



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

21 January 2018

Ordinary 3

The Summer Day

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper, I mean -
The one who has flung herself out of the grass,
The one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?

Mary Oliver

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

451 Songs of praise the angels sang

483 The Church of God a kingdom is

298 May the grace of Christ our Saviour

360 Firmly I believe and truly

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Jonas 3: 1-5, 10](#)

The response to [Psalm 25](#) is:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

[1 Corinthians 7: 29-31](#)

[Mark 1: 14-20](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Deuteronomy 18: 15-20](#)

[1 Corinthians 7: 32-35](#)

[Mark 1: 21-28](#)

PARISH NEWS

Make a submission on the Seymour euthanasia bill On the altar by the Hillside Rd entrance to the Church you will find the Vicar's recent submission to the parliamentary sub-committee on the Seymour euthanasia bill, together with Family First pamphlets outlining why the bill would be bad legislation and would lead to the imperilling of many vulnerable and at risk people in the community. Both of these can be taken away for your perusal. Please

consider making a submission to the committee. It doesn't have to be lengthy, profound or detailed. A significant number of submissions opposing the bill will have an impact and influence on the final decisions that our legislators will make in this vital area of medical ethics. The submission deadline is 20 February.

Trouble at the airport The Hicks, the missionary family we support, has encountered a major problem in trying to return to Malaita at the end of their recent furlough in New Zealand. It turned out that the passport of one of their children was due to expire in 4 months' time and he would not be allowed to board the plane. In a pressured decision that had to be made within minutes they decided to divide the family with some children staying with Tess in New Zealand while Jon and the other children returned home to find the necessary documents and send them back to New Zealand. They have asked for our prayers in this difficult situation.

A note about the parish film season Overleaf you will find details of the beginning of the year film season. What is not listed are two screenings that will occur in Holy Week of Alec McCowen's remarkable solo performance of Mark's Gospel. The two parts will be shown in Holy Week over the evenings of Tuesday 27 March and Wednesday 28 March immediately after the evening Mass. Please note that Easter falls early this year on Sunday 1 April.

Second film The second film of our Summer film season *Still Life* will be screened in the Vicarage on Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnston, Cherry Gordon, Margaret Sterling, Joan Dutton, Mahlia Napier, and Paul Hill.

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time Christine Robinson, May Graveson, and Helen Dutton.

Summer Film Season As is our custom we begin the year with a season of films shown in the Vicarage on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm. The remaining films are: **Still Life** - 24 January. Eddie Marsan stars in the deeply affecting tale of a Council employee who tries to trace the relatives of those who have died alone, and who often ends up arranging their funerals. His pending redundancy and last case of a near neighbour and war veteran bring things to a head in his understated and low wattage relational life. A film about respect for the dead.

The Big Short - 31 January. Just before the crash of the American property market that signalled the beginning of the 2008 global financial crisis three different and unrelated groups of individuals anticipated the bursting of the property bubble and bet against the banks that this would happen. A fascinating, entertaining and informative story, and one of the best explanations of why the global financial crisis happened.

City of Gold (seek and devour) - 7 February. A documentary about Los Angeles food critic Jonathan Gold whose endless search for new food experiences focuses on little known and undiscovered ethnic restaurants and food trucks while eschewing famous top of the line restaurants. Insights are offered into one of the most ethnically and culinary diverse cities of the world but also shows Gold's power to make or break culinary reputations.

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