



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

Sunday February 19, 2023

Ordinary Sunday 7

Collect.

Lord God,
you have taught us
that what we do without love
is worth nothing,
for whoever lives without love
is counted for dead before you;
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues;
grant this for the sake
of your Son Jesus Christ.

AMEN

(A New Zealand Prayer Book)

WELCOME

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and
those who read the Pebble on-line.

The Liturgy for Today.

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

5.00pm Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS FOR TODAY

341 Blest are the pure in heart

We sing a three-fold Alleluia at the Gospel

391 King of Glory

294 Just as I am, without one plea

436 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

READINGS FOR TODAY

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

Psalm 103 *Response:* The Lord is kind and merciful

1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

Matthew 5: 38-48

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 2: 7-9, 16-18, 2:5, 3:1-7

Psalm 51 *Response:* Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Romans 5: 12, 17-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

Parish News



SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Ash Wednesday 9 am : Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel.

7 pm Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, February 22 at 7pm.

Thursday 10 am The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Parish Lounge.

St Peter's Fellowship Group meets at 2pm on Tuesday February 28 at Gwen Hudson's home, 1 Wycolla Ave., St Clair for afternoon tea and to discuss the year ahead.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Joy Henderson, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Jim Menzies, Michael Forrest, Steven Lighton, David Horne, Fr. Carl and Harry Brown.

Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time

Cyril Tourelle, Rosemary Simons, Marjorie Booker, Douglas Gordon and Christian Hansen.

Food Basket

Please remember the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank, which we support, when you are shopping. Why not buy an extra grocery item to place in the basket at the back of church. The need is very real.

From the Vicar

During my time in Junee C.C., I had the privilege of working with Sister Rose. She had been a prison chaplain for 23 years when I met her. Her straight forward attitude and honesty guided me through some interesting situations. Her most powerful saying was "Just love them, it's as easy and as hard as that." Love isn't easy when the person is disrespectful and is trying their best to manipulate you. Love isn't easy when the person you care for ignores you and seems to actively undermine you. We are told to love but what is love really? Firstly, we need to listen to God and humbly respect ourselves. Only when we identify God's unconditional love for us, can we truly begin to love others. Christ died for all of us, without exception. God is the source of all love, we cannot do it on our own. If someone causes you pain, take that hurt to God and leave it with Him. Their behaviour is their problem,... not yours. We should not get distracted by the behaviour of others. We need to concentrate on what we're supposed to do, knowing we won't get it right every time, either. Love only works if you are single minded about what you are meant to do and you relinquish power and expectations to God. Natalie.

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