



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

26 April 2020

Easter 3

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: 14, 22-33](#)

[1 Peter 1: 17-21](#)

[Luke 24: 13-35](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 2: 14, 36-41](#)

[1 Peter 2: 20-25](#)

[John 10: 1-10](#)

### 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.

**No more canoodling in dark corners please** Research into the  
parish history has revealed an interesting report in a June 1970  
parish magazine about an anguished Vestry meeting grappling  
with the issue of "Teen-Age Dances." It was decided that more  
lighting needed to be installed in the entrance, hall and cloak  
rooms of the parish hall. Alcohol was to be strictly banned and  
canoodling in the dark corners was to be discouraged. The  
noise level was to be reduced. Vestrymen were to be on duty at  
the dances and ladies were to be present as chaperones.

**Our Lady of Caversham** The Vicar is currently reading Hilary  
Mantel's "The Mirror and the Light," the third and final novel  
in the trilogy about the life of Thomas Cromwell, chief civil  
servant of Henry the Eighth who dissolved the monasteries

and abolished pilgrimages to shrines. Amongst his abolition targets was Our Lady of Caversham near Reading, an act of vandalism mentioned in the novel. First mentioned in 1106 the shrine grew in popularity throughout the Middle Ages so her statue was given a silver coating and a gold crown. Catherine of Aragon, visited the shrine several times to pray for Divine help as her husband Henry pressured her for a divorce. In 1538 an emissary of Thomas Cromwell confiscated the statue and defaced the shrine. That same year the statues of Our Lady of Ipswich and of Walsingham were brought to London and publicly burnt at Chelsea. In the Marian year of 1558 the shrine of Our Lady of Caversham was rebuilt and established in the Catholic parish church of Our Lady and St Anne. The renewed shrine was solemnly blessed by the Archbishop of Birmingham that same year.

**How fares the Diocesan Trust Board investments?** The Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board investment committee and board met at the beginning of the week. It was gratifying to learn that the Growth Fund, which is heavily invested in overseas shares, having seen a sharp plunge in value has rallied remarkably and is up on where it was 2 years ago. The Income Fund, which is mostly invested in NZ and Australian shares, has been sailing in choppy seas with some companies no longer paying dividends. The DDTB sold off its tourism and aviation shares. However, local share markets are doing quite well given rising unemployment and a considerable slowing in the economy.

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

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time** Eunice Teal, Stacy Carruthers, Arthur Pyewell (Priest), Alexander Holmes and Hilary Paris.

**Communion consecration by zoom!** It has been suggested by some within the diocese that we should follow the lead of some Baptist churches and ask parishioners confined within their home by the lockdown to put bread and wine in front of their laptops or computer screens, then to zoom or skype into their minister leading a communion service on line, and then to consider that as the minister recites the thanksgiving prayer over his or her bread and wine that this will have the effect of consecrating at long distance as it were the bread and wine in the home locations of parishioners. Our bishop and the bishops of Tikanga Pakeha have discounted this suggestion as one incompatible with Anglican Eucharistic practice and doctrine to the considerable relief of your Vicar. The whole point of posting a weekly celebration of the Mass on our website is so that parishioners can watch it at a time convenient to them and to make an act of spiritual communion (see prayer on front cover of the Pebble) when the celebrant takes communion. One can note in passing that the Baptist church has a somewhat flat earth and very low church theology of the Eucharist with low expectations of the ways in which Christ comes to the believer in the act of communion.

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