



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

22 March 2020

Lent 4, Mothering Sunday

The Examen

At the end of the day take 10 to 15 minutes to go through these five steps.

1) Ask God for light

I want to look at the day with God's eyes not merely my own.

2) Give thanks

The day I have just lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it. Count your blessings.

3) Review the day

I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit.

4) Face your shortcomings

I face up to what is wrong in my life and in me. Ask for grace to deal with this.

5) Look toward the day that is to come

I ask God where I need God in the day that is to come.

St Ignatius of Loyola

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

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

507 The Lent litany

353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

282 Faithful Shepherd

359 Fight the good fight with all thy might

READINGS FOR TODAY

[1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13](#)

The response to [Psalm 23](#) is:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

[Ephesians 5: 8-14](#)

[John 9: 1-41](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Ezekiel 37: 12-14](#)

[Romans 8: 8-11](#)

[John 1: 1-41](#)

PARISH NEWS

Mothering Sunday In keeping with our honouring of Mothering Sunday sprigs of rosemary will be blessed and distributed at the end of the morning Services.

Fellowship group The Fellowship Group has decided to pause its normal cycle of meetings until the public health situation becomes clearer.

Cancellation of future church Services The Archbishops and our Bishop have decided to get ahead of future government health protection requirements by cancelling all future church Services after today's Services. This applies not just to Sunday Services but also to small mid-week Services such as the Thursday morning Eucharist and the Friday Lenten Eucharist and to the visit to the Karitane church planned for late April. It also means that the parish AGM, scheduled for next Sunday, is postponed indefinitely with the result that the present Vestry, Wardens and Synods people will remain in office. Personally I am disappointed with this decision. It is not one I would have made, however those are the directives and we must comply.

Parish contingency plan to meet this situation The Vicar and Wardens met on Thursday to draw up a contingency plan in case this scenario arose. It is as follows. Each Saturday a small team will film a St Peter's Eucharist that will then be 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. This will consist of an introduction, the readings, the sermon, the intercessions, the Great Thanksgiving Prayer, a dismissal prayer and a blessing. Communion will be taken to parishioners in their homes on request and as pastorally required. On Sunday mornings there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the high altar from 8 am to 11 am so that parishioners can come for times of private prayer. This will conclude at 11 am with a blessing or Benediction of the people with the Blessed Sacrament.

The Pebble and The Rock will continue to be published and made available online as usual. Anyone who needs a printed copy will be able to get one (or arrange delivery) from The Vicar.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Frederick Buxton, Doreen Price, Norma Moorhead, Timothy Cook and Alexander Wood.

Holy Week Services It seems unlikely that the ban on church Services will be lifted by the time Holy Week comes around. Therefore the core of the Paschal Triduum Services, The Maundy Thursday evening Service, the Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion and the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, will also be filmed and posted on the parish website. Not every parishioner of course has access to the internet. Please go to a friend or family member who does so you can share in this essential Holy Week experience.

Wardens' meeting Fr Hugh will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday. Please mention to Deirdre Harris or Di Bunker any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Passing of the abortion reform act Little noticed in the saturation news coverage of one issue only was the passing of the decisive second reading of the abortion reform act. Attempts to amend the legislation to prevent abortion on the grounds of sex selection, i.e. the mother doesn't want that particular sex of child, or of disability or handicap failed. So very shortly we will have abortion on demand in this country, a depressing lowering of the moral capital of our nation.

Foodbank Donations are gratefully accepted in the basket at the back of church. Canned and packaged goods welcomed.

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