



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

16 December 2012

Advent 3

Gift

A day so happy.
Fog lifted early, I worked in the garden.
Hummingbirds were stopping over
honeysuckle flowers.
There was no thing on earth I wanted to
possess.
I knew no one worth my envying him.
Whatever evil I had suffered, I forgot.
To think that once I was the same man did
not embarrass me.
In my body I felt no pain.
When straightening up, I saw the blue sea
and the sails.

Czeslaw Milosz

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:

443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

7 Hills of the north, rejoice

11 O come, O come, Emmanuel

387 Jesus, good above all other

READINGS FOR TODAY

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

[Philippians 4:4-7](#)

[Luke 3:10-18](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Micah 5:1-4](#)

[Hebrews 10:5-10](#)

[Luke 1:39-44](#)

Parish News

Gaudete Sunday The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, or rejoicing Sunday, taking its cue from the Philippians reading, "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice." The theme of the Scripture readings is our joyous anticipation of the coming of the Lord.

Christian World Service As Advent draws on 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.

Carol Service The Ecumenical Carol Service will be at St James Presbyterian Church in King Edward St this evening at 6.30 pm. Our own Service of Nine Lessons and Carols is next Sunday at 7 pm. Naturally we need nine lesson readers for this. The lessons are listed on the noticeboard, together with a space beside each one for parishioners to sign up for. Your help in this way would be much appreciated.

Roman ambassador Archbishop David Moxon has been appointed the Archbishop of Canterbury's representative to the Holy See, and also as the director of the Anglican Centre in Rome. He is expected to take up residence in Rome in May next year. This new post is recognition of his work as Anglican Chair of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission. However, this raises the interesting question as to which Bishop will succeed him as the Archbishop of Tikanga Pakeha. Current speculation is that it will either be Philip Richardson, Bishop of Taranaki, on the grounds of seniority, or Ross Bey, Bishop of Auckland. This leadership choice will be of more than passing interest as the 2014 General Synod is likely to make momentous decisions about the future of the Anglican Church in New Zealand.

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," (14 Jan) the Russian film, "The Island," (21 Jan) and, "Molokai," (28 Jan) 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 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 William Tubman, John Dougherty, Marjorie Garth, Stanley Gurney (Priest), Roger Swain, David Norman, Nora Carson, David, John and Richard Tourelle and Noel McQuarrie.

Zimbabwe We are asked to join Bishop Chad Gandiya and the people of the diocese of Harare as they give thanks this Sunday for a Supreme Court decision which has restored to them the Cathedral, Churches and other diocesan property which was seized 6 years ago by the renegade former Bishop, Kunonga. We are also asked to pray for them as Kunonga is fighting back with hired thugs.

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