



St Peter's Caversham

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## The Pebble

26 August 2018

21st Sunday

The Christians are distinguished from other people neither by country, nor language, nor the customs which they observe. For they neither inhabit cities of their own, nor employ a peculiar form of speech, nor lead a life that is marked out by its singularity. They dwell in their own countries, but simply as sojourners. As citizens, they share in all things with others, and yet endure all things as if foreigners. Every foreign land is to them as their native country, and every land of their birth as a land of strangers...They are in the flesh, but they do not live after the flesh. They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, and at the same time surpass the laws by their lives. They love all people, and are persecuted by all. They are poor, yet make many rich. To sum up all in one word – what the soul is in the body, that are Christians in the world.

*Letter to Diognetus*  
150 AD

## 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

337 As pants the hart for cooling streams

We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel

302 O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

299 My spirit longs for thee (t.471)

244 Glory to thee, my God, this night

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-17, 18](#)

The response to [Psalm 34](#) is:

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord**

[Ephesians 4: 32, 5: 2, 21-32](#)

[John 6: 53, 60-69](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8](#)

[James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27](#)

[Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

### PARISH NEWS

**Sermon** Today's sermon is entitled *Groupies or Loyal Fans*. As Jesus concludes his teaching about His flesh being the bread of life in John 6 some of His followers turn away from Him offended by what He has to say. Jesus turns to the diminished remnant of disciples with the question "Do you also wish to go away." It is a question for us also. Are we here for a season Christians or the loyal lifelong friends of Jesus with him in his church until the end?

**Fellowship group** The Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday 28 August at 2 pm at the home of St Barnabas where afternoon tea will be provided for \$6. The theme will be "Remember When."

**A big weekend for the parish** There will be three big events for St Peter's during the second weekend in September. We have our St Kilda brass band concert on Saturday 8 September at 2 pm. There will be the usual Sunday morning Services on Sunday 9 September with Fr Brian Kilkelly's ordination to the priesthood following at 4 pm in the Cathedral. Fr Brian's first Mass will follow on Monday 10 September at 5.30 pm here at St Peter's. An evening meal will follow in the hall. Please indicate on the notice on the Link noticeboard what food you can bring as a contribution to this.

**Vestry meeting** A reminder to Vestry members that we meet on Wednesday afternoon, which is different to our usual third Wednesday in the month meeting rhythm. This is because Fr Hugh will be away for much of September and part of October.

**Advertising brass band concert** Please keep up the good work in putting our posters advertising the St Kilda brass band concert on 8 September at 2pm in public places. There are some more copies of these on the altar at the back of the Church.

**English sojourn** Fr Hugh will be spending four weeks in Britain from 12 September through October attending a conference in London entitled *God's Church in the World: the gift of catholic mission* with keynote speakers Rowan Williams and Bishop Philip North, spending some time at the Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk, exploring the great medieval churches of Suffolk and spending some time in North Cornwall.

**Rock** The latest edition of the Rock is available at the back of the Church and in the Link.

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

**Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.** Robert Jacobs, Olive Hammond-Tooke, Maurice Chetwin, Dorothy White and Alfred Allen.

**New Zealand International Film Festival** As this year's film festival draws to a close it is the documentaries that as usual have been the stand out performers. These included **Bombshell: The Hedi Lamarr Story** chronicling the life of 1940s and 50s screen siren Hedi Lamarr, a life that began with so many gifts and so much initial success and that ended so sadly. **The Ice King** tells the story of British Olympic figure skater John Curry who used his success at the 1976 Winter Olympics to found an ice skating Dance Company which performed utterly beautiful and absorbing to watch dance routines. **Kevin Roche: The Quiet Architect** focusses on this Irish immigrant who moved to America in 1949 and became a stand out architect who consulted widely with the workers who would spend their working lives in the buildings he had been tasked to create and who has thus created very human oriented buildings that are often beloved architectural masterpieces. In the drama section **Woman at War** is a very funny and entertaining Icelandic film about an eco-warrior destroying power lines so as to prevent industrial pollution. **Jirga** is a meditation on the costliness and the power of forgiveness as an Australian soldier goes in search of the Afghan family whose father he mistakenly killed during a raid. **The Guilty** is a powerful Danish crime thriller about a policeman working in an emergency call centre confronted with a human tragedy from the pit of hell who uses only his head set to bring about as humane an outcome as is possible in desperate circumstances.

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