



“Adoration of the Shepherds” - Philippe de Champaigne (1648)

Welcome to
ST PETER'S
EASTERN HILL

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

CHRISTMAS
PEW
SHEET
2019

A Christmas Collect

Almighty God, who gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary: grant that we being born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, ever one God, now and for ever. Amen

Vicar's Musings

Every blessing to you and yours this Christmas, as we gather with countless Christians around the world to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Christmas is a time of giving and thanksgiving. Our giving of gifts, and giving of ourselves in all the preparation of Christmas festivities, is a way of saying thank you to those who are close to us, our loved ones and those dear to our hearts. The giving of gifts to our children, and as they grow older encouraging them to do the same, is a way of teaching the next generation to think of others and especially those less fortunate than ourselves.

Many of us give at Christmas by volunteering our time in the service of others. A number of parishioners here at St Peter's volunteer at the Lazarus Centre breakfast program. With Anglicare Victoria, these volunteers have already helped serve nearly 100 homeless and disadvantaged people Christmas lunch, and have distributed Christmas gifts and good cheer to those in need. Every day of the year the Lazarus Centre staff and volunteers get up early to prepare breakfast for those who have slept rough over night.



“Nativity” - Gallo fiorentino (1510)



“Nativity” - Giovanni Battista Tiepolo - (1732)

Other volunteers came to last Saturday's working bee, sweeping and dusting, polishing pews, putting up decorations and getting the church ready for Christmas Day. Yet others will be singing in the choir at our Christmas services, or serving in the sanctuary, or reading from the Holy Scriptures, or preparing the pageant for Christmas Eve Children's Mass.

In what ever way we give to others this Christmas (with all the stress that often brings) let us remember why we give. We give to others in response to the greatest gift of all; the gift of the Incarnation. God's very self was incarnate here on earth. Born as a human being, God's Son became one of us, bringing in himself the gift of salvation, justice and love.

At Mass this Christmas, we offer our thanksgiving for this greatest of gifts. As we break bread and share wine the mystery of the real presence of Christ is manifest in our midst. Emmanuel ... God is with us.



CHRISTMASTIDE

Our celebration of the Feast of the Incarnation, or Christ's Mass (Christmas) is replete with tradition and symbolism. At Christmas at St Peter's there is always a special Children's Mass (at 6.00pm) in which the children recreate the Christmas story through words and actions. At the end of this Mass there is a visit by St Nicholas, who distributes gold coins (chocolate) to the children as they leave the church. At Midnight Mass the Infant Jesus is carried in procession by the celebrant and placed in the manger. Christmas carols are songs of joy, and are first sung in St Peter's at our Christmas services. During the Advent season we sing only the rich Advent hymns and carols. Our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is then held on the first Sunday after Christmas, to which you are most warmly invited. We have a wonderful Christmas stable tableau set up each year in the Lady Chapel just prior to the Christmas Vigil, featuring Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and animals. The Magi (Three Wise Men) commence their journey on the right side of the church and gradually move across the chancel, to enter finally into the stable on the Feast of the Epiphany.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - THANK YOU

Thank-you to everyone who contributed toward the Anglicare Christmas Hampers for the homeless. Your generous contributions, have gone towards the making up of some 100+hamper-bags. These gifts were given to those in need who attended our Christmas Luncheon on Friday. Again, thank-you for your generosity; these hampers will go a long way to bringing a little cheer to what can be a depressing time of year for those less fortunate than ourselves.

St Peter's is a lively Anglo-Catholic parish.

Here are some up-coming events that may be of interest to you:

NOTICES

WEEKDAY MASS

Morning Mass will be held every day this coming week. From Thursday 26th December to New Year's Day, 1st January, our morning Mass will be at 9am. The usual time for Weekday Mass, 7.15am, will resume on Thursday 2nd January. There is also a Mass every Wednesday at 1:15pm, other than Christmas Day.

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER, 7PM - NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Sunday 29th December there will be a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols starting at 7:00pm. This is one of the largest of our Christmas gatherings at St Peter's. We observe the English tradition of saving our Carol singing until Christmas, so this will be quite a celebration, led by the magnificent St Peter's Choir. Refreshments will be served after the service. All are welcome.

