



St. Peter's Caversham

## The Pebble

14 October, 2012

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

### The Bible

The Bible is not a human record from the distant past, full of a mixture of inspiring and not-so-inspiring stories or thoughts; nor is it a sort of magical oracle, dictated by God. It is rather the utterances and oracles of human beings who have been employed by God to witness to his action in the world, now given to us by God so that we may learn who he is and what he does; and the “giving” by God is by means of the resurrection of Jesus. The risen Jesus takes hold of the history of God’s people from its remotest beginnings, lifts it out of death by bringing it to completeness, and presents it to us as his word, his communication to us here and now.

*Rowan Williams*  
*The Dwelling of the Light,*  
*p 33*

### 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 and a potluck lunch 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:

149 Father, we praise thee, now the night is over  
Take my life, and let it be (see inset sheet)

262 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

276 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

262 We plough the fields and scatter

### READINGS FOR TODAY:

[Wisdom 7:7-11](#)

[Hebrews 4:12-13](#)

[Mark 10:17-30](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 53:10-11](#)

[Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

[Mark 10:35-45](#)

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** *Aria* Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Trio in g* - BWV 1027a J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

### Parish News

**Today's Sermon** Today's sermon is entitled, “His difficult teaching about wealth.” One of the most acutely embarrassing texts for preachers to deal with down the ages is today's gospel text with Jesus' uncompromising teaching about the spiritual dangers of wealth accumulation. This morning's sermon considers the three

main lines of argument that are usually deployed to ameliorate this tough teaching, why they don't quite work, and then presents the Vicar's attempt to come to terms with it.

**Parish forum** There will be a parish forum after the 10.30 am Service this morning, at which Fr Hugh will report back on the recent diocesan Synod. This forum will start promptly and will proceed with despatch so that the parish lunch can begin at around the usual time.

**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 beliefs 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 (tomorrow) 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 century 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.

**All Souls** We are now moving close to our commemoration of All Souls day. It is the custom in this parish to read out a memorial list at the 10.30 am Service. David Hoskins is updating this, and would be grateful for any names that need to be added.

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

**The Rock** The deadline for material for the October edition of the Rock is 21 October. Please forward to David Scouler at [djgs@isotago.co.nz](mailto:djgs@isotago.co.nz)

**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 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 at the back of the Church. It has some of the best collects from the Book of Common Prayer and the 1989 New Zealand Prayer book, and includes prayers for various pastoral occasions drawn from a variety of Anglican prayer books.

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

**Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Ivan Tilbury, Chris Timlin, Alister Keast, Joyce Knowles, David Best (Priest) and Elizabeth Anderson.

**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.

**Potluck Lunch today** Everyone is invited to the pot-luck lunch after the parish forum this morning.

#### **Parish Contact Details:**

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