



St. Peter's Caversham

## The Pebble

7 October, 2012

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year B

### Confirmation

Yes, yours, my love, is the right human face.  
I in my mind had waited for this long,  
Seeing the false and searching for the true,  
Then found you as a traveller finds a place  
Of welcome suddenly amid the wrong  
Valleys and rocks and twisting roads. But you,  
What shall I call you? A fountain in a waste,  
A well of water in a country dry,  
Or anything that's honest and good, an eye  
That makes the whole world seem bright.  
Your open heart,  
Simple with giving, gives the primal deed,  
The first good world, the blossom, the blowing  
seed,  
The hearth, the steadfast land, the wandering sea.  
Not beautiful or rare in every part.  
But like yourself, as they were meant to be.

*Edwin Muir*

### A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today. The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in the Lady Chapel 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 (The Taize Mass)

### HYMNS:

467 Through all the changing scenes of life

285 For the beauty of the earth

483 The Church of God a Kingdom is

291 Jesus! The very thought is sweet.

472 When all thy mercies

### READINGS FOR TODAY:

[Genesis 2:18-24](#)

[Hebrews 2:9-11](#)

[Mark 10:2-12](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Wisdom 7:7-11](#)

[Hebrews 4:12-13](#)

[Mark 10:17-30](#)

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** *Andante in g.* S.S.Wesley (1810-1876)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Trumpet Tune* John Stanley (1712-1786)

### Parish News

**Today's Sermon** Today's gospel reading includes Jesus' challenging teaching on the subject of divorce and remarriage. Like the first reading from Genesis it points to the way in which the Christian understanding of how we are to behave in intimate relationships is anchored in God's intentions in creation. It makes the measuring stick of our ethical actions in this sphere of human endeavour to be what does God want of us, what does God expect of us, what did God intend us to be in creating us the way we are, rather than what does our surrounding society and culture expect of us. Given the debate currently going

on in the Church about human sexuality and the nature of marriage this is a very topical Scriptural theme.

**Parish forum** There will be a parish forum after the 10.30 am Service next Sunday, at which Fr Hugh will report back on the recent diocesan Synod. This has been deferred by one week as Fr Hugh will be flying to Wellington after this morning's main Service to preach at the Collation of the incoming Archdeacon of Belmont this evening, returning to Dunedin first thing tomorrow morning. Fr Hugh took the Revd Janet Tait's pre-ordination retreat just over a decade ago. She will have pastoral responsibility for the Hutt valley, and succeeds the Revd Damon Plimmer, who will be instituted as the Vicar of the Clutha on Thursday. Fr Hugh officiated at the wedding of Damon and Raewyn at St Mary's Addington some time ago.

**Karl Rahner and the Anonymous Christian** Karl Rahner anticipated earlier than many theologians the effects and implications of the spread of unbelief and atheism in western societies. He was also aware of the considerable sway that the other major world religions had over the loyalties and attachments of a considerable proportion of the world's population. They weren't going to go away anytime soon, and Christianity had to take account of that as it adjusted to being another of the world's religions. What then was going on at the deepest level in the hearts and minds of people of goodwill and unselfish lifestyles who said that they did not believe in the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ? Might Christ have found a way to connect with them at a subterranean level of their deepest being without them being aware of it? Might the drama of salvation be played out in their lives as they responded to the choices of daily living? The lecture on Monday 15 October considers this concept of the anonymous Christian, and is also an introduction to some of the major themes of one of the most powerful speculative minds of twentieth catholic theology. It is being given at 2 for those who don't like to travel at night, and will be repeated with a little more detail at 7.30 that evening. Venue: The Parish Centre.

**Wardens meeting** The Vicar and Wardens will meet on Tuesday evening. Please mention to Joy or Tubby any matters you want raised at that meeting.

**The Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday at 10 am.

**The Rock** The September edition is available at the back of church and in the Link.

**Friendship Group Raffle results drawn 30/9** 1. Jigsaw – Rita-May Brown 2. Liquid soap and towel – Kate Paterson 3. Chocolates – Elaine Snell. This raised \$90.10 towards the hall refurbishment fund. Thanks to all who took part.

**The Friendship Group** meets for lunch at the Home of St Barnabas at 12.15 pm Tuesday 9 October – cost \$10. Members may attend the Eucharist at 11 am.

**The Fellowship Group** meets at 7.30 pm at St Michael's Antiochian Church in Fingall St with Fr Carl Somers-Edgar on Tuesday 23 October. Later we will go to St Peter's hall for a talk and supper. All welcome.

**Useful and favourite prayers** This promised compilation has now been published, and is available for collection by those interested at the back of the Church.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm:** Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Cherry Gordon, Frances Jenson, Joan Dutton and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Bruce Robbins, Grace Hughes, Helen Larkins, Vene Peterson and Ruth Finnigan

**Parish contact list** The parish contact list, for which we obtained your written permission for your contact details to be displayed therein, is now completed and compiled, and is being distributed.

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