



St Peter's Caversham

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The Pebble

2 September 2018

22nd Sunday

Rituals and Symbols

There is some degree of ritual in all human behaviour, and it is only by a matter of degree that we conclude that a particular thing is primarily ritual or primarily functional. One may open a door for another because his hands are full; one may open a door for him because you are going out together or, one may be "showing him the door," and in that case the action is essentially ritual...Ritual is not a dirty word. Ritual is of the essence of all communication between people. The tiny little ritual of putting the salt just out of reach of someone after you have had a tiff lets him know that you have not conceded defeat. In all sorts of little ways we state things that could not be stated in words. Although these examples are rather trivial, ritual usually says things that are quite basic, about our awareness of how we should love, or our awareness of how the world makes sense to us. Every group or culture or society eventually builds up a whole complex of rituals and symbols that express the core of their understanding of life. Technically this is called the "world view and the ethos" of this particular group. All that life means for a society is encapsulated in its major symbols and rituals. For the Christian, life makes sense in terms of the death and resurrection of Jesus; our whole world is understood in the light of that great mystery. That is our world view.

Eugene O'Sullivan OP, Liturgy and Prayer, 45-6.

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
5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS

362 Glorious things of thee are spoken
We sing a threefold *Alleluia* acclamation before the gospel
471 We love the place, O God
275 Blessed Jesu, Mary's Son
251 Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear

READINGS FOR TODAY

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

The response to [Psalm 15](#) is:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

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

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

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 35: 4-7](#)

[James 2: 1-5](#)

[Mark 7: 31-37](#)

PARISH NEWS

Evensong and Benediction this evening at 5 pm followed by refreshments and a social gathering in the lounge.

Brass band concert We have our St Kilda brass band concert on Saturday at 2pm. The front two choir pews have been temporarily removed to fit the band in. They will be rehearsing here on Friday evening. Please support this important musical event in the parish calendar.

Advertising brass band concert Please keep up the good work in putting our posters advertising the St Kilda brass band concert in public places. An updated version of the poster is available on the altar at the back of the Church.

Next Sunday There will be the usual Sunday morning Services on Sunday 9 September.

Potluck lunch cancelled The potluck lunch that normally follows the 10.30am Service on the second Sunday of the month is cancelled for September as that weekend will be a very big one for the parish with a lot on.

Fr Brian's Ordination Please support Fr Brian by attending his ordination to the priesthood at 4 pm in the Cathedral next Sunday.

Fr Brian's First Mass Fr Brian's first Mass will take place on Monday 10 September at 5.30 pm here at St Peter's. It will be important for the parish family to be present at this Service to support this wonderful beginning to Brian's priestly ministry among us. 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.

Frances Hodgkins Mass The Anglican Eucharist will be celebrated at Frances Hodgkins on Thursday at 11 am in the garden lounge.

St Barnabas AGM The annual general meeting of St Barnabas rest home will be held on Tuesday at 6.30 pm in the Chapel.

Vestry news It was decided to employ Hanlons to carry out the engineering report on St Peter's. It was reported that the DCC heritage fund would cover the \$15,000 fee involved. It was resolved to draw down \$15,000 from the St Peter's renovation fund to cover the cost of a Geo-technical report on the land adjacent to the Church. \$800 has been paid from the Warrington bequest to the St Kilda brass band to cover their travel costs. The parish will keep the gate money to cover advertising costs.

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 Jessie Coxon and John Larkins.

New Bishop for Christchurch The Venerable Peter Carrell has been elected as the next Bishop of Christchurch. He is currently ministry educator for the diocese and Archdeacon of Pegasus. He is the son of a Bishop. His father Brian Carrell was for a time Vicar of St Matthews Dunedin and assistant Bishop of Wellington. Peter has a BD from Otago University and a PhD in New Testament studies from Durham University. He began his ministry as Curate of St Stephens Shirley, then was priest assistant at St Barnabas Stoke, Vicar of Blenheim South and was then ministry educator for the diocese of Nelson. He is married to Teresa, who has a Polish Catholic background, and who is currently lay chaplain to Cathedral Grammar school, an Anglican prep school that has been going through tumultuous times. A calm equable person Peter can be expected to be a stabilising and reasonable leader of the diocese. Although of an evangelical background and churchmanship his relationship to the conservative evangelical community has become fraught due to his support for same sex blessings. Peter is 59. He will be consecrated in February.

Nelson diocese episcopal election Bishop Richard Ellena is due to retire shortly. The electoral Synod to choose his successor is expected in March. There are thought to be three horses in the starting gate.

Greetings from the Sinclairs Buster and Leslie Sinclair send us their love and greetings from Alexandra where they have happily settled in and enjoy reading the Rock to keep up with Caversham developments.

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