



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

14 September 2014

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Vexilla Regis

The royal banners forward go,
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow,
Were he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old,
The universal Lord is he,
Who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,
O Tree royal with purple dight,
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest!

On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

Venantius Fortunatus 530-609
Translated J. M. Neale 1818-66

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

HYMNS:

92 There is a green hill far away

95 When I survey the wondrous cross

339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

431 O Thou who camest from above

94 We sing the praise of him who died

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Numbers 21: 4b-9](#)

[Philippians 2: 6-11](#)

[John 3: 13-17](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 55: 6-9](#)

[Philippians 1: 20-24, 27a](#)

[Matthew 20: 1-16](#)

Parish News

Gloria The Gloria used today at 10.30 is the well-known Taize Mass version.

Pot luck lunch As is our custom on the second Sunday of the month a pot luck lunch will follow our 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

Helping with the new sound system We will need to replace our wireless microphones later this year because the government will be taking over our former airwaves in order to make the new 4G cell phones possible. The cost will be at least \$1,500. Already we have received a parishioner donation of \$200 towards this. Can you help with his? Donations can be handed to the Vicar.

Synod is taking place this weekend from Friday evening to Sunday noon in Oamaru. Today's celebrant and preacher is Fr Roger Barker.

Quiet day Mother Keleni and Sister Alena from the Community of the Sacred Name will be leading a Quiet Day from 9.30 am to 3.30 am here at St Peter's on Saturday 4 October. The theme of the day is PRAYER. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring lunch to share with others.

Seeing more of Fr Roger The Vicar will be back in action next Sunday, and then departs for Britain on the 22nd taking all his annual leave in consecutive weeks so as to make the trip worth while. Thus Fr Roger will be the celebrant and preacher in late September, and throughout October.

Spring Flower Festival

St Peter's will be hosting a Spring Flower Festival over the weekend of 20-21 September. There will be displays of vestments and liturgical items for public inspection in the Church that weekend.

And Vestments With A Difference....

Not long before his death in the 1950's the famous French artist Henri Matisse was asked to design every aspect of the interior of a chapel for nuns at Vence in the south-east of France. The chapel was a small, understated building, with its main feature being its tall stained glass windows. Matisse considered it his greatest work. So great was his attention to detail that he also designed the vestments. Made out of silk, they have striking designs on them. The originals have since been on sold to the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art in New York. In a four year project Fr Hugh Bowron had a New Zealand vestment maker Elizabeth Kimberley construct copies of them. These will be on display at St Peter's on the Saturday and Sunday afternoon of 20-21 September from 2 pm on, together with the best of St Peter's treasure trove of Eucharistic vestments. Fr Hugh Bowron will be on hand to act as a tour guide. Please come and inspect these remarkable church textiles.

The Fellowship group meets on Tuesday 23 September at 2 pm in the Botanical Garden's car park for afternoon tea in the Kiosk followed by a walk around the gardens. Anyone requiring a ride please phone Raylene on 455 2389 or gay on 476 1613. If raining we will meet at Raylene's at A/172 Oxford St.

Red Cross Choir Concert The Red Cross Choir will perform a programme of popular choral music today at 2 pm at the Kings and Queens performing arts centre. Tickets are \$10, with the proceeds going to the Dunedin Red Cross Community Transport Service.

Rent a battalion The diocese of Polynesia has requested prayer for the 45 Fijian soldiers kidnapped in Southern Lebanon, part of a UN peacekeeping force who try to keep warring factions apart. This is a reasonable and compassionate Christian request, (and the prayer may have already been answered) but the back story is rife with ambiguity. Indigenous Fijians are a warrior people, and the army is large for such a small island state. It is also a major revenue earner through these UN assignments. The Lebanese deployment is a long standing one, by means of which the leadership cadre has acquired considerable skills in counter insurgency warfare. These were put to good use in the Rabuka coup, and the successive ones after that, when democratic elections brought Indian led governments to power that the military didn't like. New Zealand has unsuccessfully opposed the UN employing the Fijian army in Lebanon until democracy is restored in Fiji. A major issue for Fijian society is a runaway military who believe themselves to be above and beyond civilian control.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: William Peterson and Peter Palmer

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