



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

9 December 2012

Advent 2

Russian Kontakion of the Dead

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal,
the creator and maker of mankind;
and we are mortal,
formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we
return.
for so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me,
saying,
“Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”
All we go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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 pot luck 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:

5 Hark a herald voice is sounding.
407 Lord, thy word abiding.
9 Lo, he comes.
298 May the grace of Christ our Saviour.
3 Come, thou long expected Jesus.

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Baruch 5:1-9](#)

[Philippians 1:4-6,8-11](#)

[Luke 3:1-6](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Zephaniah 3:14-18a](#)

[Philippians 4:4-7](#)

[Luke 3:10-18](#)

Parish News

Welcome Fr Roger We welcome Fr Roger Barker as our celebrant and preacher at this morning's Services. Fr Hugh is in Auckland giving a paper at the Systematic Theology Conference, which is entitled, "A subterranean faith in a denuminized culture: Karl Rahner and the concept of the Anonymous Christian." This year the Scripture

scholars are teaming up with the systematians so that the conference can have more choice and content in its range of papers.

Farewell Fr Geoff The parish was stunned to learn of Fr Geoff's sudden death on Tuesday morning, when he had been such a lively presence among us last Sunday. His requiem was here on Friday, and after that wonderful send off, he was buried in the Warrington Churchyard. His last resting place is therefore in the immediate vicinity of the mortal remains of Bishop Nevill, first Bishop of our diocese.

Pot luck lunch follows the 10.30 am Service as is our custom on the second Sunday in the month.

Christian World Service As Advent dawns our compassionate concern turns to the many in the third world who lack the necessities of life. Christian World Service is the ecumenical agency that translates New Zealand Christians desire to help into effective aid programmes that empower the world's poor. You will find CWS aid envelopes at the back of the Church. A new feature this year is the option of giving a specific necessity of life to a third world person.

Raffle results The winners of the raffle drawn last Sunday were Eileen Pratt – Hair Care products, Helen Dwyer – Patchwork Wall Hanging, Bruce Moore – Crochet Rug. \$320 was raised towards the refurbishment of the hall. Many thanks.

Carol Service The Ecumenical Carol Service will be at St James Presbyterian Church in King Edward St next Sunday at 6.30 pm.

Rock Material for the Rock is due by next Sunday. This is your opportunity to publish a short Christmas message for parishioners and friends of St Peter's. E mail TheRockEditor@stpeterscaversham.org.nz or by mail c/- 37 Sunbury street.

Film season resumes From mid to late January a series of the best religious films of recent years will be shown on successive Monday nights in the Vicarage. These will include the outstanding Finnish film that came out this year, "Letters to Fr Jacob," the Russian film, "The Island," and, "Molokai," the story of Fr Damien and his ministry on the leper island of Molokai. But moviegoers need to go to Mass first on those Monday evenings.

Confession Advent is an appropriate season to make one's confession, and can be arranged by contacting the Vicar.

Brass cleaning will take place on Friday 21 December At 10.30 am. All helpers appreciated.

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

Pray for those who have died, especially Fr. Geoff Hughes.

Watchnight Service You are invited to see in the New Year at your parish Church as we celebrate the Liturgy of St Basil, preceded by a Vigil of Readings especially suitable for greeting the New Year, beginning at 10 pm. A social gathering in the Vicarage will follow this as we await midnight. Please let the Vicar know if you are available to read a lesson at this Service.

Anglican food bank Please could we have a large food collection for the Anglican food bank next Sunday, as they are sure to need extra food over the holidays

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