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The Pebble

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19th Sunday, Year C

The Lantern Out of Doors

Sometimes a lantern moves along the night.

That interests our eyes. And who gets there? I think; where from and bound, I wonder, where, With, all down darkness wide, his wading light?

Men go by me, whom either beauty bright In mould or mind or what not else makes rare: They rain against our much-thick and marsh air Rich beams, till death or distance buys them quite.

Death or distance soon consumes them: wind,

What most I may eye after, be in at the end I cannot, and out of sight is out of mind.

Christ minds: Christ's interest, what to avow or amend

There, eyes them, heart wants, care haunts, foot follows kind,

Their ransom, their rescue, and first, fast last friend. *Gerard Manley Hopkins*

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 FOR TODAY

443 Rejoice! the Lord is King
We sing a threefold *Alleluya* before the gospel reading
420 O Jesus, I have promised
313 Wherefore, O Lord, we thy humble servants
331 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide

READINGS FOR TODAY

Wisdom 18: 6-9 The response to Psalm 33 is: **Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own** <u>Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19</u> <u>Luke 12: 32-48</u>

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10 Hebrews 12: 1-4 Luke 12: 49-53

PARISH NEWS

<u>**Today</u>** Fr Brian is the preacher at this morning's Services and the celebrant at 8 am with Fr Hugh being the celebrant at 10.30 am.</u>

Potluck lunch A potluck lunch follows the 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

The concert season draws near The St Kilda brass band will be with us on Saturday 7 September for its annual concert at St Peter's. The programme has been decided and publicity material for this event will shortly be available. Meanwhile Kemp English has been in touch and his deferred organ recital will now take place in our church at the rescheduled date of 23 November. There will be further information about this in next month's Rock, including the programme and a photo of the amazing organ he will be bringing with him.

Next Wardens' meeting The next Wardens' meeting with the Vicar will be on Wednesday 21 August. Please mention to Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker any matters you would like raised at that meeting.

<u>St Peter's Caversham postcards</u> On the altar at the back of the church you will find four postcards with pictures of St Peter's, or in one case a photo of those who attended the 150th anniversary celebrations plus past Vicars of the parish. While these were designed to sell to those who visit the Church on Saturday afternoons they would do very well for parishioners to send to friends or family members on significant occasions. They are very reasonably priced at 50 cents.

<u>Community of the Sacred Name</u> Local Companions and Friends of the C.S.N Sisters are invited to meet at St Michael's Church, 44 Elliot St, Andersons Bay on Monday 19 August for an 11am Eucharist for the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary followed by shared lunch and meeting. Koha for St Michael's. All welcome.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Christie, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter, Rosemary Stott, Gillian Gordon, Lorraine Mitchell and Mavis Lighton.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Jan

McPhee, William Dawson, Stewart, Cecil Palmer and Alan Gale.

Financial news These are perilous times when it comes to investing money. The parish is currently drawing down its units in the Diocesan Trust Board Growth Fund, what we call the St Peter's Renovation Fund, in anticipation of major work to be carried out on the church. The parish can only draw out \$150,000 at a time after giving three months' notice to do so. The Growth Fund is invested primarily in world share markets and it has been doing very well in recent years with a record high of \$4.04 per unit being achieved at the end of last month. The first tranche of \$150,000 came the parish's way this past week at a worrying time when the growing trade war between America and China caused stocks on Wall St to plunge. Fortunately the valuation of the parish's units occurred at the end of July, the time of the record high, so just in the three month waiting period the parish had made a further \$8,000. Now another anxious three month waiting period begins before the parish can withdraw the remaining units. These will amount to less than \$150,000 but will still amount to a substantial sum. Just how much depends on where world share markets are at the end of October. America and China are playing with fire as they escalate their trade war and it would just take one false move to tank the Chinese economy and plunge the world into another global financial crisis with consequent damage to the parish's investment draw down. What may see us through these difficult next few months is the fact that further interest cuts throughout the world leave investors with nowhere else to go but to remain at the share market gaming tables.

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