



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

17 May 2020

Easter 6

Song to the Holy Spirit

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You blow like the wind in a thousand paddocks,
Inside and outside the fences,
You blow where you wish to blow.

Lord, Holy Spirit,
You are the sun who shines on the little plant,
You warm him gently, you give him life,
You raise him up to become a tree with many leaves.

James K. Baxter

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship this week
at one of our daily 10 am Masses (details below).

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17](#)

[1 Peter 3: 15-18](#)

[John 14: 15-21](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 1: 1-11](#)

[Ephesians 1: 17-23](#)

[Matthew 28: 16-20](#)

PARISH NEWS

A welcome to weekly worship at St Peter's by invitation The bishop has given permission for daily Services of up to 10 people at level 2 at St Peter's. These will be by personal invitation from the Vicar who will ring you to book you in, one cannot simply turn up unannounced. There will be a daily Eucharist at 10 am every day. Fr Brian will celebrate next Friday's Eucharist when the Vicar will be taking his day off. This should give an opportunity for every parishioner to make their communion each week. These will be a simple said Mass. When entering the church please come in from the Baker St entrance through the doors by the lounge. Please sanitise your hands on entering and make your way to a pew where there is a Service booklet. At communion time please come forward in a line observing social distancing to receive communion in one kind. The weekly filmed Service will continue so that parishioners who cannot attend on Sunday can use this as their Sunday connection point with St Peter's. We keenly await the cabinet decision on 25 May as to whether here will be a further lifting of level 2 restrictions so that hopefully we can get back to our usual Service pattern.

Bishop Brian Tamaki vows to reopen Destiny Church for worship

This weekend should see an interesting show down between Brian Tamaki and the forces of law and order as Destiny Church, Auckland invites its worshippers to return. He has requested his congregants to take a Covid test as the only precaution necessary and has called on all other New Zealand churches to also reopen. He believes that this is a test of freedom of worship in New Zealand. This is not the first controversy that the Tamakis have experienced this year. Hannah Tamaki was to have been a contestant in Dancing with the Stars but the organisers withdrew the invitation after howls of protest. No doubt this was an attempt to gain helpful national publicity on her part as the organiser of the Destiny political party but both Rodney Hyde and David Seymour did the same to assist the ACT cause. David Seymour's dancing was some of the worst ever seen on Dancing with the Stars and he can only have been kept in the contest as long as he was by ACT party supporters zealously texting in their votes.

Synod uncertainty The lock down prevented the holding of a special Synod scheduled for 2 May to decide whether to sell or retain Selwyn College. Uncertainty continues as to when to reschedule this although there is talk of tacking it on the usual September Synod - that is if that too is safe to proceed at the usual date. But if an extended Synod runs through Sunday how will the clergy take Sunday Services in their parishes?

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 Barbara Rodgers, Arthur Bath, Warwick Larkins, Bruce Moore, John Allen and Harriet Hamer.

Faith Thinking on Zoom The Otago Theology department is offering some interesting sessions on zoom that are free.

Tuesday 19 May, 7.30-8.30 pm

Andrew Bradstock who teaches theology and religion in public life at the University of Winchester.

Bishop David Sheppard: a case study in effective public theology

Tuesday 21 May, 7.30-8.30 pm

Bishop David Sheppard: between the pulpit and the crease

David Sheppard was a famous Bishop of Liverpool.

Wednesday 27 May, 7.30-8.30 pm

Andrew Sheppard, Theology Programme, University of Otago
Facing, naming and Engaging Cultures and Systems of Violence: Reading Mark 5: 1-20 in a Military-Digital Complex Age

Wednesday June 10: 7.30 pm-8.30 pm

James Harding, Professor Old Testament, Otago

The Bible in the Time of Jesus

Tuesday 16 June, 7.30-8.30 pm

Paul Trebilco, Professor New Testament, Otago

Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

To join in one of these sessions you need to register by going here:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/continuingeducation/index.html>

and clicking on "Register online" at the bottom

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