

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

*Diocese of Melbourne, Anglican Church of Australia  
Parish Church of the City since 1847*



# THE HOLY FAMILY

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017

Saving God, whose Son Jesus was presented in the temple and was acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Please feel free to take this pew sheet home.*

# VICAR'S MUSINGS

Thank you everyone for contributing towards such a wonder-filled Christmas this year: Fr Philip and Fr Greg; Andrew Raiskums, Sue Wuttke, Rhys Arvidson and the Choir; Peter Bryce, Adam Blackmore, David Morrell and all the serving team; Katherine Barnett, Phil Stranieri and all the Children's Ministry helpers and Pageant cast and props creators; Elizabeth Pemberton and Stuart Hibberd, with all your team of readers, intercessors and sidespeople; all who have



helped Sue Wuttke, Judith Chapman and Cheryl Duff with hospitality; Rhonda Mach and her team on the Welcome Table; David Morrell, and Pete from the Lazarus Centre who made sure the grounds looked tidy and well cared for; and thanks to everyone who came to worship Our Lord at one or more of the seven services that started at 8am on Christmas Eve and concluded with Christmas Day High Mass.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*



## 8:00 am Mass

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*Celebrant:* Fr Hugh Kempster

*Preacher:* Fr Hugh Kempster

## 9:30 am Family Mass

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*Celebrant:* Fr Philip Gill

*Preacher:* Fr Philip Gill

*Deacon:* Fr Hugh Kempster

*Children's talk:* Fr Hugh Kempster

*Reader:* Carole Tedja

*Intercessor:* Carol O'Connor

*Hymns: Entrance: 40 Offertory: 42 Post-Communion: 37*

*Communion Voluntary:* Bach *Christum wir sollen loben schon* (BWV 611)

*Postlude:* Postlude Bach *In dir ist Freude* (BWV 615)

## 11:00 am High Mass

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*Celebrant:* Fr Hugh Kempster

*Deacon:* Fr Greg Davies

*Preacher:* Fr Philip Gill

*Reader:* Rosslyn Courtney

*Intercessor:* David Aspin

*Hymns: Entrance: 33 Gradual: 40 Offertory: 43 Post-Communion: 37*

*Mass Setting:* Victoria *Missa 'O quam gloriosum'*

*Motet:* Berlioz *Shepherds' Farewell*

*Postlude:* Bach *In dulci jubilo* (BWV 729)

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## Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January: Epiphany of the Lord

*Mass Readings:* Isa. 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13; Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt. 2:1-12

*Readers & Intercessors:* J. Munro, A. Scott Pendlebury, G. Sutherland & C. Angus

*Celebrants:*

### **ST PETER'S CAROL SERVICE - TONIGHT AT 7:00PM**

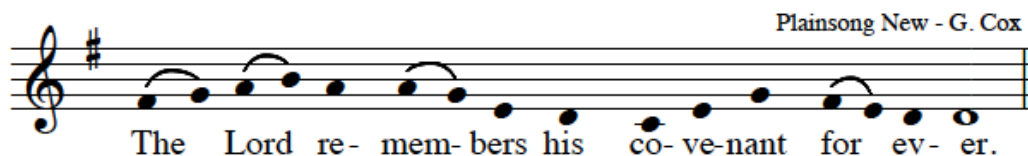
Each year, on the first Sunday after Christmas, we have our service of Nine Lessons and Carols. At St Peter's we follow the old European tradition of singing Advent Carols in Advent, and waiting until Christmas Eve before singing Christmas Carols. For this reason, our Carol Service is always after Christmas, rather than before as it is in most other churches these days. If you've been to this service before, I am sure you will be joining us again this evening. If you have not yet been to this lovely service, do come and join us for what is one of the highlights of Christmas at St Peter's Eastern Hill. It is always one of the best attended services of the Christmas season, and people come from all over Melbourne for this wonderful celebration of the Christ's birth, in word and song. After the service there will be Christmas cake and champagne in the Parish Hall. I do hope you can join us. *Fr Hugh*

# MASS READINGS

**First Reading:** Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5,15-16; 21.1-7++

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” The Lord brought Abraham outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And Abram believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.” God said to Abraham, “As for Sarah your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

**Psalm:** 105.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9



O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.     R.  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually      R.  
Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.      R.  
He is mindful of his covenant forever,  
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,  
the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac      R.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith Sarah herself, though barren, received power to conceive, even when she was too old, because she considered God, who had made the promise, to be faithful. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, “It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.” Abraham considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead— and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

**Gospel:** Luke 2.22, 25-27, 34-35, 39-40++

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed— and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” When Mary and Joseph had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

# PRAYERS

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## FOR THE SICK:

Hans Christiansen PRIEST, Thorold Gunnerson, Robyn Mountcastle, Debbie Neilson, Joyce Newton, Helen Rowley, Hillary Sissons, Ruth Tindale, Julian Tetlow, Kay Thomas, Rob Whalley PRIEST; Callum, Petra and Rebecca.

