



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

Sunday December 31, 2023

Holy Family



Collect.

Lord Jesus, at Nazareth you shared in the life of your family. Help us to live together in our family with love and respect for each other. Make our home a place of blessing, peace and joy for everyone, to the glory of God the Father.

AMEN.

WELCOME

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

The Liturgy for Today.

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662)
10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

239 Lord of all hopefulness
We sing the 3-fold Alleluia at the Gospel
297 Lord Jesus Christ
22 Away in a manger
285 For the beauty of the earth

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 15: 1-6, 17: 3-5, 15-16, 21: 1-7](#)

[Psalm 105](#) *Response:* The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

[Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19](#)

[Luke 2: 22-40](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

[Isaiah 60: 1-6](#)

[Psalm 72](#) *Response:* Lord, every nation will adore you

[Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6](#)

[Matthew 2: 1-12](#)

After the Intercessions:

○ Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)
When I call answer me.
○ Lord, hear my prayer, (x2)
Come and listen to me.

Parish News



Healing Ministry During communion at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Kit will be available in the Lady Chapel to pray with you on any issue which is concerning you.

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel, Thursday's at 10 am.

Thank you! To all those who worked to make the Christmas celebrations here at St Peter's so wonderful. The church glowed, especially on Christmas Eve, when we met together with folk from St Martha's for a shared meal and the First Mass of Christmas.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond

Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Joy Henderson, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Victoria Douglas, Jimmy Sprague and Harry Brown.

Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time

Arthur Hill, Mary Wood, Marjorie Welch, and William Bloxham (Priest).



Food Bank

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

When Dan and I moved over the Ditch we really didn't have any idea what St Peter's would be like, but we were sure that God had sent us.

The concept of moving for the sake of family isn't new, however we forget that family is more than blood. Jesus Christ asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!" *Matt. 12:48-50*

Jesus knows that the concept of family is based on respect and love. He spoke with everyone he met and was concerned for their welfare. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are asked to look around and recognise that family extends beyond those of blood and marriage, for we are all members of the family and body of Christ.

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