



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

14 March 2021

Mothering Sunday, Lent 4

Bless, O Lord Jesus, these small gifts of rosemary that they may be channels of your love, imparting joy to those who give and those who receive. And we pray that all children and parents, united in you, may ever follow your example in loving words and deeds, to your honour and glory, now and evermore.

Lord Jesus, you know well
the blessings an earthly home can bring:
receive our thanks for all the love
we have enjoyed in our homes,
especially from those who have nurtured us
from our earliest years;
and hear our prayers for mothers everywhere,
that they may never lose heart,
nor ever be taken for granted,
but may, with Mary your mother,
receive the honour they deserve.
O Lord Jesus, bless them and keep them,
now and for ever.

Roger Pickering

Welcome

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and those who read the Pebble on-line. The Pebble assists those who are participants in our Services and also shares news and views of interest to parishioners.

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

507 Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us

439 Praise to the holiest in the height

282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me

252 The day thou gavest, Lord is ended

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[2 Chronicles 36: 14-17, 19-23](#)

The response to [Psalm 137](#) is:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

[Ephesians 2: 4-10](#)

[John 3: 14-21](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Jeremiah 31: 31- 34](#)

[Hebrews 5: 7-9](#)

[John 12: 20-33](#)

PARISH NEWS

Mothering Sunday Sprigs of Rosemary will be blessed and distributed at this morning's Services as we commemorate Mothering Sunday, remembering our mothers and our spiritual mother the church.

Donations for Easter flowers Donations for Easter flowers to decorate the church will be warmly welcomed and can be placed in the yellow plastic box at the back of the church.

Autumn working bee Grateful thanks to those who toiled away so fruitfully at our parish autumn working bee yesterday and to those who provided the excellent morning tea.

Outing to St Andrew's Maheno Our big event this week is the parish outing on Wednesday St Patrick's Day for an 11 am celebration of the Eucharist. Lunch will follow in the Maheno Tavern. Have you signed up for this?

Fellowship group The Fellowship Group will meet at 1.45 pm on Tuesday 23 March in the Zoo – at St Clair.

Next curry evening Our next curry evening will be on Thursday 25 March when we will be going to Sara Spice in the Musselburgh shopping centre.

Interregnum arrangements The Revd David Tannock will be looking after the parish in April and May after Fr Hugh's departure. David is a retired Wellington based priest who was for many years the hospital chaplain there. Parishioners may recall that his daughter worshipped here and was a server at St Peter's during her university days at Otago. Fr James Harding who is well known to us and whose ministry is much appreciated here will take the Sunday Services throughout June.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning at 10.30 am on Holy Saturday, 3 April. All helpers welcome.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Sarah Rolfe, Lorraine Mitchell, Greta Barton, Eileen Pratt, Phyllis Wheeler and Joy Henderson.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Cecil Steel, Shirley Hall, Frederick Allen, Arthur Goodwillie, Ellen Brown, William Hodgeson, James Clements, Ruth Mumford and Archpriest Fr Ilyan Eades.

The loathing of the Tamakis Brian and Hannah Tamaki have obligingly taken upon themselves the collective loathing of journalists, the commentariat and labour politicians with their much publicised exit from lockdown Auckland. The reasons for the Tamaki's' condemnation are well known and have been much publicised. To some extent though these criticisms have failed to see the real problem with the Destiny church message, the proclamation of a prosperity gospel and with it a cargo cult religion. In the words of the famous Janis Joplin song, "Lord, won't you send me a Mercedes Benz?" The real message of the gospel is closer to, "I beg your pardon, I never promised you a rose garden." The Tamakis' achievement has been to start from scratch two successful and well attended churches in Rotorua and South Auckland and to break out of being just a church for broken down Maoris by reaching out to a wider constituency. They have, however, overreached themselves at times. The satellite churches they established across New Zealand, including one meeting in the Dunedin North primary school, have mostly faded away because the franchise fee they levied was so much that Pastors either closed their churches down or declared UDI. Their attempt to get a Christian political party under way showed their naivety about the way NZ politics work. The one to watch in that partnership is Hannah who is the financial and administrative brains of the operation.

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