St Peter's Caversham



The Pebble

April 8, 2012

Easter Day

That Nature is a Heraclitean Fire and of the comfort of the Resurrection

Enough! The

Resurrection

A heart's clarion! Away grief's gasping, joyless days, dejection.

Across my foundering deck

shone

A beacon, an eternal beam. Flesh fade, and mortal trash

Fall to the residuary worm; world's wildfire, leave but ash:

In a flash, at a trumpet crash, I am all at once what Christ is, since he was what I am, and

This Jack, joke, poor potsherd, patch, matchwood, immortal

diamond,

Is immortal diamond.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship this morning. The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in the Chapel of Our Lady at the back of the Church during Communion. Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

The Liturgy for Today:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer) **10:30 am** Solemn Sung Eucharist and Procession (The Taize Mass setting)

HYMNS FOR TODAY:

112 Jesus lives! thy terrors now

104 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

128 At the Lamb's high feast we sing

113 Loves redeeming work is done.

117 The Day of Resurrection!

Organ Prelude: An Easter Sequence Charles Callahan (1951-)

Organ Postlude: 'Fantasia on 'Victory' Healy Willan (1880-1968)

READINGS FOR TODAY:

Acts 10:34,37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 4: 32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

Parish News

<u>The Holy Eucharist</u> will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel at 10am on Thursday.

Pure Clear Water Concern has been expressed at the quality of water available in the hall kitchen. Accordingly the Vestry have decided to have a new pipe and tap installed together with a filter, which should resolve this issue.

<u>The Rock.</u> Material for the next edition of the Rock is due by **NEXT SUNDAY.**

<u>This morning's sermon</u> Entitled "The second history of Jesus," it focuses on the way in which there is a kind of second honeymoon going on between the risen Christ and the disciples in the great 40 days between Easter and Pentecost. It is as though they are rediscovering each other all over again because now Christ is there in all his glory, no longer having to conceal

or tone down who he really is. This kind of holiday atmosphere has implications for the way in which the Church might set about celebrating the wonderful season of Paschal time. Last night's Easter Vigil sermon was entitled "We are the lost ending to Mark," and is available on request, and will be posted on the website.

Renewing our Baptismal vows This morning's 10.30 am Service will begin at the font, in which the water was blessed at last night's Easter Vigil Service. Please gather around the font if you are able to, or otherwise turn to face it. After we have renewed our baptismal vows (the response to each question is "I do") there will be an opportunity for folk to come forward and sign themselves with the sign of the cross with the water in the font.

Holy Week thank you No Holy Week occurs in a parish like ours without a great deal of work. Particular thanks are due to David Hoskins for a great deal of background work on our Service booklets and sacristan logistical details, to our Passion Narrative readers Michael Forrest and Ross McComish, to our liturgical helpers Joan Dutton, Ian Hauman, Raylene Ralston, David Crosbie, Michael Forrest, Jonathan Gillies and Stewart Quintrell. Nor should we neglect to thank the brass cleaners, flower arrangers, readers and all whose labours have made the Church as attractive as it is this morning.

New Cross Thanks are due also to Dennis Ralston and the team at Cargill Enterprises who made the cross we used at the Good Friday Service, and provided it pro bono.

<u>Parish Contact List</u> If you would like to be on the parish contact list which provides essential contact information for regulars on our rosters who need to be in touch with each other about parish operational matters please collect a contact form from Rosemary Brown or the Vicar. We need you to fill this out to comply with the requirements of the privacy act.

The lecture Last Monday night's lecture on Hans Urs Von Balthasar was attended by about 35 people, a wonderful mixture of university people, clergy and parishioners. A recorded copy of it has been posted on the website. There will be another lecture in a month or two's time. The probable topic will be Karl Rahner's controversial notion of the Anonymous Christian.

Parish lunch The lunch that is normally on the second Sunday of the month after the 10.30 am Service has been transferred to next Sunday because of Holy Week.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm: Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Meg Dunbar, Cherry Gordon, Ben Chisnall and Denise Walker.

<u>Pray for those who have Died:</u> Robert Walker and Basil Dickie.

Southern Coastal Deanery Appeal for Jesse Bessant There are still some uncollected packs of Hot Cross Buns. They can be collected from church today. Queries to David Hoskins 455-7537.

<u>Giving envelopes</u> Please make sure that the envelopes you are putting in the plate are this years ones. Sometimes parishioners are inadvertently using previous years, which causes difficulties for the stewardship recorder. A way of avoiding this confusion altogether is to go over to automatic bank payments, the best way of giving, since it ensures we don't forget, or mix our envelopes up, and assists the parish with a steady cash flow.

New photocopier In recent months the parish has been plagued with a steady stream of technology failures on the part of its photocopier, usually at the most inconvenient times. Accordingly the parish has entered in to a new lease arrangement with Ricoh for an almost new machine of more modern provenance. Fingers crossed that this one will be reliable and consistent.

Wardens Meeting The Vicar and Wardens meet next on Tuesday 17 April. Please mention any matters you want raised at that meeting to Tubby or Joy.

Patronal Festival The Patronal Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 1 July. The guest preacher will be the Revd Dr James Harding, Lecturer in Old Testament at Otago, and Curate of All Saints Dunedin. In order to make more of the Parish's big occasion we will have Choral Evensong on the Saturday evening, followed by a meal in the hall.

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