



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

25 March 2018

Palm Sunday

Forgiveness is not enough. Belief in redemption is not enough. Wishful thinking about the intrinsic goodness of every human being is not enough. Inclusion is not a sufficiently inclusive message, nor does it deliver real justice. There are some things – many things – that must be condemned and put right if we are to proclaim a God of both justice and mercy. Only a power independent of this world order can overcome the grip of the Enemy of God's purpose for this creation.

Jesus Christ, the heir of all things" (Heb. 1:2), offered himself to be the condemned and rejected Righteous One. Giving himself up in full knowledge – after Gethsemane – of what would happen to him, and in perfect union with the Father, he went to Golgotha carrying his own cross, upon which he was nailed, "despised and rejected by men" (Isa 53: 3). At the historical time and place of his inhuman and godless crucifixion, all the demonic Powers loose in the world convened in Jerusalem and unleashed their forces upon the incarnate Son of God. Derelict, outcast, and godforsaken, he hung there as the representative of all humanity, and suffered condemnation in place of all humanity, to break the Power of Sin and Death over all humanity.

Fleming Routledge

The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today.
The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered
at the communion rail 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

All glory, laud and honour (see Service sheet)

510 Ride on, ride on in majesty

And can it be (see insert sheet)

83 Glory be to Jesus

439 Praise to the holiest in the height

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 50: 4-7](#)

The response to [Psalm 22](#) is:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

[Philippians 2: 6-11](#)

The Markan Passion narrative

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 10: 34, 36-43](#)

[Colossians 3: 1-4](#)

[Mark 16: 1-7](#)

PARISH NEWS

Palm Sunday We will gather under the lounge veranda before the start of the 10.30 am liturgy. Please bring your Palm Cross with you. The Passion Narrative will be read by three persons. The congregation's part is in bold back type and should be said in unison. Please plan to be with us as we celebrate the Paschal Triduum. Details of the Holy Week Services are overleaf.

Screening of St Mark's Gospel A reminder that Alec McCowen's solo performance of *St Mark's Gospel* will be screened in two parts in the Vicarage after the 7 pm celebrations of the Eucharist on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week.

Confession Holy Week is a good time to make your confession by prior arrangement with the priest of your choice.

Readers sought for the Easter Vigil Service Would you like to read a lesson at the Easter Vigil Service at 8 pm on Holy Saturday evening, the most wonderful liturgy of the year? Please sign the notice on the Link noticeboard if you can help in this way.

No Maundy Thursday morning Eucharist Please note that there will not be a celebration of the Eucharist at 10 am next Thursday as by tradition the Eucharist is always celebrated in the evening on Maundy Thursday.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Holy Saturday at 10.30 am. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Parish ordination in June Bishop Steven has confirmed this week that our own Brian Kilkelly will be ordained a Deacon on Sunday 10 June at the 10.30 am Service here at St Peter's. The parish will give Brian a cassock as its ordination present to him. Contributions towards this can be given to the Vicar.

April parish bus outing to Owaka and the Catlins There will be a St Peter's bus trip to Owaka and on down the highway on Saturday 14 April leaving Baker St at 9 am and returning at 5 pm. The journey itinerary includes Kaka Point, Owaka, and Pounaweia, Purakaunui Falls, Florence Hills and Lake Wilkie. Lunch will be at Papatowai camping ground - please bring your own lunch. The cost is \$30. Please sign the booking form on the Link noticeboard. The bus is a 21 seater so it would pay to book in early.

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

Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time James Clements, Ruth Mumford, Fr Ilyan Eades, Ben Holden, Denise Walker, Frederick Buxton, Doreen Price and Norma Moorhead.

The departure of Bishop Victoria Media reports on the imminent departure of Bishop Victoria have focussed on the Cathedral issue, which misses the major point of her episcopal ministry in Christchurch. She has focused on greening the church, on bringing a fresh generation of young leaders into the ministry of the church. In this she has succeeded and the diocese has many young energetic priests beginning their ministry. Whether they go the distance and the fruits of their ministries in the long term will be the real test of what she has achieved there.

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

7 pm Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

7 pm Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper, Stripping of the Altar and Vigil.

Good Friday

12 noon Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday

8 pm Easter Vigil, Service of Light and the First Mass of the Resurrection. It would be very helpful if you can bring a torch and a bell to this Service.

A social gathering to celebrate Easter follows in the lounge.

Easter Day

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist and Procession

5 pm Evensong and Benediction

Followed by a social gathering in the parish lounge

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