



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

8 December 2019

Advent 2, Year A

O Word immortal of eternal God,
Only-begotten of the only Source,
For our salvation stooping to the course
Of human life, and born of Mary's blood;
Sprung from the ever-virgin womanhood
Of her who bore thee, God immutable,
Incarnate, made as man with man to dwell,
And condescending to the bitter Rood;
Save us, O Christ our God, for thou hast died
To save thy people to the uttermost,
And dying tramplest death in victory;
One of the ever-blessed Trinity,
In equal honour with the Holy Ghost,
And with the eternal Father glorified.

*Greek, 6th century
Translated T. A. Lacey 1853-1931*

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

12 On Jordan's bank

A sung *Alleluia* precedes the gospel reading

7 Hills of the North, rejoice

315 Word of the Father (tune 313)

407 Lord, thy word abideth

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 11: 1-10](#)

The response to [Psalm 72](#) is:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever

[Romans 15: 4-9](#)

[Matthew 3: 1-12](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10](#)

[James 5: 7-10](#)

[Matthew 11: 2-11](#)

PARISH NEWS

Preachers Fr Brian is our preacher here this morning. Fr Hugh is the celebrant at 8 am and 10.30 am.

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

Advent reminder We omit saying or singing the Gloria in Advent as it is a penitential season.

Parish curry evening The next parish curry evening will be on Thursday evening this week. Please sign the booking notice on the Link Noticeboard.

Wardens' meeting Fr Hugh will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday 18 December. Please mention to Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Friday 20 December at 10.30 am in preparation for the special Service the following Sunday

A Christmas festival of Brass and Carols On Sunday 22 December we will welcome the St Kilda brass band ensemble as the centrepiece of our Christmas Festival of Brass and Carols. A lunch will follow in the lounge as our way of saying thank you to the band.

Advent meditation An hour of prayer and meditation followed by a light dinner for those who chose to stay is being held at 5.30 pm on Friday 13 December here at St Peter's. Gold coin koha. All welcome.

February church visit In addition to our January church visit to St Barnabas, Warrington we will also go to St John's, Waikouaiti on Saturday 22 February at 11 am to celebrate the feast of the Chair of St Peter.

Christian World Service Christmas Appeal You will find a CWS Christmas Appeal donation brochure in your Pebble this morning. The CWS gift catalogue is also included. This year's theme is "Her need is clear - Give water for Christmas, the essence of survival." Please support this appeal generously.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter, Rosemary Stott, Gillian Gordon, Christine Flegg, Mavis Lighton, Anne Bowker and Jane Hill.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Lawrence McCovern, Roger Dale, Ivy Dale, Geoffrey Hughes (Priest), and David MacGrill.

Cathedral news Now that the intertwined issues of accommodation and visas have been resolved the next Dean of Dunedin and his family are expected to arrive in Dunedin January/February. The Revd Tony Curtis is expected to be instituted to the Cathedral at a convenient date within that period. The issue of finding a new organist and music director remains unresolved. The Cathedral's finances are insufficient to make such a full time appointment. Attendances at the Cathedral's main Sunday Services remain modest except for special event Services.

A tale of two Cathedrals The conservation lobby has admitted defeat in its attempts to halt the deconstruction of the Christchurch Catholic Cathedral on its Barbadoes St site as there are no legal remedies available. Construction of the new Cathedral and diocesan offices will soon begin on the Oxford Terrace site just three blocks away from its Anglican counterpart. This Catholic Cathedral will be up well before the Anglican one reopens as renovation and repair work on it will probably continue until the end of the decade, and perhaps beyond. Meanwhile the Transitional Cathedral will soon find itself hemmed in by the new covered stadium next door which should be underway soon.

Time to make your confession Advent has begun, a penitential season in which it is entirely appropriate to make your confession before Christmas. These are usually made in Church at a time arranged with the clergy. For further information see "Reconciliation of a Penitent" on page 750 of the New Zealand Prayer book.

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