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# The Pebble

# 19 April 2020

Easter 2

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

A prayer to be used when making an act of spiritual communion in concert with the St Peter's Sunday Services that are posted on the parish website. This prayer has been recommended by the Bishop.

#### 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 2: 42-47 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31

#### **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

Acts 2: 14, 22-33 1 Peter 1: 17-21 Luke 24: 13-35

## **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 that parishioners can view it on Sunday and make an act of spiritual communion in concert with what they see. The Vicar also posts a weekly personal message on the website.

The mysterious disappearance of lots of water Our vigilant parish treasurer Danielle Harrison has been keeping an eye on the parish hall water meter. She has noted with concern that we appear to have lost/used a cubic meter of water, which we believe amounts to a thousand litres, over a two week period despite the fact that the hall isn't being used at all in that period of time. This is an extraordinary rate of water loss. The most likely culprit is a leaky pipe. Dunedin has the oldest pipes in the country, a major vulnerability that this observer thinks should be the major priority of the DCC to put right. It is known that a considerable rate of water loss is occurring throughout the reticulation system on a routine basis. Local government should address core service functions like its 3 waters system before proceeding with any glamour items that would be nice to have but are not strictly necessary.

Wellington, with its erupting sewage pipes, provides a chilling example of what can go wrong when basic and essential services are neglected. When the lockdown concludes Danielle will check with the DCC that this is indeed our water meter and if it is then the Vicar will call in a plumber who has the appropriate equipment to track down and repair/replace the leaky pipe.

The 2020 Paschal Candle Followers of our online Services on our website will have gratefully noted that we were able to screen our filmed version of our 2015 Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter. One of the key things that happens in this liturgy is the blessing of the Paschal Candle during the ceremony of the new fire that begins the Service. On Holy Saturday night Fr Hugh enacted the ceremony of new fire on his own so that the key rituals that bless the 2020 Paschal Candle could occur. Pedestrians walking down Baker St that night may have been startled to see flames erupting from the small barbecue we position on the wooden table outside the parish lounge. This is a safe fire as the combination of cotton wool buds and methylated spirits provides an intense flame that rapidly burns out and has little capacity to ignite what is around it.

<u>Further Darcy Christopher information</u> Jane Teal, one of our distance readers, has provided further helpful information about our benefactor Darcy Christopher. He was born in January 1914 to Frederick and Mary Cristopher who lived in Kennedy St, St Clair and who were parishioners of St Peter's

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

<u>Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time</u> Gwendolyn Hiscock, Ian McAllan, Alexander Brown, John Johnston and Mavis Montieth.

Elect the Archbishop of Canterbury! In a controversial hard hitting book The Future of Orthodox Anglicanism Bishop Mouneer Anis, the bishop of Egypt, whose name is often associated with Anglican Communion gatherings and affairs, has called for the Archbishop of Canterbury to be elected from among the Primates of the Anglican Communion by the Primates and to serve for a fixed term. He points out that now over 80% of Anglicans worldwide live in the Global South and their voices should be heard in crucial leadership choices instead of just being made by the Church of England. He has also called for the authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lambeth Conference to be augmented so as to safeguard the unity of the Anglican Communion and to ensure sound teaching and belief within it. He feels that the Anglican Consultative Council, the only instrument of communion to have lay people on it, was meant to be consultative only but has wrongly assumed authority unto itself. Bishop Anis writes that the essentials of Christian orthodoxy must be defined and member churches of the Communion must uphold them. "To achieve this, we must form a conciliar body of the primates in the Communion (archbishops of each Province), plus other elected bishops, and this council should have the authority to make binding decisions and guard the faith." The Vicar is in broad agreement with these proposals.

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