



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

22 September 2019

25th Sunday, Year C

Constitution on the Church in the Modern World

“The joy and the hope, the grief and anxiety
of the people of this age,
especially those who are poor
or in any way afflicted:
 this is the joy and hope
 the grief and anxiety
 of the followers of Christ.”

Indeed, nothing genuinely human
 fails to raise an echo in their hearts.

The Christian community
is, after all, a community of women and men
truly linked with humankind and its history,
 bearing a message of salvation
 intended for all people...

For the world is the theatre of human history,
Its energies, its tragedies, and its triumphs.

The Christian vision is that the world was created
 and is sustained by God.

It was freed from the slavery of sin by Christ.

It is now being re-created and brought to its destiny
 under the Holy Spirit.

Vatican 2 in Plain English: The Constitutions, Bill Huebsch

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

334 All people that on earth do dwell
We sing a threefold *Alleluya* before the gospel reading

86 My song is love unknown
Clear vault of heaven (see sheet)

385 Jesu, the very thought of thee

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Amos 8: 4-7](#)

The response to [Psalm 113](#) is:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor

[1 Timothy 2: 1-7](#)

[Luke 16: 1-13](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12](#)

[1 Corinthians 3: 9-11](#)

[John 2: 13-22](#)

PARISH NEWS

This morning Fr Brian is the celebrant and preacher as Fr
Hugh is on retreat in Wellington at Pa Maria, the Marist
spirituality centre in Thorndon.

Next Sunday We will celebrate the feast of Dedication of our church as the new St Peter's, built in 1882, had its opening Service on 29 September, the feast of Michaelmas.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning at 10.30 am on Friday 27 September in the church lounge. Please join us.

Church visit to St Mary Star of the Sea, Port Chalmers We are now close to the date of our next church visit to a local church with a striking maritime theme to it. We will celebrate the feast of St Francis of Assisi and then adjourn to a local café for lunch. Please see and sign up to the notice on the Link noticeboard about car sharing arrangements for this expedition.

Christmas return of the St Kilda Brass Band Following up on a suggestion from Shane Foster, the conductor of the St Kilda Brass Band, after its highly successful recent concert here Fr Hugh and he are planning for a "Christmas Festival of Brass and Carols" here at St Peter's on Sunday 22 December at 10.30 am. This will take the place of our usual Nine Lessons and Carols. It will be a Service but with a concert edge to it. The young players in the band have usually dispersed by then as the university breaks up for the year so this will be the St Kilda brass band ensemble, the inner core of the band of a more mature age consisting of 8 brass players plus a percussionist.

Fellowship group will meet on Tuesday 24 September at St Barnabas at 2 pm for a Spring Fling and Hat Fun day - there will be a quiz. \$8 for afternoon tea. See you there!

Praise for the Pebble In conversation at Synod with the Revd Bernard Wilkinson, former Curate of this parish who did the last interregnum here, Fr Hugh heard some unexpected praise for his journalistic efforts with the Pebble. Bernard reads it on line every Monday and has told the Revd Barbara Dineen, "If you want to find out what is really going on in the Church read Hugh Bowron's pew sheet, The Pebble."

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter, Rosemary Stott, Gillian Gordon, Lorraine Mitchell, Christine Flegg, Mavis Lighton and Jono Gillies.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Rona Hitchcox, William Petersen, Peter Palmer, Dorothy Leftwich, Una White, Lilian McGlynn, Elizabeth Bunker, Edward Cottle, Bette Elliot, Minnie Mumford and Betty Prail.

Synod news Last weekend's Synod was concerned in the main with revising a number of diocesan statutes to make them congruent with the canons and to bring them up to date with revised realities. What should have been a straightforward process was complicated by a progressive minority seeking gender parity on appointments to diocesan bodies. They then upped the ante by trying to introduce gender fluidity (i.e. transgender, intersex) criteria for such appointments. A confused compromise emerged in many cases but Fr Hugh saw off an attempt to introduce such bonkers identity politics appointment criteria to the diocesan trust board on which he serves, one of the few highly functional and effective diocesan bodies. He also raised some concern points, as well as affirmations, of the revisions proposed to the Title D clergy disciplinary measure, a long overdue reform process now getting under way ahead of next year's General Synod. St Matthew's, Dunedin gave a written and verbal report on the harrowing time they have just been through as their Vicar and a large proportion of their parishioners broke away to form Hope Church, part of the extra-Provincial diocese of New Zealand. They were rewarded by both their Synod representatives being elected to next year's General Synod, thus displacing Bonnie Millar-Perry, the transgender Synod representative from the Wanaka Cromwell parish. The new diocesan chancellor Lauren Pegg is also from St Matthew's being one of their new Wardens. The progressive minority also unsuccessfully sought to oppose an affirmation of the church's traditional teaching on euthanasia.

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