



**St. Peter's Caversham**  
**The Pebble**

**23 February 2014**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**Love of Enemies**

*Ulrich Luz comments on today's gospel passage:*

Therefore two things are required in the modern situation: (a) radical pacifists who as "fundamentalists of the kingdom of God" with their practice and their proclamation remind the church and the world that under no conditions does God approve of force; and (b) pragmatists who take consciously responsible political steps to minimize force and thus help this power-crazed world become somewhat more humane.

The two ways are ultimately complementary, because both Jesus and Matthew understand the renunciation of force as an expression of love. However, love has the freedom to think about its consequences. Based on our text, therefore, in the final analysis there can be no alternative between an ethic of sentiment and an ethic of responsibility, either in the Christian's behaviour or in the Christian's life together in the church or in the world.

The existence side by side in Jesus and Matthew of the renunciation of force and the demand for love is able to remind Christian love of its origin in the kingdom of God and of the radical quality it has from that origin. It is able to keep love from being merely a secular aid for survival.

**A Warm Welcome**

**to all who are sharing with us in today's worship. 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

**HYMNS:**

390 Jesus, where're thy people meet  
341 Blessed are the pure in heart  
461 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
304 Once, only once  
372 He who would valiant be

**READINGS FOR TODAY**

[Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18](#)

[1 Corinthians 3: 16-23](#)

[Matthew 5: 38-48](#)

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

[Isaiah 49: 14-15](#)

[1 Corinthians 4: 1-5](#)

[Matthew 6: 24-34](#)

**Organ Postlude:** *Prelude in Classical Style* Gordon Young (1919-1998)

**Parish News**

**Parish forum** A parish forum follows this morning's 10.30 am Service for a catch up on recent developments as the parish year begins.

**Confirmation** The Bishop will be with us for the 10.30 am Service next Sunday to confirm Helen Clements. Please show your support for our parish and for Helen by attending this Service.

**Fellowship social group** will meet on Tuesday 25 February 2 pm at Kate Paterson's home 254 Macandrew Rd ph 455 5384 for coffee and a catch up, everyone welcome. The March meeting will be at Lorraine Mitchell's home 23 Tainui Rd on Tuesday 25 March at 2 pm, afternoon tea and a sales table. Anyone wanting a ride please ring Raylene Ralston at 455 2389.

**Palm crosses** The Vicar would be glad to receive Palm Crosses from last year to be burnt up for the imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, which falls on 5 March this year. The Eucharist with imposition of ashes will be celebrated at 10 am and 7 pm that day.

**Looking for a tenant?** Carol Morris, a middle aged, non-smoking, clean and tidy woman with strong Anglican Church connections intends to move from Auckland to Dunedin, and is looking for a board/flatting situation, where the bedroom is furnished. She is happy to help out with house chores, babysitting etc if required. For further information contact the Vicar.

**St Peters Renovation Fund** The recently created St Peters renovation fund has made its first report back since its investment in the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund. The \$98,969 invested represents 46,417 units in the Growth Fund, and has now grown to a value of \$104,902 by virtue of two additional gifts. The renovation fund is the bequest money the parish has set aside to deal with the eventual cost of earthquake strengthening and roof replacement. It welcomes parishioner gifts and bequests as a way of securing the future of our Church, and has already been supplemented in this way.

**Christian Meditation afternoon** A short talk on Thomas Merton and Contemplation followed by silent meditation will be held on Saturday 1 March, 1.30-3.30 pm at St Peter's Church lounge. For further information please contact Moira ph 477 9945 or Joan Dutton email [ruthmum@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruthmum@xtra.co.nz) or ph 455 7948.

**New rosters** Please collect a copy of the new roster for the 10.30 am Service from the Vicar.

**The Christian Formation Group** As Lent begins in early March the Christian Formation Group will begin its life, meeting on Monday nights with a 7 pm Eucharist in the Church, and then adjourning to the Vicarage to study the New Testament Mass readings for the following Sunday, followed by a period of silent prayer which will lead off from those readings, and will conclude with intercessory prayer for the parish. Refreshments will follow.

**Parish AGM** Notice is hereby given that the parish AGM will be on Sunday 30 March 2014 following the 10.30 am Service for the purpose of receiving reports and electing the People's Warden, the Vestry, and this year we elect the lay representatives to the Diocesan Synod. Nomination forms can be found on the table in the Link.

**Garage sale** We will be holding a garage sale for parish funds in the hall on a Saturday yet to be determined in March. Please set aside items that would be useful for sale.

**Seminar** The Vicar will be presenting a seminar at the Theology department's seminar room on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Burns building on Friday at 3 pm entitled, "Wielding the sacrificing knife: the doctrine of Eucharistic Sacrifice in Anglo-Catholicism; a tale of ecclesial and theological conflict." You are welcome to attend.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those who have died** especially those whose memorial occurs at this time: Margaret Simons, Marjorie Booker, Douglas Gordon, Christian Hansen

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