



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

12 April 2020

Easter Day

Since once again, Lord, I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar...I your priest, will make the whole earth my altar and on it I will offer you all the labours and suffering of the world...I call before me the whole vast anonymous army of living humanity, those who surround me and support me although I do not know them...I know we cannot forestall, still less dictate to you, even the smallest of your actions; from you alone comes all initiative – and this applies in the first place to my prayer...Do you now, therefore, speaking through my lips, pronounce over this earthly travail your twofold efficacious word...Over every living thing which is to spring up, to grow, to flower, to ripen during this day, say again the words: This is my Body. And over every death-force which waits in readiness to corrode, to wither, to cut down, speak again the commanding words which express the supreme mystery of faith: This is my blood.

*Fr Teilhard de Chardin SJ
The Mass on the World*

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

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Acts 10: 34, 37-43](#)

[Colossians 3: 1-4](#)

[John 20: 1-9](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 2: 42-47](#)

[1 Peter 1: 3-9](#)

[John 20: 19-31](#)

PARISH NEWS

The St Peter's filmed weekly Mass Each week a St Peter's Eucharist is filmed and then posted on the parish website so parishioners can view it on Sunday and make an act of spiritual communion in concert with what they see. Holy Week Services are there also. The Vicar also posts a weekly personal message on the website.

Progress report on the parish history This past week the Vicar has been working on the next chapter of the parish history entitled *The World of the Laity*, paying particular attention to the occupational backgrounds and life history of the 1881 vestry who were responsible for the building of the church we worship in today, and for the debt problems that followed on from that. They were an interesting bunch. Two of them owned hotels, one of them owned the Caversham brewery, another, an ex-policeman, blew his brains out in his office, another had fought in the Crimean war and went on to become a policeman in Southland and a member of the Southland Hussars, another was elected Mayor of Caversham and took such a controversial

approach to gas supply in the suburb that a series of "Indignation" meetings took place and an irate ratepayer assaulted him and beat him up. The famous Captain Easter, after whom Easter Crescent is named, was a vestryman and churchwarden throughout this period. He commanded an ironclad gunboat that was part of the naval flotilla that supported General Cameron's invasion of the Waikato in 1864. His boat, the *Avon*, hit a snag and sank causing substantial food shortage problems for the sailors and soldiers of the invading army.

The Darcy Christopher story This past week the parish received its five yearly distribution from the Darcy Christopher bequest, a big help for the St Peter's renovation fund set up to earthquake proof the church. Who was Darcy Christopher? During the war he was an RNZAF trainee pilot whose plane crash landed near White Island. He was rescued by members of the St Clair lifesaving club. After the war he married the daughter of the owners of Mocketts garage in Culverden and eventually came to own the garage himself. He and his wife eventually retired to Blenheim where they died childless. In his will Darcy left money to various Dunedin charities including the St Clair lifesaving club and St Peter's. The fund is administered by a couple of Motueka accountants. It is only allowed to be invested in bonds and interest bearing bank deposits. So far we have not discovered evidence of Darcy's membership of St Peter's but his generous thoughtfulness is a reminder of how important it is to remember St Peter's in your will.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Gillian Gordon, Anne Bowker, Jane Hill, Lorraine Mitchell and James Bunker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Alice Isaac and Grace McAllan.

Going over to direct debit internet banking A big thank you to those who have recently and already made the transition to direct debit internet banking. This is an important way to help your parish church during this difficult time as a way of continuing your financial support of St Peter's. This is the best way of giving anyway as it ensures a regular cash flow for the parish. If you are not sure how to do this ring Averil Hopkins at 454 2399 and she will help you through the process.

Looking on the bright side Looking also this week beyond the constant diet of bad news we get from the media saturation coverage of just one issue there are some silver linings in the present situation. New Zealand farming and farmers are to the fore as the plentiful providers of our food needs, a much needed morale booster for them. Now they can say with justification, as they did often in decades past, "We are the backbone of the country." For the next little while overseas travel will no longer be the expectation of many New Zealanders and domestic tourism should receive a considerable boost. The old slogan, "See your own country first" will have new relevance. We live in one of the most beautiful countries in the world and there is plenty for us to go and see.

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