“HEAVEN AT THE HILL” SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Since September 2019, 'Heaven at The Hill' social enterprise has been serving coffees to passers-by. The purpose of the coffee caravan, at the corner of Gisborne Street and Albert Street is to provide employment pathways for disadvantaged job seekers. After a short break over Christmas and the New Year, the social enterprise will start trading again on Thursday 2nd January. All profits from the social enterprise go to the St Peter's Eastern Hill Charitable Foundation to assist those in need. The coffee caravan hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 2:00pm. If you are passing by come and try out the coffee and muffins.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

The Parish Office will close from Christmas Day, re-opening on Monday 6th January at 9:30am. From that time regular office hours will resume: Monday to Thursday, 9:30am to 2:00pm. The Parish Administrator, Kosta Soteriou, can be reached during Parish Office hours on 03 9662 2391 and/or spoffice@stpeters.org.au

PARISH PICNIC AND COMMISSIONING - SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

On Sunday 2nd February at the 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00 Masses, there will be commissioning of the new Parish Council, our 2020 Klingner Scholar, and Fr Roger Prowd as Priest Assistant. Following the 11:00am High Mass, do join us for a Parish Picnic in Fitzroy Gardens. This will be a BYO picnic and all are welcome. There will be a map of Fitzroy Gardens at the back of church and at the welcome table that Sunday, showing the Picnic spot.

PRAYERS

FOR THE SICK:

Margaret Brown, Henri-Felix Carolane, Wendy Hancock, Lynn James, Alice McCraith, Lyn Nicholas, Bella Saadala, Evelina Thornton; Cecilia, and Peter.

AS WELL AS:

Jenny Allen, Marja Barouh, Chris Bennie, Geoffrey Cox, John Crocker, Gail Edwards, Sr Gloria CHN, Cliff Gornall, Sr Hilary CHN Gwen Joyce, Bronwyn Large, Margaret Lea, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Ray Ng, Norman Missen, Joyce Newton, Tim Peake, Liz Prideaux, Allan Rei, Helen Rowley, Barbara Ure-Smith, Valerie Wild, Annette Wood; Andrew, Chad, and Jan.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND FALLS THIS WEEK:

Wed 25 Leslie Cula PRIEST, Mavis Errey, Elizabeth Gordon Robinson

Thu 26 Neville James Barry, Nellie Margaret Dearlove, Annette Grimes,
Allan McGuire, Reginald Murphy

Fri 27 Theodoros Govegos

Sat 28 Mary Winifred Gielis, Irwin Henry Kendall

Sun 29 Barry Robert Merton

Mon 30 Joseph Savill

Tue 31 Marion Brown, Peter Burman, Chasely Evelyn, Jane Mullins,
Thelma Tonkins, Rose Phyllis Jessie Woods

ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

The Bookroom wishes St Peter's parishioners, friends, visitors and customers a joyful and safe Christmas New Year.

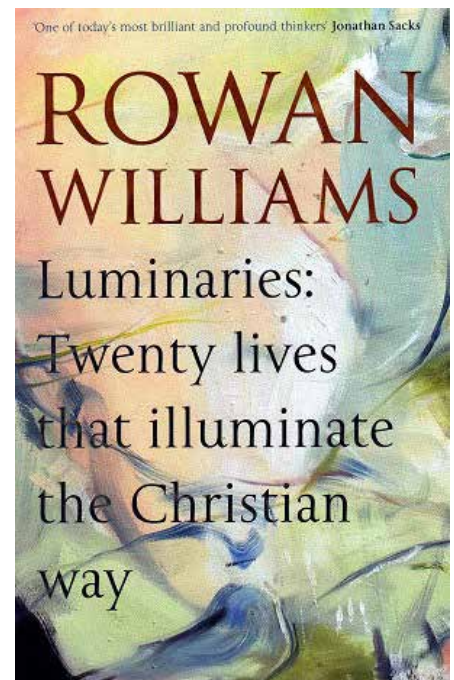
We will be closed from Christmas Day, reopening January 2nd 2020.

Lots of Christmas Cards in stock. Also, nativity scenes, beeswax and scented candles. Come in and look through our latest books this morning or visit the Bookroom online. Stuck for an idea for a Christmas present? Why not purchase a St Peter's Bookroom Gift Voucher today?

Highly Recommended:

Luminaries: Twenty lives that illuminate the Christian way by Rowan Williams

The stories and writings of many great Christian thinkers have profoundly influenced Rowan Williams' own life and thought, and this sequence of short reflections is sure to sharpen your theological vision and cast a fresh light on what it means to live and breathe the gospel. \$34.95



Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9.30am to 4.30 pm Sunday - after 9.30am & 11am Mass
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Office Hours. 9.30am – 2.00pm Monday-Thursday

Sunday Services

8.00 am Mass (BCP)
9.30 am Family Mass
11.00 am High Mass
6.00 pm Mass/Evensong & Benediction

Refreshments are available in the Parish Hall after each of the Sunday morning services

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, 3rd 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	03 9662 2391
Klingner Scholar:	Xeverie Sweet	03 9662 2391

Other Parish Ministries

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)	03 9662 2391
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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
Inst. for Sp. Studies:	Nick Browne	0427 332 340
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
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Parish Council

Membership:

Helen Drummond
Stephen Duckett (chair)
Rachel Ellyard
Daniel Ferguson
Stuart Hibberd
Fr Hugh Kempster
Catherine McGovern
Daniel Mitterdorfer (secretary)
Terry Porter
William Southey
David Spriggs
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".*