



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

20 August 2017 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Commentary on today's gospel reading

In a time and place (today in the West) where an "easy" universalism is fashionable and claims about the divine election of peoples and persons are regarded with suspicion or even revulsion, it is important to help others grasp the biblical doctrine of the chosen people. If one wishes to be true to the biblical witness, it is necessary to present clearly what the Scriptures say about the chosenness of Israel and how Christians share in it through Jesus. The God of Jesus is the God of Israel. Gentiles call upon and experience this God through Jesus as representative of the Jewish people. The roots of Christianity are Jewish. Gentile Christians have been grafted onto the olive tree (see Romans 11: 17, 24).

*Daniel Harrington, S.J.
The Gospel of Matthew
Sacra Pagina Commentary*

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 after the Solemn
Sung Eucharist

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)
10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

149 Father, we praise thee, now the night is over
273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
313 Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants
441 Pray that Jerusalem may have

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 56](#)

The response to [Psalm 67](#) is:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

[Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32](#)

[Matthew 15: 21-28](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 22: 15, 19-23](#)

[Romans 11: 33-36](#)

[Matthew 16: 13-20](#)

PARISH NEWS

Agnes on duty This morning we welcome Agnes Beamish at the organ console for a second Sunday of organist relieving while David takes his annual holidays.

Vestry notes The proposed considerable increase in diocesan levy for St Peter's was discussed. It was noted

that water seepage into two upstairs rooms in the Vicarage has continued. Dunedin roofing systems has been requested to revisit this problem. Heating options for the Vicarage were discussed. A recent investigation of a log burner option appeared to rule this out on the basis of cost and complexity. The possibility of installing a gas fire will now be researched.

Microwave requested The Vestry noted that the microwave in the hall kitchen has done its dash. Does anyone have spare microwave they could let the parish have?

Fellowship group The Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday 22 August at 12.15 pm upstairs at the Planetarium in the Museum. The cost is \$9 for Gold card holders. The show commences at 12.30 pm and we will have lunch in the Café afterwards at 1.30 pm. Any enquiries please ring Raylene 455 2389 or Gay 476 1613.

Furniture needed for the Bishop-elects rented home Assistance is sought for the loan of the following items of furniture for a period of two months for the Bishop-elect Steven Benford and his wife Lorraine - Dining table and chairs - Sitting room chairs. They also want to purchase 2 double and 2 single beds. If anyone has a double or single bed they wish to sell at a reasonable price please contact Debbie Flintoff by e mail debbie@calledsouth.org.nz or call 488 0821. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Please pray for Peter Forrester and Sacha Alexander to be married at St Peter's on Saturday 14 October.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Mahlia and Sheree Napier and Jonathan Gillies.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Mollie Scrivener, Esther Chetwin, Annie Mitchell, Ted Hawkhead, Winnie Dunlop and Robert Jacobs.

Thank you to the Monday club for supplying a new clock for the lounge. The old one kept falling off the wall and had a habit of gaining time steadily. The battery clock in the sacristy has also been replaced through the generosity of David Hoskins. It too was a time accelerator and had recently gone comprehensively haywire.

Anglican Missions - stamps for mission Anglican Missions sells stamps on Trade Me, in auctions and to dealers around the world. Thanks to everyone who has donated stamps to Anglican Missions - keep them coming! However, they no longer want the general use KIWI stamps - these are the ones for general use with no postage allocated - those with pictures of ice cream cones, fishing, road sign, etc. Our stamp buyers have been overwhelmed by them and are no longer taking them. They do however want the alternative Kiwi stamps, i.e. Pete's Post, NZM, DX, etc. They would also like other NZ stamps and of course international ones too. They are interested in mint and used stamps, as well as collections.
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