## AS WELL AS:

Margaret and Kingsley Armstrong, June Baldwin, Michael Boyle PRIEST, Tania Burdick, John Crocker, Cliff Gornall, Wendy Hancock, Dee Hodgetts, Lynn James, Margaret Lugg, Sr Lyn CHN, Don Murray, Liz Prideaux, Graham Ritchie, Bella Saadala, Adrian Stephens PRIEST, Barbara Ure-Smith, Peter Swindells, Annette Wood; Andrew, Jan and Chad.

**FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:** John Finn

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

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Sun	31	Marion Brown, Peter Burman, Chasely Evelyn, Jane Mullins, Thelma Tonkins, Rose Phyllis Jessie Woods
Mon	1	Frank McKinnon Bladin, James Corden, Keith Robert Young
Tue	2	Zoltan Ference Noel, John Randell
Wed	3	Lois Hilda Callinan, Constance Violet Carleton, Arthur William Dineen, Gloria Elizabeth Fezzoli, Bradley John Harris
Thu	4	Kevin Buck, Guy Colman COX PRIEST, Bill Emberson, Elizabeth Garrett, Edith Heap
Fri	5	Frances Edith Digby Bennie, (Rick) Dick William Boerhout, Garnet Eggington, Roy Green, Florence Warde, Sister Agnes Winifred CHN
Sat	6	Marjorie Bucknell, Enid Dorothea Carr, Jennifer Joan Gibbs, Gertrude Kugelman, Sarah Ann Lumsden

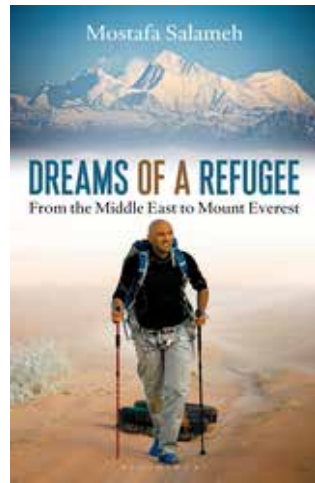
# ST PETER'S BOOKROOM & CHURCH SUPPLIES

## RECOMMENDED READING:

**Dreams of a Refugee: From the Middle East to Mount Everest** by Mostafa Salameh

Born in Kuwait to Palestinian refugee parents, after an adolescence of partying, one night, Mostafa dreamt that he was standing at the highest point in the world reciting the call to prayer.

Despite having no prior mountaineering experience or training, he was inspired to follow his vision and climb Mount Everest. Hardback \$35.00



**Verity: A Remarkable Woman's Journey** by Robert Lehane

As a bookseller, Verity Fitzhardinge established the fondly remembered Verity Hewitt bookshop in Canberra. As an inspiring teacher, she had Gough Whitlam and Evdokia Petrov



among her pupils. As a linguist, she became fluent in Russian, and as an activist ever supported progressive causes. As an historian, she ventured into far corners of Afghanistan. \$39.95

### Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 9.30am to 4.30 pm      Sunday - after 9.30am & 11am Mass

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## Sunday Services

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

*Refreshments are available in the Parish Hall after each of the Sunday 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
Fri:	Confession in the Handfield Chapel at 5:00pm
Sat:	Mass at 9.00am (Cell of our Lady of Walsingham, 3rd Saturday of the month)

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## Clergy

Vicar:	Fr Hugh Kempster	0488 960 022
Assistant Priests :	Fr Greg Davies	0417 992 976
	Fr Philip Gill	0467 550 175
Associate Priests:	Fr Don Edgar	0418 967 829
	Fr Chester Lord	03 9662 2391
Deacon:	Rev'd Louise Lang	0458 750 031
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	Lynda Crossley	0430 993 266

## Lay Ministries

Bookroom:	Carol O'Connor	9663 7487
Cell of O.L.O.W:	Liz Prideaux	9662 2391
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Children's Ministry:	Katherine Barnett	9387 4089
Churchwardens:	Stephen Duckett (Vicar)	0447 837 741
	Nick Lambarde-Scott (People)	0423 213 622
	Jane Munro (People)	0418 366 139
Director of Music:	Andrew Raiskums	0439 556 627
Flower requests:	Helen Drummond	0419 897 973
Head Server:	Peter Bryce	9850 2403
Inst. of Sp. Studies:	Nick Browne	0427 332 340
Lazarus Centre:	Rev'd Louise Lang	0458 750 031
Music Administrator:	Sue Wuttke	0422 866 286
Organist:	Rhys Arvidson	0405 277 853
Parish Office:	Konstantine Soteriou	9662 2391
Pastoral Assistant:	Di Clark	0407 354 987
Sacristan:	Adam Blackmore	03 9662 2391
Treasurer:	Catherine McGovern	0449 954 318

## Parish Council Membership:

Nick Browne  
Judith Chapman  
Stephen Duckett (Chair)  
Fr Hugh Kempster  
Catherine McGovern  
Jane Munro  
Nick Lambarde-Scott  
Kelly Shang  
Lum Southey  
Rwth Stuckey  
Peter Wild  
Sue Wuttke  
Peter Yewers

*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".*