccata*

*If you are a new parishioner, or a visitor to St Peter's, please introduce yourself to the clergy at the door as you leave the church. All are welcome for refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Hall.*

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## Readings for

**August 27<sup>th</sup> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost OS 21**

Isaiah 51.1–6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1–8; Matthew 16.13–20

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# NOTICES

## For your Diary

**A service of thanksgiving for Hospital Chaplaincy  
17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 2.00pm, St Paul's Cathedral.**

The Archbishop will preside as we give thanks for the presence of Anglican chaplains in Melbourne hospitals since the 1880s.

Afternoon tea served in Barbary Dowling room after service, RSVP for catering to <mailto:dtreloar@melbourneanglican.org.au>

**Ethics of Health Care Funding – A Conversation and  
Book Launch (Wednesday 1 November 2023 4.00pm)**

Our own Stephen Duckett will be having his book launch on this date, please go to Trybooking for more details and to book.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJGIE>





## **175th Anniversary Dinner**

This year marks an important milestone in the history of the parish. St Peter's Eastern Hill is celebrating its 175th birthday!

It is 175 years since the completion of the church and its dedication in 1848. This is a remarkable achievement and a cause for celebration.

On 25 August, we are holding an important dinner at the Melbourne Club to mark the occasion. All are invited.

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne Sally Capp is our guest of honour and numerous other dignitaries will be in attendance. Sally is very aware of the significance of the parish and this milestone and will briefly address us on the evening.

The invitation details can be found through

<https://mailchi.mp/stpeters/st-peters-charitable-foundation-dinner-15675347>

Bookings can be made via TryBooking through <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1091161>

Or contact Eugene in the parish office.

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**September 9<sup>th</sup> (10am – 4pm) – St Peter's Bookroom Book Fair**  
**September 10<sup>th</sup> (10am – 2pm) – St Peter's Bookroom Book Fair**  
**Nov 1st (Wednesday 7.00pm) - All Saints Day**  
**Nov 2nd (Thursday 7pm) - All Souls**  
**Nov 26th - Christ The King**

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## **Weekly Reflections**

Let the people's praise you, O God;  
Let all the people's praise you.  
Psalm 67:5

Last Monday, a number of us from St Peter's travelled to Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta, to attend Fr Rob Whalley's Requiem Mass. It was a deep, rich service overlaid with varied music, psalms, prayers, all centring on Love - on the Eucharist. Ken Goodger, the Dean, made much mention of the hospitality that was always found at number 7, The Close, where Fr Rob Whalley and Fr John Davis have lived now for many years. Whenever I have asked to be reminded of their address, John says: seven, rhymes with heaven.

Hospitality, comes from the Latin and ancient Greco-Roman practice of recognising the divine right of the guest or foreigner, and the divine duty of the host. There's mutuality here, of honour and respect. A giving and a receiving, and a way to do each.

In assorted ways, the readings this Sunday touch on the hospitality of God, and our response. On what it means to be gathered in, to be blessed by God, to be offered and to receive mercy. It's the story of the Canaanite woman, a Gentile who challenges Jesus, and his own change of response that touches me most.

When John and Rob left St Peter's in 2010, John having served as our 9<sup>th</sup> Vicar, I remember asking Rob, would he prefer to be called Rob or Robert? And he said Robert. But in the following years, I noticed that Rob was being used a lot more often by people. On the service sheet for his Requiem Mass he was given 3 names: Rob, Bob and Robert. Such was his uncapturable personhood.

But it also reveals his passion for 'Being Alive', in the Stephen Sondheim sense. Following communion, from the musical Company, we heard sung:

Somebody need me too much  
Somebody know me too well  
Somebody pull me up short  
And put me through hell  
And give me support  
For being alive  
Make me alive

Authentic encounter between persons was something that Rob Whalley was passionate about. Lifechanging and vital was his living out and advocacy for the LGBTQIA+ community. But as with his challenges of Parkinson's and Cancer, these never wholly defined him. Rob only made sense when you talked with him in that present encounter. And this gift of being able to hold together so many

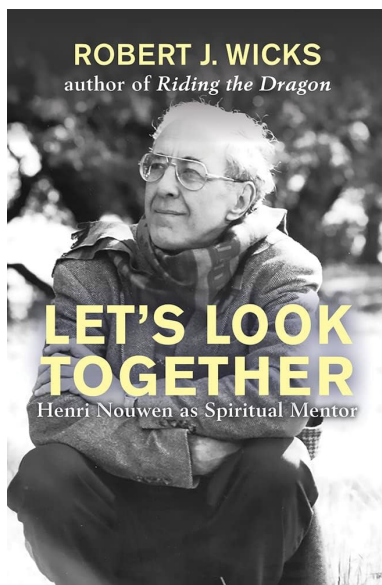
selves, frustrating sometimes, was made coherent and meaningful because of his relationship with Christ.

The Canaanite woman in Matthew's Gospel addresses Jesus directly. In the story, she is objectified, defined by her gender and by her ethnicity, without even being designated one proper name. She is truly an outsider. And further to this, what a shocking analogy Jesus uses: 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' And yet, how impressively she meets his remark. With a quick retort that contains fierce dignity, self-respect and perseverance, she pulls him up short. Whatever the nature is in what's happening here, theologians discuss and debate over it, I think that Jesus is shown to change his mind. He goes from pushing her away at one moment, to then embracing her tight and close into the very heart of God. He hears her. And he is big enough, containable enough, hospitable enough, to change his mind. Such an authentic encounter of relationship with Jesus, in God, enables real healing.

Carol O'Connor

## St Peter's Bookroom & Church Supplier

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, St Peter's Bookroom is representing St Peter's and selling books at a seminar in Trinity Theological School, Melbourne.



### Let's Look Together: Henri Nouwen as Spiritual Mentor

by Robert J. Wicks

Henri Nouwen was a role model for mentoring—not because he was perfect but because even when broken, he was real, insightful, hopeful, and willing to be open to make things new again and again. Although amazingly talented, his shortcomings were also a gift. He let them become portals for grace and an honest appreciation of God's love amidst his own neediness, imperfections, and failures. Seeing him find his way, gives us courage and direction to find ours.

**Let's Look Together** presents four major themes from Nouwen's life and writings (Desert Wisdom, Ordinarity, Compassion, Prayer and Vulnerability), as Robert Wicks builds on, and seeks to apply, them in daily life, offering an invitation to readers to do the same. \$39.95

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*We are an inclusive and welcoming church, built on the unceded lands of the Wurundjeri people. Our mission is: "Worshipping Christ in the Eucharist; serving Christ in the world".*